the UC Discovery Grant
Success is a great investment

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Introduction

- Builds industry-university research partnerships

- Leverages R&D investments:
  - Accesses UC scientists, students (9 campuses, 3 Nat Labs, Ag Exp Sta)
  - Research conducted in UC facilities
  - State matching funds ($1:$1)
  - Intellectual property rights (exclusive licenses)
  - Rapid turnaround (100 days)
  - State/federal tax credits

- Fuels discovery, Accelerates innovation

- Strengthens commercial competitiveness
Breadth

- Biotechnology (BioSTAR)
- Communications, networking, & operating systems (CoRe)
- Electronics manufacturing, new materials (SMART)
- Information technology for life and health sciences (LS:IT)
- Digital media (DiMI)
- Research at the emerging interfaces
1996-97 through 2000-01

Highlights:

Portfolio grew to:

$160 million joint funding
823 research grants

Participation* grew to:

496 private sponsorships
(62% small businesses)
649 faculty and researchers
689 students
9 campuses, 2 Nat’l Labs

* Does not include MICRO participants
The Goal: *Continued growth*

Current Growth Rate: $60 million/year

Industry: yellow

Discovery Grant: blue
1. Industry partners provide some money; UC and the State of California provide matching funds.

2. UC scientists and industry partners collaborate to identify basic research goals and develop a focused proposal. *(October, January, May deadlines)*

3. Our rigorous peer review of proposals ensures high quality research plans and reasonable budgets.

4. Grant request to inception is just 100 days.

5. Research projects range from: 1-4 years $50K-$5 million *(joint)*
The Next Steps

1. Visit www.ucdiscoverygrant.org for more information, or call 510.643.3229 to talk to someone in your field.

2. Participate in events and meet UC researchers with relevant interests. *(Our website lists upcoming events)*

3. Develop and submit grant proposals using our online system. *(October, January, May deadlines)*

4. Suggest topics for future events and considering co-hosting events with us.