



UC San Diego

ENTREPRENEURS IN RESIDENCE 2023

Advancing a culture of innovation and
entrepreneurism at UC San Diego

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TYRONE GRANDISON

Dr Tyrone Grandison is the Chief Technology Officer for Public Sector in Microsoft's Global Partner Solutions organization. Tyrone is a Laureate of the Global Young Academy, a founding member of the New Voices in Science, Engineering, and Medicine, an AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassador, an IBM Master Inventor, a Distinguished Engineer of the Association of Computing Machinery, a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, a Fellow of the British Computer Society, a Fellow of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, a Zhi-Xing Eisenhower Fellow, a Marshall Memorial Fellow, a Political Partner of the Truman National Security Project, and co-Chair of Seattle's Human Rights Commission.



TODD CELVER

Former professional rugby player who's played all over the world in various pro leagues (New Zealand, South Africa, Japan, England & USA) and Represented team USA 'The Eagles' a record 100 times. Since retiring from playing he has changed focus from on-field to off-field business. Todd Clever Foundation is where he is able to give back to the sport, athletes, and communities around the world. Teaching and instilling the CORE values of rugby.



ALY BUCHOLZ

At 12 Aly was handed a camera by her photographer/grandfather, and that was that. What followed has been a journey of artistic growth, sleepless nights, and no small amount of chutzpah. Aly honed her production chops at Tallgrass Pictures while helping the company grow from a fledgling 2-person operation to an 18-person, full-service production company. And now she's at the helm of FORA, showcasing her considerable talents as a director, photographer, DP, and producer.



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BENSON LAM

Benson Lam is currently an angel investor and strategic advisor in the technology space. Through more than 30 years of post-graduate academic and industry work experience, he has developed strong business acumen and a deep understanding of technical subject matters. He worked at Qualcomm for over 26 years driving different business initiatives in the digital wireless communication sector across different countries. In his last position at Qualcomm, he served as SVP and GM of the company's technology licensing business in China. His work experience includes profit/loss (P&L) oversight, licensing, business operation, business development, program management, product management, and engineering product development. Benson has an MBA and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering.



STEPHANIE ALLEN

Stephanie is a senior biopharma executive and researcher. She excels at translating highly technical R&D into marketing and business success. She is passionate about innovation and is driven to make a mark on the world using science. Her projects involve taking lab discoveries out into the market so they can help humankind and change the status quo. She is a two-time biotech founder including a stem cell research tool company and a genomics-based diagnostics company. She currently works with California Life Sciences to help support early-stage founders to commercialize life science technologies.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The EIR cohort boasts talent across industry domains and from diverse entrepreneurial experiences that add tremendous value to our campus innovation ecosystem. EIRs build upon a bold innovation strategy being managed by OIC. The program follows suit as it is designed to promote interdisciplinary relations and creative connectivity across campus units, departments, and teams as well as local industry. EIRs are experienced operators and executives as well as proven early entrepreneurs and founders who through their direct interactions with our community transfer knowledge to inspire a more robust culture of innovation.

Typically EIRs contribute by;

- guiding early-stage entrepreneurs and researchers
- holding office hours
- participating in demo days, programs, and showcase events
- making professional network connections for funding or talent acquisition
- serving as a guest lecturer or speaker
- acting as an advocate for UC San Diego entrepreneurship regionally

EIRs are asked to report quarterly on the progress of opportunities, engagement with campus resources, and other community-building activities and engage with fellow EIRs (past and present) to leverage meaningful impact in our ecosystem.

COHORT CULTURE

EIRs adhere to the UC San Diego Principles of Community and have signed expectations that provide confidence in their commitment to campus. Furthermore, they uphold a social contract for engaging with the ecosystem. Entrepreneurs In Residence:

- are open to meeting anyone in this community. They understand that they will receive valuable help from others for free or at a very low cost.
- will give trust to others before expecting to receive trust in return. They will treat everyone fairly and will take advantage of no one.
- agree to “pay forward” whatever positive benefits they receive. For every introduction they get, they will provide an introduction to another person. For every risk someone takes with them, they will take a risk with a different person.
- will open themselves to learning from others and will help nurture learning in others.
- understand that each person is a role model for everyone else. And will live these ideals as a member of the UCSD innovation community