



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY BAKERSFIELD™

Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation



Mission

CEI's mission is to promote an entrepreneurial and innovative mindset across the CSUB community and to provide a structured and integrated entrepreneurship education platform to the region of Kern County.

Overview

CEI undertakes a number of activities to support the local entrepreneurial ecosystem. For the past two years, CEI has run a 10-week Venture Accelerator Program, open to all Kern residents. This program, as of July 2024, has hosted 5 Venture accelerator cohorts and 6 Pitch competitions, working with a total of 38 businesses so far. Since working with the Venture Accelerator, cohort businesses have raised nearly \$1 million in generated revenue and hired nearly 10 additional full-time positions. Additionally, our partnered businesses have obtained over \$200k in seed stage investment and nearly \$6.5 million in grant funding.

CEI's Aerospace Innovation Program focuses on connecting students and faculty with the global-leading aerospace research and testing done in Kern County, working on various joint R&D projects between CSUB and the Air Force Research Lab's Rocket Propulsion Division, China Lake Naval Air Warfare Center, and Mojave Air & Space Port. Currently CEI has help facilitate 14 different aerospace, energy, & agriculture-related R&D projects and placed 5 students to into aerospace-related internships. In addition, CEI is assisting in the creation of a workforce development pipeline between CSUB's Science and Engineering majors and the East Kern aerospace sector, so far garnering interest from nearly 200 students in aerospace careers.

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Targeted Industries

- Aerospace
- Petroleum and Renewable Energy
- Agricultural Technology

Programs

- Venture Accelerator Program
- Aerospace Innovation Program
- Entrepreneurship Passport Continuing Education Program

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