



TRITON CONVERGENCE FUND

IMPACT IN INNOVATION

The Triton Convergence Fund brings a high-impact horizon nearer.

UC San Diego is one of the most productive universities in the world in terms of the number of inventions and startup companies created every year. Even before the inception of the fund, campus startups have ranged from 20 to 30 annually, a figure surpassing the output of many of our counterparts. While the ideas of campus entrepreneurs are ingenious, there are many factors that play into the success of a business concept. Marketability. Validation. Credibility of a startup's management team. By providing the resources needed to close the gap between an early idea and a product that investors can get behind, the Triton Convergence Fund will transform strong ideas into candidates for venture investment.

Campus investment in startups builds value in a way that prepares these companies for private investment by pairing pre-seed investments with management, legal and business development resources. Commercially viable health care concepts increase pharmaceutical and technology options for doctors. New products designed for sustainability reduce waste and accelerate the transition to clean energy. And entrepreneurs with an eye on new markets improve accessibility and inclusivity for communities previously neglected. All of this driven by the returns that reward savvy investors.

With the new Triton Convergence Fund, the campus earns returns on each successful investment, igniting a virtuous cycle as the fund grows — a sustainable and durable model. As important, through this fund, the university is building the next generation of high-potential entrepreneurs that will drive the innovation economy of the future and contribute to a thriving and equitable society.

1,000+

UC San Diego startup companies launched

190

Currently active campus startups founded by students or faculty

\$13.89 BILLION

Capital raised by UC San Diego startups

At UC San Diego, we believe that what we don't know today will forever change our tomorrows. Empowered by generosity and fueled by curiosity, we are unafraid to chase the unknown — to ask the questions no one has asked before and to push the boundaries of possibility. Together, we unite diverse people and unconventional perspectives to propel limitless impact. Because we know that when we come together, nothing is beyond us.

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Together with your philanthropic support, UC San Diego can invest in campus entrepreneurs delivering impact everywhere.

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PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITY

UC San Diego is investing in resources that de-risk entrepreneurial ventures. Our new Design and Innovation Building situates student founders of The Basement in the same facility as a sophisticated Makerspace, furnished with tools and materials essential for prototyping. Incubation programs like Accelerating Innovations to Market and the Institute for the Global Entrepreneur prime our product pool.

Your contribution to the Triton Convergence Fund will be a part of our precedent-setting effort to empower selected campus startups with flexible resources for custom needs like market research and business leadership. With a wide variety of startups eligible for investment, impact will be broad and sustained over time, as your original contribution is multiplied by investment successes.

IMPACT

LIMBER is the maker of the world's first, single-piece, 3D printed below-the-knee prosthetic limb. The campus awarded the company \$250,000, which has been instrumental in its ability to deliver prosthetic legs to more than two dozen amputees in three countries since its 2020 launch.

*"We had a prototype, but we didn't know how to take it out of the lab and into the market. That's where the entrepreneurial ecosystem at UC San Diego came into play – the **Institute of the Global Entrepreneur**, **NSF I-Corps**, and **The Basement**. We've been able to work with each of these programs that offer spaces, mentorship and classes, and all of these ecosystems play a part in getting us where we are today."*

– JOSHUA PELZ, PHD '22

Co-founder and CEO of Limber Integrative Imaging Modeling
Manufacturing for Bold Exoskeleton Research (LIMBER)

ASPIRATION

Through selective investments of the Triton Convergence Fund, UC San Diego aims to ramp up startups in terms of both volume and quality, improving the odds that as campus innovations come to market, we maximize impact while optimizing our capacity for new rounds.



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