UCI Libraries

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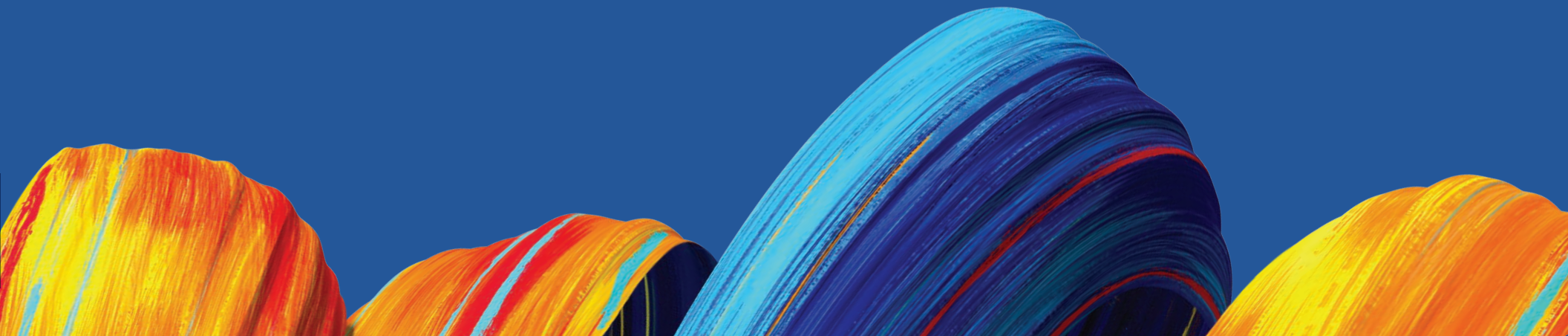


GATEWAY TO KNOWLEDGE

The UCI Libraries are the intellectual heart of the campus and a major information hub for collaboration, innovation, and creativity. We host 1.8 million visits to our four locations each year, as well as 5.3 million virtual visits, and we remain the largest research library in Orange County. At the UCI Libraries, we change lives by empowering members of the UCI community to discover, learn, and create new knowledge through our library services and collections. UCI Libraries serves as a gateway to knowledge, a laboratory for discovery and a launch pad for new ideas.

"The Libraries help to bring everyone together. They're like an energy vortex that joins information resources, cutting-edge technologies and personalized instruction with spaces for collaborative work and creative exploration."

--Lorelei Tanji

University Librarian

"When the community members have need for this kind of information whether it be for the Grunigen Medical Library, the Science Library, or the Langson Main Library they can take advantage—should take advantage of this wonderful resource."

--Jack Langson
UCI Foundation Trustee
Library Supporter

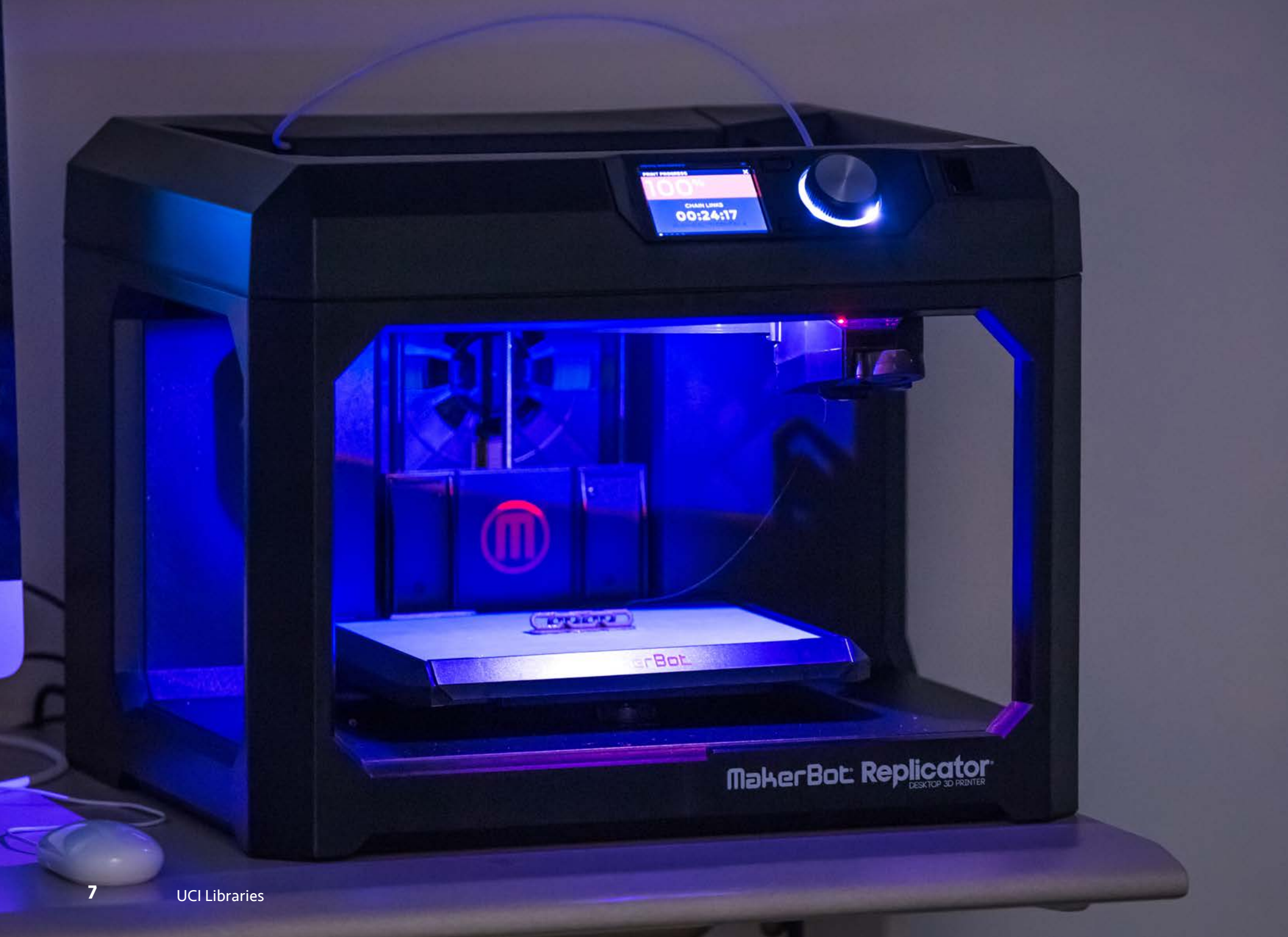
Creating Dynamic
learning spaces

The way people do research in the digital age requires flexible and technology-rich learning spaces combined with tools and services that support discovery and collaboration. Modernization is vital to the UCI Libraries ability to provide these high quality services and resources. Our newest library building is over 20 years old, and our oldest buildings are over 50 years old. We need your support to provide emerging technologies and to modernize our buildings to enhance the student experience. These improvements will enable the UCI Libraries to continue to serve as a vibrant information hub that inspires creativity and fosters engaged learning.

Embracing Innovation and collaboration

The UCI Libraries are a trendsetter in digital use and implementation of emerging technologies. In this digital age, the Libraries are using innovative services to digitize and preserve "at risk" research materials for future generations. We train students on how to gain digital research skills and how to manage their research output.

Our expert library staff provide advice on the entire research lifecycle from data identification, metadata, dissemination, to preservation. We are a trusted partner with various faculty in making their research data and publications accessible and shareable to the world. The UCI Libraries have taken on a new role in helping students, faculty, and researchers learn how to create, organize, store, and share information in ways that benefit society and increase their impact. We need your support to continue to implement these innovative services and resources to advance the objectives of students, faculty, and researchers, as well as the broader regional community.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Support the library of the future

Libraries are no longer just a place to learn about the past, they are places to create the future. Your generosity will support our mission.

Enhancing our collections

Support for the acquisition, preservation, and accessibility of the latest materials sustains a student's educational experience, leads researchers to new discoveries, and enhances the Libraries' role as a major information resource for our community. In addition, collecting rare archival collections and primary source materials are important to research, and increasingly used in undergraduate education. Ground-breaking faculty research and high-quality student instruction are made possible with first-rate collections.

Library Collection Fund ($50,000 minimum)
A named library collection fund provides a lasting source of support that enables us to purchase or acquire access to essential books, journals, and other educational materials in all formats, i.e., print, online, multimedia, etc., that support the teaching and research on campus.

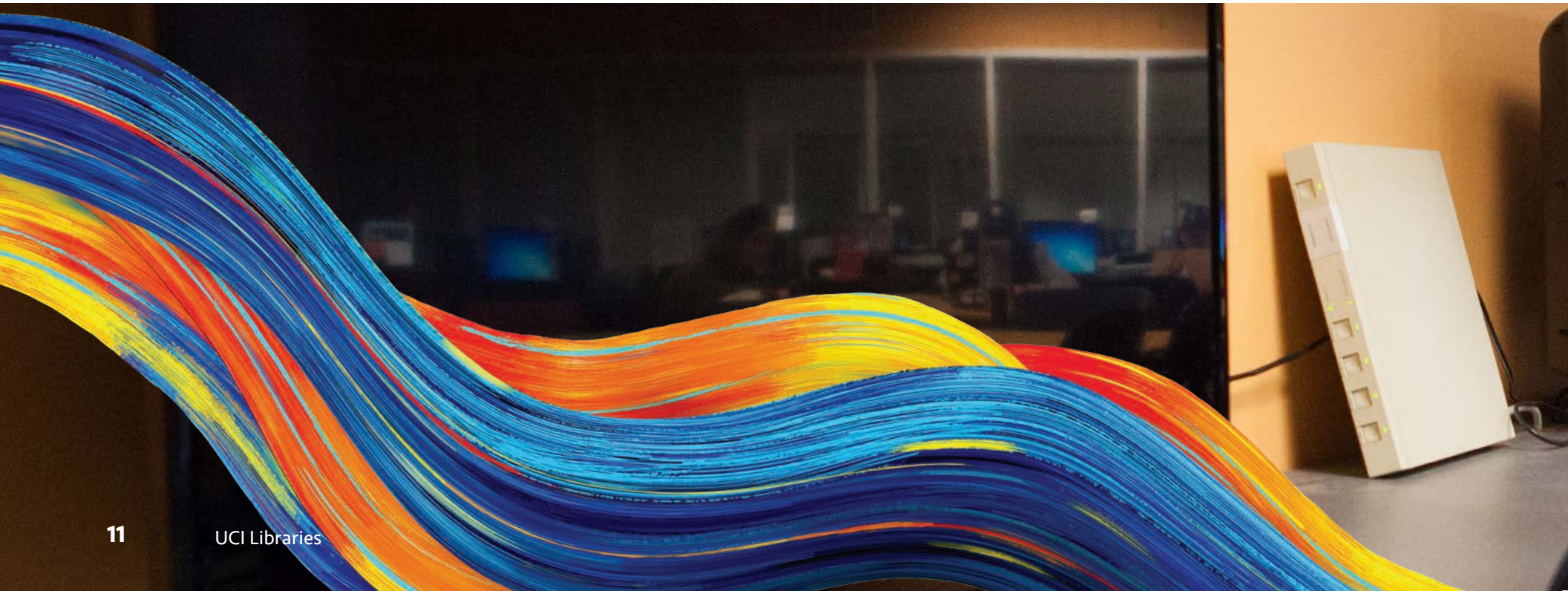
Preserve Our History ($1 million)
Create an endowment to modernize and revitalize Special Collections and Archives. UCI Libraries' Special Collections include manuscripts, archives, photographs, databases, and rare materials. Some of the most notable collections include the Orange County Regional History Collections, Southeast Asian Archive, Critical Theory Archive, and the University Archives. Your support fosters digitization, access, and preservation of materials so scholars and the broader community have access to important research resources for generations to come.

"Dr. Grunigen's feeling about patient and community was one of the most important segments in his teaching career. Every patient that came in knew what was going to happen. How do you do that? Through research. And, how do you get research? Through the Library."

--Dolores Grunigen
Library Supporter

Catalyzing a New stage of growth

We can source information in the palm of our hand, communicate instantly, and collaborate simultaneously, so our study spaces must reflect the modern world instead of looking as if our doors just opened in 1965. You can help transform the UCI Libraries by naming one of a variety of spaces among our four Libraries' facilities. This will ensure that we have the resources to provide emerging technologies that are critical for student success and to enhance our infrastructure to create innovative learning spaces.



Multimedia Resources Center ($2 million)
This dynamic and inclusive center for intellectual and creative engagement provides students from all disciplines with access to services and cutting edge technology they might not otherwise be able to afford. The MRC is a technological sandbox that enables students to hone their skills at creating, practicing, and presenting new knowledge through various modalities (3-D printing and makerspace technologies; presentation studio; one-button studio podcasts and films, virtual reality; etc.). At its heart, this center fosters experimentation, expression, and experiential learning.

iLab ($750,000)
This new instruction space is dedicated to active-learning and fostering collaboration, with a particular focus on data and visual literacy. Employers are seeking people with critical thinking and digital information skills that will help them to be successful in the workplace. The iLab will host workshops, classes, and programs that promote information fluency in an active learning environment with flexible seating, movable whiteboards, and multiple monitors that connect to student's portable devices via Wi-Fi.

Building and Sustaining excellence

Sustaining Impact – Named Endowments
Endowments make it possible for the UCI Libraries to support innovative projects and services that ensure students have the research skills needed to flourish in a digital world. You can create a permanent and lasting honorarium with an endowment gift that provides a continuous, self-sustaining source of funding The following are a few key naming opportunities:

University Librarian ($3 Million)
The University Librarian is a dean-level position charged with providing vision and leadership for the UCI Libraries. Naming this position will be highly visible and prominently featured in all library, campus, and external publications that refer to the University Librarian. The named endowment will elevate the Libraries' critical role in supporting UCI's mission of research, instruction, and patient care. It will accelerate our efforts to provide world-class collections, innovative services that support student academic success and social mobility, and ongoing initiatives to ensure that physical spaces, technology, and digital resources evolve to meet the needs of the campus and community. Most of all, this named endowment will serve as an ongoing catalyst to spark creativity and cutting-edge advancements within the UCI Libraries that will bring distinction to the campus and region for years to come.

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Librarian ($2 Million)
A named research librarian position will enable the Libraries to meet the innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives on campus. The librarian will assist campus users with patent searches and help to find ways to incorporate financial data and other business-related resources into course curricula. The key focus of this position will support the academic programs related to innovation in business, engineering, health care, and other fields—as well as support for students at the ANTrepreneur Center and at UCI Beall Applied Innovation.

Data Literacy Librarian
($2 Million)
Teaching critical thinking and research skills to students are foundational to their future academic and career success. The ability to find information efficiently, evaluate its authenticity, and effectively put the information to use are vital skills that employers seek. Today's librarian specializes in teaching students how to master emerging research technologies and how to navigate through the misinformation age. Your support will foster learning and critical thinking in an environment of information overload.

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