Facts about the UA Tech Park

The University of Arizona Science and Technology Park (UA Tech Park at Rita Road) is one of the nation's premier university research parks. It is a dynamic community where innovators and business leaders meet and where emerging companies and technology giants work side by side.

The UA Tech Park is directed by Tech Parks Arizona which creates the “Interactive Ground,” that connects the University, community and industry in pursuit of technology innovation and commercialization. The Park 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 at Rita Road is strategically located in one of the fastest growing regions in Tucson and Pima County
  - Pima County population: 1,010,025
  - Tucson population: 531,641
  - On Interstate 10 with two off-ramps - Rita and Kolb Road Exits
  - 41,042 residents within a five mile radius of the Park
- Centrally located
  - 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

Site

The spacious site offers companies room to develop.

- 1,268 acres
- 47 companies and organizations including IBM, Citi, Raytheon, and United Health Group/OptumRx
- Nearly 6,000 employees
- 2 million square feet of office, laboratory and production space
- Common areas, multi-use paths and recreation facilities
The University of Arizona

The UA Tech Park at Rita Road is an integral component of the University of Arizona, a top-ranked research university.

- Ranked 22nd in research and development expenditures among public universities
- Annual gifts and grants (FY 2016): $502,280,864
- Annual research expenditures (FY 2016): $604,464,000
- Total students (2016-2017): 43,625; 7,946 graduate students
- Number of academic programs (2016-2017): 367
- Degrees awarded (2016-2017): 9,973

UA Tech Park at Rita Road Governance and Management

The Tech Parks Arizona team is experienced in operating quality facilities for high tech companies.

- The Park is owned by the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona, and is operated by Tech Parks Arizona
- Tech Parks Arizona operates and manages the UA Tech Park at Rita Road and the UA Tech Park at The Bridges (36th Street and Kino Parkway)
- Campus Research Corporation, an Arizona 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation, assists the University of Arizona in developing, operating, leasing, and promoting the UA Tech Park at Rita Road and the UA Tech Park at The Bridges
Economic Impact

The UA Tech Park at Rita Road is a significant driver of the regional economy.

- The Park is one of the region’s largest employment centers
- Park tenants contribute $2 billion annually to the economy
- The Park generates $51.5 million annually in state and local taxes
- Average wage of Park employees is $74,028, well above the Pima County average wage of $47,327

Key Elements at the UA Tech Park at Rita Road

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; 10 companies; total power generation capacity of 25 MW; 223 acres of land
- The Arizona Center for Innovation—an innovation center, helping entrepreneurs, startups, and emerging companies transform their ideas into successful business ventures
- Vail Academy and High School—a technology-focused K-12 school in the Vail School District
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
- Aerospace
- Agriculture and water
- Health and biosciences
- Defense and security
- Optics and photonics
- Smart vehicles and intelligent transportation systems
- Sustainable mining

Product Development

Tech Parks Arizona and the UA Tech Park at Rita Road assist technology companies in developing and commercializing their products through all stages of development.

- Research and development
- Proof of concept
- Prototype
- Testing and evaluation
- Demonstration
- First generation manufacturing
Park Capabilities and Amenities

UA Tech Park at Rita Road supports business needs and employee experiences.

- Dual feed electrical system
- On-site wells and water storage system
- Fire and emergency services provided by Rural Metro Corporation
- 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
- Access to Julian Wash Greenway, a three-mile, 65-acre linear park with multi-use path, exercise stations, and interpretive nodes
- On-site “Café Zona”
Park Planning and Development

The UA Tech Park at Rita Road is a master-planned, mixed-use development.

- Western half of UA Tech Park at Rita Road is located in the City of Tucson; eastern half of Park is in unincorporated Pima County
- Planning and development activities are governed by Tech Park Master Land Use Plan
- Design and construction of facilities are governed by the Tech Park Design and Development Standards and subject to review by the Tech Parks Arizona Design Review Committee
- 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
- A 175 acre mixed-use development known as the Village is in the planning stage for the West end of the UA Tech Park. The Village, located off Kolb Road, will include retail, commercial, hotel and residential development.

Interested in learning more about the UA Tech Park?

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