By combining the academic strength of the University of California with the entrepreneurial spirit of Orange County, we’ve created a special synergy between the business community and our campus. From enabling start-ups in high-tech and biomedical industries, to educating the next generation of global business leaders, we’re tackling the issues of our changing economy.

FAST FACTS

- More than 900 industry leaders sit on all variety of UCI advisory boards, providing valuable input and guidance at every step as we execute our mission of research, teaching and service.
- Campus-wide, the UCI research engine has helped spawn the development of some 70 companies.
- A start-up example is Flint Rehabilitation Devices, where a partnership among UCI graduate students and their faculty advisors formed a fledgling company that develops and produces devices to aid arm and hand rehabilitation after stroke and other injuries.
- Another example is SoundCure, developed by the Allied Minds Company in partnership with UC Irvine: a company focused on developing and commercializing a novel acoustic therapy for the treatment of tinnitus (ringing in the ear), a condition believed to affect about 17% of the world’s population.
- McGraw-Hill Education acquired ALEKS Corporation, a developer of learning technology that uses research-based, artificial intelligence to rapidly and precisely determine a student’s knowledge state and identifies their learning needs — a program created by UC Irvine cognitive scientists and now used by more than 1 million students in kindergarten to college to fill gaps in their math and science skills.
- Thesan Pharmaceuticals is developing therapeutics to treat skin disorders.

UC Irvine is Orange County, California’s second-largest employer, contributing $4.3 billion annually to the local economy.
UC Irvine formed a taskforce of industry & academic leaders looking to improve practices and organizational structures that will promote innovation and commercialization.

The California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology known as Calit2 leverages academic expertise with industry experience to conduct cutting-edge research in diverse fields. Calit2 is where a collaborative spirit creates innovation, integrates experience, ignites ideas in information technology, and incubates new businesses. More than 100 companies — large and small, public and privately held — are Calit2 partners.

UC Irvine’s RapidTech program, the nation’s only nonprofit dedicated to 3D printer training for community college and university students, has churned out medical devices, architectural models, drum sets and more for Boeing, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Army and hundreds of small companies and academic laboratories.

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