Facts about the UA Tech Park

The University of Arizona Science and Technology Park (UA Tech Park) is one of the nation’s premier university research parks. It links cutting-edge technology companies with the resources of University of Arizona, creating an environment in which companies innovate, grow, and succeed.

Location
The UA Tech Park is strategically located in one of the fastest growing regions in Tucson and Pima County.

- Pima County: population of 996,554; Tucson: population of 520,116
- On Interstate-10 with two off-ramps - Rita and Kolb Road Exits
- 15 minutes to downtown / 20 minutes to University of Arizona Main Campus/12 minutes to Tucson International Airport
- Within the Vail School District, one of the state’s top performing school districts
- In the Tucson Tech Corridor (70 companies located from Wilmot Road to Houghton Road along I - 10)
- 41,042 residents within a 5 mile radius of the Park

Site
The spacious site offers companies room to develop.

- 1,345 acres
- 40 companies and organizations including IBM, Citi, Raytheon and United Health Group/OptumRx
- 6,500 employees
- 2 million square feet of office, laboratory and production space
The University of Arizona
The UA Tech Park is an integral component of the University of Arizona, a top-ranked research university.

- Ranked 19th in research and development expenditures among public universities
- Annual revenues: $1,791,605,00
- Annual research expenditures (2013): $625,365,000
- Total students: 40,621; 7,443 graduate students; 3,364 international students
- Number of academic programs: 356
- Degrees awarded: 9,015; undergraduate degrees: 6,494; graduate and professional degrees: 2,521

Park Governance and Management
The Tech Park team is experienced in operating quality facilities for high tech companies.
- Owned by the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) on behalf of the University of Arizona
- Operated by Tech Parks Arizona
- Tech Parks Arizona is part of Tech Launch Arizona (TLA), an office of integrated teams creating an ecosystem of invention and commercialization throughout Arizona
- Tech Parks Arizona is also responsible for the UA Tech Park at The Bridges (36th Street and Kino Parkway)
- Campus Research Corporation, an Arizona 501c3 non-profit corporation, assists the University of Arizona in developing, operating, leasing and promoting the UA Tech Park

Economic Impact
The UA Tech Park is a significant driver of the regional economy.
- One of the region’s largest employment centers
- Park tenants contribute $2.3 billion annually to the regional economy
- Generates $106 million in State and local taxes
- Average wage rate of park employees is $91,145, twice the Pima County average $46,363.
Key Elements at the UA Tech Park
Support for innovation and education are central to the Park’s mission.

- Solar Zone at the Tech Park – one of the largest multi-technology grid-level solar testing and demonstration facilities in the world – 225 acres (165 acres developed), 10 companies generating 23 MW of power
- The Arizona Center for Innovation (AzCI) is an innovation center, helping entrepreneurs, startups and emerging companies transform their ideas into successful ventures
- UA South, a branch campus of The University of Arizona
- Vail Academy and High School, a technology focused K-12 school in the Vail School District
- Planning is underway to build a regional YMCA and Pima County library on-site.

Technology Focus
Tech Parks Arizona recruits companies in technology sectors that reflect the research strengths of the University of Arizona as well as local industry sectors.

- Advanced energy
- Arid lands agriculture and water
- Health and biosciences
- Defense and security
- Intelligent transportation systems and smart vehicles
- Mining

Product Development
Tech Parks Arizona and the UA Tech Park assist technology companies in developing and commercializing their products including:

- Research and development
- Proof of concept
- Prototype
- Testing and evaluation
- Demonstration
- First generation manufacturing
Park Capabilities and Amenities
UA Tech Park supports business needs and employee experiences.

- Dual feed electrical system
- On-site wells and water storage system; also connected to Tucson Water
- Fire and emergency services provided by Rural Metro Corporation
- Park is a zero-discharge facility – on-site waste water treatment and reuse
- Recreational center including softball/soccer field, basketball court, tennis court and locker rooms
- Health and wellness program
- Conference and meeting facilities
- Multi-internet service providers
- Julian Wash Greenway, 3 mile, 65 acre linear park along the northside of park with multi-use path, exercise and interpretive nodes
- On-site cafe

Park Planning and Development
The UA Tech Park is a master-planned, mixed-use development.

- Western half of UA Tech Park located in the City of Tucson; eastern half of Park in unincorporated Pima County
- Planning and development activities governed by Tech Park Master Land Use Plan
- Design and construction of facilities governed by the Tech Park Design and Development Standards and subject to review by the Tech Parks Arizona Design Review Committee (DRC)
- Portions of the Tech Park lie under the flight path of Davis-Monthan Air Force and are subject to development restrictions
- Planning principles include developing the park as an integrated, multi-use “community of innovation” with live, learn, work and play components