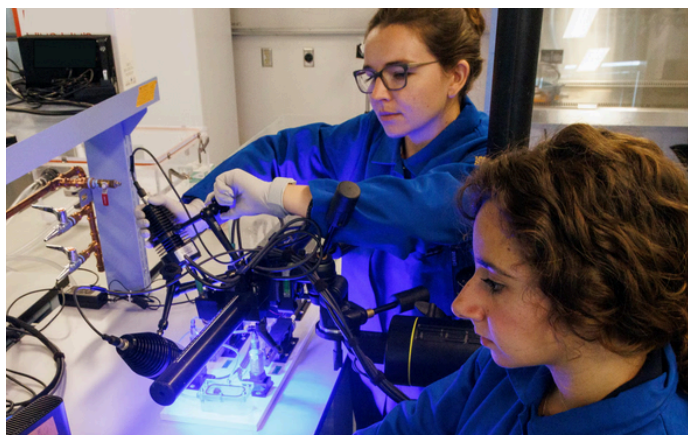


WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH, KNOWLEDGE-DRIVEN IMPACT

Ranked among the top 1.3% of universities worldwide by the Center for World University Rankings, UCR is a proud member of the Association of American Universities (AAU). We are No. 2 in the world in entomology (CWUR) and No. 31 in plant and animal sciences, according to U.S. News & World Report. We are home to the largest indoor atmospheric test chamber and are a national leader in air pollution and alternative fuels research.

Students gain hands-on experience exploring solutions and pushing the boundaries of innovation. Our renowned research centers and facilities accelerate bold ideas and drive transformative impact.

Over the past five years, we have increased federally funded research expenditures by nearly 50%, reflecting our growing national impact. With more than 30 research centers across our colleges and schools, UCR advances discovery with real-world results. Our [Office of Research and Economic Development](#) manages the campus research enterprise and the key facilities and initiatives that power this work.



SELECT CORE FACILITIES AND INITIATIVES

- [California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology \(CalIT2\)](#) and [Nanofabrication and Electron Microscopy Facility](#)
- [Campus Vivaria](#)
- [Citrus Containment Research Facility \(CCRF\)](#) and (BSL3-Plant)
- [UC Riverside Artificial Intelligence Research and Education Institute \(RAISE@UCR\)](#)
- [Center for Advanced Neuroimaging \(CAN\)](#)
- [Central Facility for Advanced Microscopy and Microanalysis \(CFAMM\)](#)
- [High Performance Computing Center \(HPCC\)](#)
- [Multidisciplinary Research Building \(MRB\)](#)
- [UC Alianza MX](#)

SOCAL OASIS®

[SoCal OASIS](#) is a regional economic development strategy led by UC Riverside to accelerate real-world solutions to pressing challenges through innovation, sustainability, and inclusion. It brings together programs and state-of-the-art infrastructure to help researchers, entrepreneurs, and community partners turn ideas into impact.

The [SoCal OASIS Park](#) will be the first major infrastructure project—designed to connect researchers, students, industry, startups, and the broader community. Located near the California Air Resources Board, the Park strengthens collaboration at the intersection of research, policy, and clean technology. It is slated to open in early 2027.



ADVANCING INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP



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At the University of California, Riverside, innovation is embedded in our institutional mission. Through a comprehensive ecosystem of research commercialization, entrepreneurial education, and venture development, UCR supports innovators from initial concept through global market expansion through its [Office of Technology Partnerships](#) and [EPIC \(Entrepreneurial Proof-of-Concept and Innovation Center\)](#). We serve faculty, students, industry collaborators, and international partners by providing structured pathways that accelerate technology translation, startup formation, and scalable enterprise growth.

STEP 1: CONCEPT

UCR equips innovators with the knowledge, networks, and tools required to transform research and ideas into viable ventures through:

- NSF I-Corps and experiential entrepreneurship programs
- Blackstone LaunchPad & campus-wide venture education
- Zero-to-Entrepreneur certification pathways
- Industry-informed mentorship and ecosystem exposure

STEP 2: VALIDATION

UCR provides structured support to validate technical feasibility and market demand through:

- Proof-of-concept funding & commercialization strategy
- Intellectual property protection and licensing guidance
- Company formation and leadership team development
- Entrepreneur-in-Residence mentorship
- Early-stage capital access and funding advisement

STEP 3: INCUBATION

UCR supports emerging companies as they transition into operational businesses through:

- Prototype development and pilot testing
- Investor readiness and fundraising strategy
- Talent recruitment and dedicated incubation space
- Executive mentorship and performance tracking

STEP 4+: GRADUATION & SCALE-UP

As companies scale, UCR facilitates regional integration and international expansion through:

- Corporate partnership development
- Testbeds and customer pilot opportunities
- Soft landing services for international companies
- Regulatory navigation and workforce pipeline support
- Access to growth capital and public-private incentives

620 STARTUPS SUPPORTED SINCE 2016

2,000

Jobs Created or Retained

4,000

Students Engaged

\$160M

In Capital Raised

\$72M

In SBIR/STTR Funding
(35% Success Rate)



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