

# **UC San Diego Innovation**

## **UC San Diego Office of Research Affairs**

The Office of Research Affairs provides value-added services that help our scholars and scientists compete for, win, and administer grants; streamlines administrative processes; oversees key research collaborations; helps speed discoveries to the marketplace; builds partnerships with industry and other institutions; and helps bring the next generation of researchers into our classrooms and labs.

## **UC San Diego Office of Innovation and Commercialization**

The UC San Diego Office of Innovation and Commercialization (OIC) is part of the Office of Research Affairs. The OIC has established a campus-wide innovation platform to build a systemic and sustainable innovation culture, to create a vibrant regional ecosystem, and to accelerate the commercialization of campus inventions.

## **Incubators**

### **The Basement**

The Basement, a campus wide enterprise managed by Alumni and Community Engagement, is a collaborative space where students can find alumni and industry mentors, business guidance and funding to bring innovative ideas to life.

### **Blue LINC**

Blue LINC is an accelerated six-month program to train interdisciplinary teams of graduate students in healthcare innovation and equip them with the tools needed to develop and market biomedical solutions. The program bridges the gap between real world healthcare problems and an interdisciplinary set of students excited to solve them.

### **Entrepreneur Challenge at UC San Diego**

The Entrepreneur Challenge is a student organization that promotes startup culture by linking student innovators with local industry experts. Through workshops, networking events and an annual competition, students learn how to launch their entrepreneurial ideas.

### **Institute for the Global Entrepreneur**

The Institute for the Global Entrepreneur encompasses training programs, mentoring and strategic partnerships to prepare engineering and MBA students to become change makers, technical leaders and entrepreneurs.

### **MystartupXX**

MystartupXX is a diversity-driven accelerator program run by the Rady School of Management and Jacobs School of Engineering. The program supports the entrepreneurial goals of women and others who are traditionally underrepresented in entrepreneurship programs.

### **StartR**

StartR is a nonprofit accelerator for MBA students and alumni at the Rady School of Management. This free six-month program is designed to provide entrepreneurs the tools needed to start and grow their businesses.

### **[Veteran Entrepreneur Initiative](#)**

In order to better serve the men and women who have served our country, UC San Diego has created a Certificate in Entrepreneurship, operated through the Office of Research Affairs; and Veteran Ventures, an accelerator program offered by Rady School of Management. In a truly non-traditional move, veterans are not required to have any affiliation with UC San Diego and tuition is free.

### **[Von Liebig Entrepreneurism Center](#)**

The von Liebig Entrepreneurism Center at the Jacobs School of Engineering provides an integrated approach to help university innovators bring their ideas to market through education, mentorship and access to funding.

## **Innovation Spaces**

### **[Envision Maker Space](#)**

Envision Maker Space is a creative workroom where visual arts and engineering communities converge to design, fabricate and prototype with tools ranging from 3-D printers to welding stations and a sophisticated laser cutter.

### **[Geisel Library Digital Media Lab](#)**

Geisel Library Digital Media Lab provides a space for media creation and editing for the campus community, including free 3-D printing, video and sound editing, media-rich website creation and basic productivity.

### **[Qualcomm Institute Innovation Space](#)**

The Qualcomm Institute Innovation Space is where qualified faculty startups, industry partners and national laboratories can lease office or lab space inside UC San Diego's Qualcomm Institute. There is 6,000 square feet of space available on the second floor of Atkinson Hall.

### **[Qualcomm Institute Prototyping Lab](#)**

Qualcomm Institute Prototyping Lab provides professional design services to the campus community with expertise in electrical, mechanical and software prototypes, as well as machining and measurement capabilities.

## **Research and Funding Opportunities**

### **[Accelerating Innovations to Market \(AIM\) Program](#)**

Coordinated by the Office of Innovation and Commercialization, AIM invests in milestone-based projects that develop proof-of-concept and de-risk early-stage technologies. UC San Diego graduate students, postdoctoral associates, researchers and faculty are provided up to 12-month awards in two tracks: 1) software-based technologies, and 2) devices and materials. The program provides additional opportunities to build industry relationships and move technologies toward commercial application.

### **[Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program](#)**

The Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program offers fellowship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students as well as postdoctoral scholars conducting multidisciplinary research that aligns with UC San Diego's strategic themes.

### **National Science Foundation Innovation Corps at UC San Diego**

I-Corps bridges the gap between idea formation and launching a startup through funding, mentoring and training in entrepreneurial thinking. As an NSF I-Corps Site, the von Liebig Entrepreneurism Center, part of the UC San Diego Institute for the Global Entrepreneur, incubates about 30 projects a year and serves as a feeder for the national I-Corps program. The purpose of the program is to teach startup teams to validate their business model before investing resources, time and money.