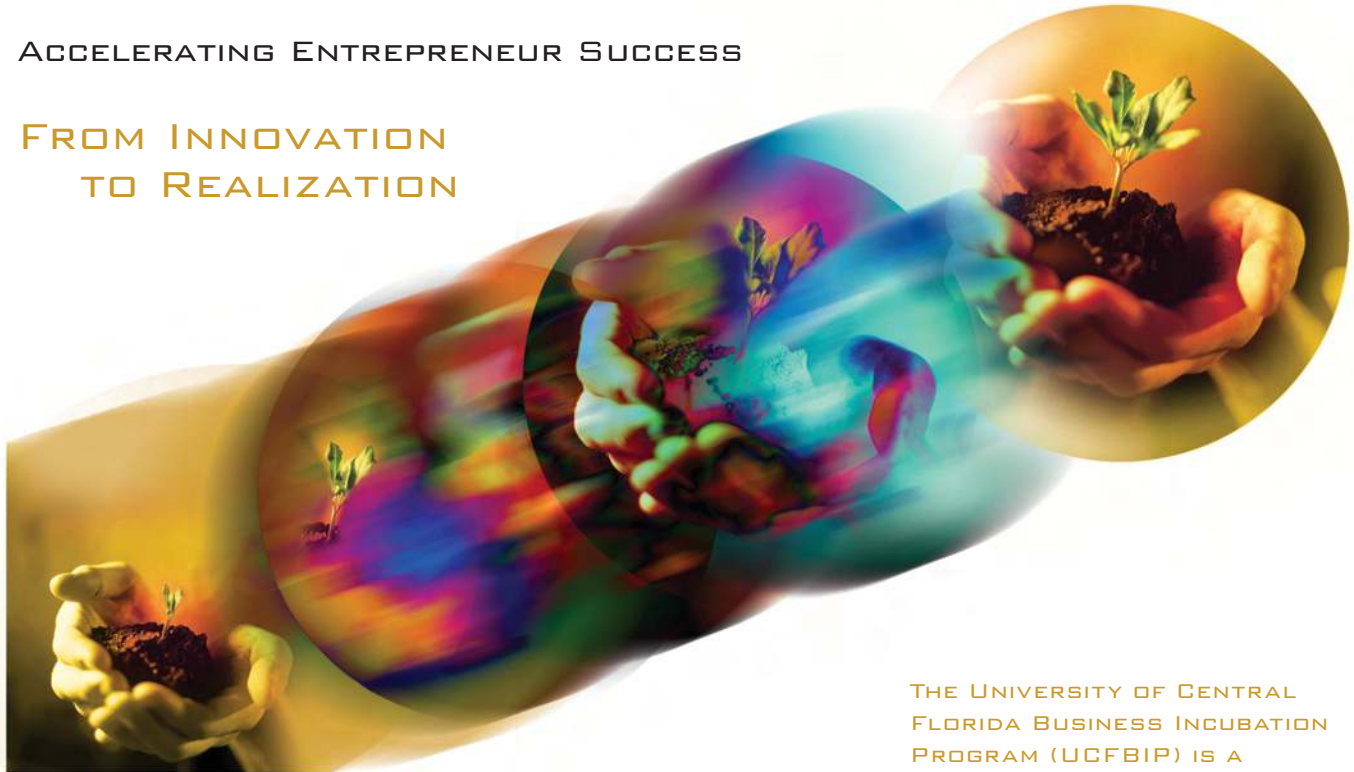


ACCELERATING ENTREPRENEUR SUCCESS

FROM INNOVATION
TO REALIZATION



THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA BUSINESS INCUBATION PROGRAM (UCFBIP) IS A UNIVERSITY-DRIVEN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP THAT PROVIDES EARLY-STAGE COMPANIES WITH THE ENABLING TOOLS, TRAINING AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO CREATE FINANCIALLY STABLE, HIGH GROWTH/IMPACT ENTERPRISES.



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BUSINESS INCUBATION PROGRAM

LEVERAGING THE REGION'S RESOURCES

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Since its founding in 1999, the UCFBIP has helped more than 200 emerging companies create over \$200 million in annual total economic impact and more than 1,600 new jobs, averaging an annual salary of \$59,000. In 2004, the UCFBIP was internationally recognized for its success by the National Business Incubation Association (NBIA), the world's leading organization advancing business incubation and entrepreneurship, as the "Technology Incubator of the Year".

Tapping into the wealth of talent and resources developed by the University of Central Florida and the benefits of its **prime locations across Central Florida**, the UCFBIP is making a significant contribution to the economic development of the region and the state of Florida. It is a collaboration in economic development between UCF and the Florida High Tech Corridor Council; Cities of: Kissimmee, Leesburg, Orlando, Sanford, St. Cloud, and Winter Springs; Counties of: Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia.

Combined with efforts by other organizations such as: The National Entrepreneur Center; Small Business Development Center at UCF; UCF Office of Research & Commercialization; UCF Venture Lab; UCF Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, the Florida High Tech Corridor Council; the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission; the Florida Economic Gardening Institute, GrowFL Program; and many others, making Central Florida one of the nation's premier locations for developing high growth/impact enterprises.



HOW CAN THE UCFBIP HELP YOU?

The UCFBIP provides mentoring and advising in all aspects of business development and growth in our locations across Central Florida. Services include:

- Access to experienced entrepreneurs through the Entrepreneurial team and UCF Venture Lab
- Access to educational programs
- Marketing & PR support
- Networking opportunities with peer groups, local area professionals, University faculty, and support organizations
- Complimentary memberships in a variety of organizations
- Adaptable space and flexible leases in multiple counties and several locations across Central Florida
- Complimentary access to all conference/meeting rooms at all the locations
- Access to office equipment, conference rooms, and other support services

VALUE TO COMPANIES

UCFBIP clients are provided an array of business development services and resources to help accelerate their growth. The formal incubation process takes place through a series of strategic and tactical working sessions. The strategic sessions are designed to help define the company business model, market and capital strategies and to build the business plan. Expertise and resources are identified for the company to utilize in addressing tactical needs as they are identified through the strategy sessions or through other informal interactions with Incubator staff and advisors.

Regular education and networking programs also are designed to address the shared needs identified among UCFBIP clients. Graduation takes place when a client has achieved a level of financial and corporate growth that enables them to leave the incubator and enter the second-stage of business growth.



THE GOAL OF THE UCFBIP

The UCF Business Incubation Program provides client companies with the experience and insight to facilitate smarter, faster startup and growth of emerging companies that will become financially successful, high growth companies in their communities. The entrepreneurial support system it has created over the past decade is accomplished by its network of experienced entrepreneurs, professional service providers, economic development partners, small business service providers, university experts as well as a dedicated staff.

HOW TO APPLY?

- Go to the UCFBIP's website: www.incubator.ucf.edu
- Submit Application found on landing/home page
- Complete Excellence in Entrepreneurship (EIE) course

Applicants will be notified within 14 days from application/completion of the EIE.

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