“SBDC @ UCI Applied Innovation is extremely fortunate to be able to leverage the tremendous resources at the Cove, increasing the benefits we can offer our clients and helping even more Orange County small businesses grow and thrive.”

– Julie Cranston
Director
SBDC @ UCI Applied Innovation

“Tech Surge and I-Corps were invaluable to my experience at UCI and helped me turn my graduate research into a company. I only wish I had found out about them sooner!”

– Leila Safavi, Ph.D.
Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer
Purist

“We are pleased to be a strategic community partner here at UCI Applied Innovation. The Cove ecosystem provides a strong “center of gravity” for entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship. Our leaders appreciate the one-stop environment to exploring IP, technology and research resources.”

– Scott Hamilton
Chief Executive Officer
Executive Next Praxisca Institute

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“With the help of angel investor groups like Cove Fund and Tech Coast Angels, our end goal is to create hundreds of companies and thousands of jobs. We want to be the spark.”

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UCI Incubation and Commercialization

Innovation and entrepreneurship at UCI are about connecting insights from the campus to businesses and the world. UCI is home to a number of incubators, accelerators, and entrepreneurship programs designed to help researchers and students commercialize their work, bring new technologies to the market, and support startups. UCI offers non-dilutive federal funding and SBIR and STTR grants to UCI-affiliated startups, which are available through UCI's Innovation Fund, a venture development competition, and a program that connects students to local businesses.

In addition to these funding opportunities, UCI offers a range of resources to support startups, including mentorship, funding, and networking opportunities. UCI has a variety of incubators and accelerators, such as the Cove, Wayfinder, and the BioEngine, which provide entrepreneurs with a suite of resources to help them launch and grow their businesses.

UCI is also home to a number of research institutes, such as the Beckman Laser Institute, the Translational Sciences Institute, and the Institute for Clinical and Translational Science, which provide expertise and resources to help entrepreneurs succeed. UCI is also home to a number of entrepreneurship programs, such as the Entrepreneurship Certificate and the MBA Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which provide educational opportunities for students and entrepreneurs.

In summary, UCI is a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship, with a range of resources and programs designed to support startups and bring new technologies to the market.