

## Master of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Thinking about pursuing that great idea and turning it into a business? How about launching a new concept within an existing company? What about launching or scaling a social enterprise? Having the skillset to successfully innovate and lead in these scenarios is essential.

The UCI Master of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (MIE) is the only program of its kind in the UC System, and provides extensive integrated and immersive academic and practical experience for students looking to embark on careers as entrepreneurs (innovating to form new organizations) and intrapreneurs (innovating within existing organizations). The program provides students with knowledge of the core processes which drive innovation and entrepreneurship. This educational journey will be delivered via a combination of a rigorous in-class curriculum and hands-on, active learning intensives that leverage real-world experts and UC Irvine's rich entrepreneurial ecosystem.



**Safest** Irvine is America's Safest Big City

**Hub** Orange County and UCI are a hub of entrepreneurial activity

**\$10k** California resident scholarship of \$10,000

**Hands-on** Co-Curriculars and hands-on active learning intensives will develop your skills in real world situations

### Sample Program

Proposed Schedule for full-time Master of Innovation and Entrepreneurship program

#### FALL (10 weeks)

Core: Innovation  
Core: Leadership  
Core: Marketing

#### WINTER (10 weeks)

Core: Entrepreneurship  
Core: Venture Capital and Business Law  
Elective

#### SPRING (10 weeks)

Core: Finance and Accounting  
Core: Edge, Innovation in the Digital Age  
Elective

Capstone Project and Off-Site Learning Intensives

## Curriculum

The MIE curriculum has been carefully crafted to:

1. Build a foundation through focused coursework in the fall
2. Provide opportunities for application in the winter
3. Focus on execution of the ideas in the spring

## Career Services

UC Irvine has built an ecosystem in Orange County comprised of entrepreneurial resources and partners such as UCI Applied Innovation, EvoNexus, OCTANe, Beckman Laser Institute, CALIT2 and more. While the Master of Innovation and Entrepreneurship actively supports students in starting their own ventures, the Merage School Career Center staff maintains an extensive network of hiring organizations and provides resources and activities to help you make important career connections.

## Financial Aid

Pursing your MIE degree is an important investment in your future. The dedicated professionals in our Financial Aid office will share information with you regarding loan programs and merit-based scholarships.

For more information on financing your degree, contact Alda Ruggiero at **949.824.7967** or [agurggier@uci.edu](mailto:agurggier@uci.edu).

## Application Deadlines

Applications are submitted online and are evaluated as they are received. Admissions decisions are usually made within four weeks after the interview. Deadlines and additional application information is available at [merage.uci.edu/MIE](https://merage.uci.edu/MIE).

Email [MIE@merage.uci.edu](mailto:MIE@merage.uci.edu) with any questions.

## Admissions Requirements

Admission to graduate standing in The Paul Merage School of Business is accorded to those possessing an undergraduate degree with an acceptable level of scholarship from an institution of recognized standing. Applicants for admission will be evaluated on their academic record and potential for leadership as demonstrated in submitted application materials including:

- **Official transcripts** from all institutions attended to obtain undergraduate degree (with English translation if needed)
- **Interactive video question and answer section**
- **Two Letters of Recommendation**
- **Two essays**
- **Résumé**
- **Official TOEFL, PTE, or IELTS** (International applicants – Scores valid for two years)
- \$150 application fee
- **A personal interview**, by invitation only, will also be part of the admission process.

