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The Innovation Ecosystem at UC San Diego: Campus Resources to Help You Translate Your Research into Products and Services

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Abstract

This seminar will provide information on the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Innovation and Commercialization (OIC), how it can help you translate research, and where the office fits in the university structure. Additionally, the process of commercializing inventions and how OIC and the campus support that process will be discussed. Guidance on resources available to inventors and entrepreneurs across the campus will also be provided.

Bio

Paul Roben, Ph.D., was named Associate Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Commercialization at UC San Diego in June 2015. Working with the Vice Chancellor for Research, Dr. Roben is transforming the functions provided by the Technology Transfer Office, Industry Research Alliances, and Industry Contracting into an integrated organization to include patenting, strategic corporate research partnering and industry contracts. He oversees the Office of Innovation and Commercialization, which will establish a campus-wide innovation platform to build a systemic and sustainable innovation culture, create a vibrant regional ecosystem, and accelerate the commercialization of UC San Diego inventions. Previously, he was Senior Director of Office Technology Development at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, working with multiple academic institutes to develop strategic processes to drive innovation alliances, and help translate their research programs into products for patients and society. He guided the formation of multiple new start-up companies and was responsible for the negotiation of a broad spectrum of technology licenses to industry. As a key member of Ireland's Innovation Taskforce (2009 to present), he co-authored a national economic-development plan for Ireland, among other achievements. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biotechnology, as well as his Ph.D., at Dublin City University in Ireland, and studied as a Postdoctoral Fellow with Dr. Greg Silverman at UC San Diego.

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