2009 CALENDAR

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN CENTRAL FLORIDA
CELEBRATING & ENABLING INNOVATION

UCF
Stands For Opportunity
UCF contributes to the region’s success by assessing the community’s needs and building programs to meet those needs. Fueling the innovation economy requires an ecosystem of resources supporting entrepreneurship. From seasoned advice to the inexperienced individual, to specialized expertise for those who have companies rapidly expanding to their next phase, UCF offers solutions in all phases of the entrepreneur’s journey.

In this 2009 Calendar, each month you’ll be introduced to one of the critical links in our ecosystem – a Central Florida entrepreneurial superstructure, supported by UCF, that offers real-world answers to our community, building their - and our - future.

To all of those dedicated people, and to all of those in the community in which they strive for success, we enthusiastically celebrate the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit alive and well in Central Florida.

In 2008, UCF's patent portfolio was ranked in the top 10 out of 122 universities by the Patent Board™, ahead of Harvard and along with MIT, CalTech and Stanford University.

Academic research accelerates the innovation economy. UCF is pleased to announce that in 2008 eight faculty members were awarded the National Science Foundation’s prestigious Faculty Early Development (CAREER) award, which recognizes the nation’s most promising young researchers and educators. Since 2000, 22 CAREER awards have been awarded to UCF faculty members.

In total, UCF researchers received $122.8 million in grant awards in FY2008. Nearly half the funds awarded were federally sourced with the remaining funds coming from state funds and private/other funding sources.

In these challenging economic times, these results are even more impressive.
2008 Research Awards by Academic Unit

- Student Development and Enrollment Services $1,639,340
- Rosen College of Hospitality Management $184,276
- NanoScience Technology Center $3,366,256
- Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences $8,440,724
- Administration and Other $4,368,455
  - Advanced Materials Processing and Analysis Center (AMPAC) $3,165,035
- College of Business Administration (BA) $1,796,212
- Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) $9,442,861
- College of Arts and Humanities $1,089,665
- Institute for Simulation and Training (IST) $16,125,564
- College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS) $21,079,579
- College of Health and Public Affairs (COHPA) $2,746,182
- College of Medicine $192,051
- College of Sciences $12,483,524
- College of Nursing $409,089
- Continuing Education $3,833,524
- College of Optics and Photonics (CREOL) $10,306,792
Central Florida Partnership
• www.centralfloridapartnership.org
• 407.835.8005

Central Florida Research Park
*November’s Feature Resource*
• www.cfrp.org
• 407.282.3944

Disney Entrepreneur Center
*July’s Feature Resource*
• www.disneyec.com
• 407.420.4848

Florida High Tech Corridor Council
*December’s Feature Resource*
• www.floridahightech.com
• 407.708.4630

Hispanic Business Initiative Fund (HBIF)
• www.hbiforlando.org
• 407.428.5872

Metro Orlando Urban League (MOUL)
• www.metorlandoul.org
• 407.420.4846

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*January’s Feature Resource*
• www.ucf.edu

UCF Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation
*September’s Feature Resource*
• www.cei.ucf.edu
• cei@bus.ucf.edu
• 407.823.3683

UCF Colleges, Centers and Institutes
*February’s Feature Resource*
• www.research.ucf.edu/Centers
• 407.823.3778

UCF Incubation Program
*May’s Feature Resource*
• www.incubator.ucf.edu
• incubation@mail.ucf.edu
• 407.882.0202

UCF Institute for Economic Competitiveness
*October’s Feature Resource*
• www.iec.ucf.edu
• 407.823.1453
Minority/Women Business Enterprise Alliance, Inc. (Alliance)
• www.allianceflorida.com
• 407.428.5860

Orange County Government
• www.orangecountyfl.net
• 407.836.7317

SCORE
• www.scoreorlando.org
• 407.420.4844

Small Business Advisory Board Council
August’s Feature Resource
• www.advisoryboardcouncil.org
• manager@advisoryboardcouncil.com
• 407.420.4850

Small Business Development Center at UCF
August’s Feature Resource
• www.sbdcorlando.com
• sbdc@bus.ucf.edu
• 407.420.4850

UCF Office of Economic Development
October’s Feature Resource
• universityrelations.ucf.edu/divisions/econ_dev.html
• 407.882.2103

UCF Office of Research & Commercialization
March’s Feature Resource
• www.research.ucf.edu
• 407.823.3778

UCF Office of Technology Transfer
April’s Feature Resource
• tt.research.ucf.edu
• ucftto@mail.ucf.edu
• 407.882.1139

UCF Venture Lab
June’s Feature Resource
• www.venturelab.ucf.edu
• 407.823.1442

U.S. Department of Commerce (USDOC)
• www.export.gov
• 407.648.6170

Contact Information at a Glance
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Did You Know? UCF is the seventh largest employer in the region impacting more than 25,000 jobs and adding $1.9 billion to our economy. Over 95,000 UCF graduates live and work in the region.
Through its 12 colleges and leading centers and institutes in the areas of photonics, materials, modeling and simulation, biomedical sciences, nanotechnology, energy, and others, UCF provides the education and innovative research required to support a knowledge-based, wealth-producing economy. With a dozen regional campuses located throughout Central Florida, UCF offers the entire region a foundation for economic growth.
A life sciences cluster and the UCF College of Medicine combined, according to the Milken study, could create an additional 25,730 jobs, $2.3 billion in wages and $6.4 billion in economic activity within the first ten years.
The Office of Research & Commercialization at UCF fosters the creation of intellectual capital that can solve today’s pressing problems, improve the quality of life, and provide an engine for economic growth. The knowledge economy encourages the rapid progression of discoveries from the laboratory to the marketplace -- UCF is a national leader in this area. UCF’s research enterprise plays an important role in Florida’s emergence as a technological and economic leader in the 21st century. Research awards have risen steadily over the past ten years to 2008’s record of $122.8 million.

www.research.ucf.edu
407.823.3778

"Research advances our understanding of the world and benefits our economy, both of which make our lives better."
- UCF President John C. Hitt
The UCF Office of Research & Commercialization has developed an “entrepreneurship ecosystem” which includes UCF Technology Transfer, the UCF Venture Lab, and the UCF Incubation Program. These resources work in conjunction with other regional initiatives to serve entrepreneurs at all stages of development throughout the region.
The UCF Office of Technology Transfer proactively facilitates the transfer of technology from the University to the private sector. This team is responsible for the protection, management and licensing of Intellectual Property for UCF. Fostering strong relationships with industry, long lasting partnerships in sponsored research, innovation and development, technology out licensing, and the formation of start-ups, the UCF Office of Technology Transfer is a critical component in Central Florida’s economic development.

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- **April Fools’ Day**
- **Palm Sunday**
- **Easter Sunday**
- **Passover Begins**
- **Good Friday**
- **Earth Day**
- **Administrative Professionals Day**
- **Arbor Day**

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*Did You Know?*

In July 2008, UCF ranked 3rd in Industry Impact™ in the TOP 10 MOST IMPACTFUL PATENT PORTFOLIOS of American Research Universities along with Rice, MIT, Tufts, CalTech, Carnegie Mellon, Princeton and others as measured by The Patent Board™. This standing showcases the significant and broad role UCF plays as a foundation for global technological innovation.
The UCF Incubation Program is a University-driven community partnership providing early-stage companies with the enabling tools, training and infrastructure to create financially stable high growth enterprises.

Since its start in 1999, the UCF Incubation Program has served over 90 emerging companies which have generated over 900 new jobs, received more than $170 million in investment funds and generated more than $200 million in annual revenues.

Today, the UCF Incubation Program serves approximately 50 clients in five locations including the Central Florida Research Park, adjacent to the UCF campus in East Orlando, Downtown Orlando, on the UCF Campus, Colonial Drive, and Winter Springs.

www.incubator.ucf.edu
incubation@mail.ucf.edu
407.882.0202
In 2004, the UCF Technology Incubator received the INCUBATOR OF THE YEAR award from the National Business Incubation Association.
The UCF Venture Lab is a joint initiative between the UCF Office of Research & Commercialization, the UCF College of Business, and Orange County, Florida. Its focus is on mentoring Central Florida companies that have the potential to create jobs in technology or science domains.

Since its inception in 2004, the UCF Venture Lab has provided expertise and resources to technology entrepreneurs in business plan creation and pitching, licensing and patents, market research, corporate structure, product validation, and financing.

www.venturelab.ucf.edu
407.823.1442
The UCF Venture lab has been involved with the launch and early-stage revenue growth of more than a dozen technology companies in the Central Florida region.
### Disney Entrepreneur Center

The Disney Entrepreneur Center was founded in 2003 through the vision and direction of Mayor Richard T. Crotty of Orange County, Florida, and the cooperative efforts of Mr. Al Weiss, President of The Walt Disney World Company, and Dr. John Hitt, President of the University of Central Florida.

The center, funded entirely through sponsorship support, is a unique public/private partnership dedicated to the education, support, and development of our small business community.

The resident support organizations at the Disney Entrepreneur Center, and the businesses they serve, have received international attention, national recognition and have provided significant economic impact to the Central Florida region.

- [www.disneyec.com](http://www.disneyec.com)
- 407.420.4848
Since its inception, the center’s service provider organizations have trained, counseled, and assisted the small business community in record numbers: approximately 70,000 businesses coached and trained, 700 new businesses started, and $125,000,000 in loans facilitated.
Small Business Development Center at UCF

The Small Business Development Center at the University of Central Florida, located in the Disney Entrepreneur Center in Downtown Orlando, provides business seminars and free one-on-one counseling for small business owners. Serving an eight-county area that includes Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia counties, the SBDC at UCF maintains five sub-center offices in addition to the main office in Orlando and is a part of the Florida Small Business Development Center Network. The SBDC at UCF is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

- [www.sbdcorlando.com](http://www.sbdcorlando.com)
- [sbdc@bus.ucf.edu](mailto:sbdc@bus.ucf.edu)
- [407.420.4850](tel:407.420.4850)

Small Business Advisory Board Council

An advisory board is a powerful management tool that no business should be without. Operating within the Small Business Development Center at UCF and funded by Orange County Government, the Small Business Advisory Board Council is a next-level, business support service, assisting established Orange County businesses by matching them with experienced volunteer business professionals with a diverse range of skills who work together on a “custom-fit” advisory board.

- [www.advisoryboardcouncil.org](http://www.advisoryboardcouncil.org)
- [manager@advisoryboardcouncil.com](mailto:manager@advisoryboardcouncil.com)
- [407.420.4850](tel:407.420.4850)
Did You Know?

Hundreds of times as powerful as a modern personal computer, the new IBM System Cluster 1350 housed at UCF’s Institute for Simulation and Training (IST) enables cutting-edge research in the physical and biological sciences and realistic training scenarios with thousands of people training in the same virtual world.
The Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation (CEI) is UCF’s academic entrepreneurship center. It is an initiative by the College of Business that serves as a hub for entrepreneurship education and research across UCF’s many outstanding colleges and programs. CEI fosters the notion that “UCF Stands for Opportunity” by offering entrepreneurship courses and programs to students in all disciplines. CEI also provides collaboration facilities, experienced professional advisors, workshops, guest speakers, networking events, business plan showcase events, student organizations, and international programs to the UCF community. Additionally, CEI partners with other university, business, and government partners to provide outreach initiatives that support new and small businesses, economic development, and a better quality of life throughout the region.

- [www.cei.ucf.edu](http://www.cei.ucf.edu)
- cei@bus.ucf.edu
- 407.823.3683
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Did You Know?

Each Spring, UCF CEI hosts the KING OF THE COURT, UCF’s Business Pitch Competition and THE JOUST, UCF’s $25,000 Business Plan Tournament. These annual competitions for cash and other prizes are designed to challenge entrepreneurial students within the UCF community to think innovatively and communicate their ideas succinctly.
The Institute for Economic Competitiveness (IEC), established by UCF’s College of Business Administration, was created to foster a healthy relationship among academia, business, and government. The institute serves commerce and government as a single point of contact with economic information resources. The IEC aims to expand public understanding by convening business leaders, scholars, policy makers, civic groups and media to discuss critical issues, at the intersection of academia, government and business.

www.iec.ucf.edu
407.823.1453

With active involvement with Central Florida’s regional economic development community, the UCF Office of Economic Development assists in the creation, attraction and retention of high technology-based companies to the Florida High Tech Corridor and the state of Florida.

universityrelations.ucf.edu/economic_development/index.htm
407.882.2103
Did You Know?

UCF is the sixth-largest university in the nation, has the second-largest undergraduate enrollment in the country and the second-highest number of National Merit Scholars in the state for first-time-in college students.
Central Florida Research Park

| The 1000-acre plus Central Florida Research Park (CFRP), which is affiliated with UCF, is ranked among the top ten research parks in the nation. The CFRP is home to over 100 companies, 10,000 employees - many of them students and UCF graduates - and elements of the U.S. Army, Navy and Marines, as well as university departments and projects. | www.cfrp.org | 407.282.3944 | NOVEMBER |
Did You Know?

UCF and its neighbor, the Central Florida Research Park, affect more than 45,000 jobs and have an economic impact of $3.5 billion.
Florida High Tech Corridor Council

The Florida High Tech Corridor Council (FHTCC) is an economic development initiative of the University of Central Florida, the University of South Florida and the University of Florida. Its mission is to attract, retain and grow high tech industry and to help develop the workforce to support those industries in the 23-county corridor.

This unique partnership, leveraging more than 20 local and regional economic development organizations (EDOs), 14 community colleges, and representatives of high tech industry, has resulted in a strategic approach to high tech economic development on a regional rather than local basis.

www.floridahightech.com
407.708.4630
The Florida High Tech Corridor Council has supported more than 615 university research projects with 250 companies in a 23-county region focused on high-tech industry growth since its inception in 1996. The impact of these investments has resulted in a $130 million benefit to the community.
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