The Institute is a collaboration between the UC San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering and Rady School of Management. It is dedicated to training global technology leaders and translating university discoveries to the marketplace.

WHAT WE DO

Entrepreneurism Training
The Institute hosts one of the most active NSF I-Corps sites for training, engineering, and science innovators in the lean start-up and customer discovery methodology. More than 100 teams have benefited from I-Corps training.

Entrepreneurism Education
The Institute also offers management and engineering courses in leadership, innovation, and business to engineering undergraduate and graduate students and our Global Partners.

Venture Partner Program
Our “First Look” venture partners actively invest in early-stage companies and value the UC San Diego pipeline of innovation and technologies.

Path to Market
The Institute’s Path to Market platform includes NSF I-Corps training, Technology and Business accelerators, proof-of-concept funding, and business mentoring. The Institute connects entrepreneurs to capital with the Rady Venture Fund and the Triton Technology Fund.

Acceleration
The Institute’s MedTech Accelerator program provides teams with training, guidance from domain experts, and access to resources for device development to help translate their medical technologies to the market.

Triton Technology Fund
ANNUAL COMPETITIONS/EVENTS

NSF Innovation Corps (NSF I-Corps™)
NSF I-Corps™ is a hands-on workshop series which will guide teams on how to validate their ideas for the market using the Lean Startup Methodology. Admitted projects will receive up to $3,000 in NSF Seed Funding for market validation and prototype development.
(Quarterly)
Website: http://ige.ucsd.edu/i-corps

Triton Innovation Challenge
The Triton Innovation Challenge is a business plan competition focused on fostering creativity and bringing to the spotlight commercially promising, environmentally focused technologies generated by the finest minds at UC San Diego. Prizes Awarded.
(Spring Quarter)
Website: https://rady.ucsd.edu/centers/ciid/triton-innovation-challenge/

IGE Showcase
The IGE showcase presents a unique opportunity for startups to exhibit their medical technologies to fellow innovators, industry professionals, and UC San Diego faculty.
(Annually)
Website: http://ige.ucsd.edu/medtech-accelerator

Border Innovation Challenge
Sponsored by the Smart Border Coalition, this competition brings the spotlight to promising solutions and technologies to meet the efficiency and security challenges of the region’s ports of entry. Prizes Awarded.
(Fall Quarter)
Website: https://rady.ucsd.edu/centers/ciid/border-innovation-challenge/index.html

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