

LA Consular Corps Visit

School of Medicine, Room 104

10:00-1:30pm, July 17, 2025

10:00 am **Coffee & Networking**

10:15 am **Welcome Remarks**

- **Rodolfo H. Torres**, Vice Chancellor, Research and Economic Development
- **Zaib Shaikh**, Consul General and Dean of the Los Angeles Consular Corps

10:30 am **How Academic Institutions Can Strengthen and Grow Global Partnerships**

Open discussion on how UC Riverside can engage globally through research, innovation, talent development, and academic exchanges.

Discussion Leader: Tom Hanson, Global Trade Advisor, Channel Architect

With insights from:

- **Rodolfo H. Torres**, Vice Chancellor, Research and Economic Development
- **Marko Princevac**, Vice Provost of International Affairs
- **Marie Martin**, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at UCR University Extension
- **Don Collins**, Professor and Director of the Center for Environmental Research and Technology

11:15 am **How Regional Ecosystems Can Drive International Collaboration**

A discussion on how city, county, and university partnerships can strengthen international engagement by leveraging local assets, fostering cross-sector collaboration, and advancing strategic initiatives.

Discussion Leader: Brian Suh, Senior Executive Director, Technology Partnerships

With insights from:

- **Patricia Lock Dawson**, Mayor, City of Riverside
- **Steven Robillard**, Councilmember, City of Riverside – Ward 3
- **Kim Wright**, Economic Development Manager, County of Riverside Economic Development

12:00 pm **Lunch**

12:20 pm Making Riverside Your Region of Choice for Soft Landing

A discussion on the full range of resources and support systems needed to help international companies successfully soft land in the region and expand their market presence and opportunities.

Discussion Leader: Rosibel Ochoa, Associate Vice Chancellor, Technology Partnerships

With insights from:

- **Martin Kleckner**, Director, EPIC Small Business Development Center
- **Mario Diez**, Principal Advisor, Technology Partnerships and former Trade Commissioner, Information and Communications Technologies, Ocean Science and Technology for the Canadian Consulate General
- **Ben Raju**, Advisor, Technology Partnerships
- **Dean Zabrieszach**, CEO of Ohmio
- **George Gebhart**, CEO of Voltu Motors

1:20 pm Final Remarks and Adjourn

1:30 pm Life Science Incubator Tour

A shuttle van will be available outside the School of Medicine to transport participants to the Multidisciplinary Research Building. Following the tour, the shuttle will return participants to Parking Lot 13.

2:00 pm Optional Site Visits (Select One – Self-Transportation Required):

Please choose one site to visit. Participants must use their own transportation, as tours will take place at the same time and only one site can be visited.

- **Center for Environmental Research and Technology (CE-CERT)**
1084 Columbia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507
- **Ohmio Headquarters**
6868 Airport Drive, Riverside, CA 92504