

UCI Applied Innovation

Industry Sponsored Research

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UCI actively seeks to collaborate on research partnerships with companies who are looking to fund research or to jointly seek federal research funding. These types of collaborations help to maximize the public benefit of UCI research by aligning research with market needs.

For example, UCI jointly holds a patent with Irvine-based ChromaDex Corp. The company participated in and helped pay for the research behind the patent, which covers the use of pterostibene, a naturally occurring polyphenol in blueberries, for preventing damage to skin by ultraviolet light.

Industry Sponsored Research handles agreements involving research funded by or through for-profit industry sponsors. Our Officers are here to assist researchers from proposal submission to contract closeout. We negotiate a variety of research agreements with industry, ranging from confidentiality and collaboration agreements to federally funded subcontracts received through industry (e.g., SBIR and STTR Programs), to multi-million dollar contracts for research sponsored by major corporations.

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