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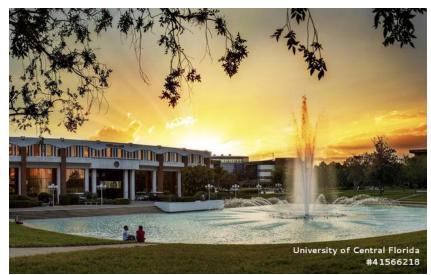
## Outline

- About UCF
- Background of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) project
- Highlights of the QEP project
- Tips for launching a replication in your institution



## About UCF

- One of **12** state public universities in FL
- Located about 13 miles east of downtown Orlando
- 68,571 students (2nd largest university in enrollment)<sup>1</sup>
- 9176 students in College of Business<sup>2</sup>





## **About QEP Project**

- UCF Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) theme – "What's Next: Integrative Learning for Professional and Civic Preparation"
- Applied and received a \$3,400 QEP grant for a proposal entitled "Libraries Bridging the Gap Between Innovation and Entrepreneurship"





#### About QEP Project...Cont. Team



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Libraries Bridging the Gap between Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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WORKSHOPS	Library

Join us for one or all four of our free workshops for students interested in wning their own business. These events will highlight campus resources and foster networking between entrepreneurial st<u>udents</u>.

#### September 26, 2018

Be Your Own Boss: Knights Alumni Entrepreneurs Panel Discussion

e hear a panel of UCF alumni from industries like high-tech, hospitality, and non-profit management who ha cessfully started their own businesses or are in the process of founding a company. The panel will be followe by a Q&A session.

#### November 15, 2018

Patents, Trademarks and Copyright: Tools for Entrepreneurial Success

Business names and brands, product logos, original artwork, secret recipes, and inventions are all forms of lectual property that one can lose the rights to if measures aren't taken to protect them! Come learn about portance of patents, trademarks, trade secrets, and copyright, what they mean and how to secure your right

#### January 23, 2019

CEL, I-Corps, and SBDC: UCF Support for the Student Entrepreneur

Getting to know the valuable resources at UCF that encourage student entrepreneurs with competitions, ntoring, and support programs. Members from UCF's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, I-Corps, and th Small Business Development Center will be present to share their insights.

#### March 20, 2019

Competitive Intelligence: Industry, Company, and Market Research using UCF Library Resources

you want help to position your business strategically and keep ahead of your competitors? Join the Busines sultant with the Florida SBDC at UCF and our UCF Business Librarian to learn the fundamentals of conductir competitive intelligence research.

For questions please email Min Tong at min.tong@ucf.edu or RSVP at guides.ucf.edu/entrepreneur

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Leadership



## About QEP Project...Cont.

The project is intended to.....

- Make the library serve as a bridge between disconnected resources on and beyond campus
- Provide 4 seminars to showcase and spur innovation and entrepreneurship
- Create an opportunity for like-minded entrepreneurial students from different disciplines to meet for mutually beneficial experiences and interactions



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#### Highlights – 1st event Alumni Entrepreneur Panel







Student feedback --Most important thing learned?

UCF supports commercialization of discoveries made at UCF How to start a business from a UCF professor's patent & using NSF funding in process UCF offers a great number of services that support entrepreneurship



#### **Highlights – 2nd event** Patents, Trademarks & Copyrights







Student feedback --Most important thing learned?

Patent application process

UCF is the only university in FL where a PTRC is located How patents, trademarks and copyrights can be used as tools to aid entrepreneurs on their road to success



### Highlights – 3rd event Business Coaching & Mentoring



**Resources** 





I didn't know exactly what I-Corps was about, but now I was excited to apply!

Student feedback -- Most important thing learned?

Launchpad connects you with peers and mentors That even if you don't have a very clear business idea, they could still help you at CEL.





### Highlights – 4th event

#### **Competitive Intelligence: Industry & Market Research**



#### Competitive Intelligence: Industry, Company, and Market Research

Find the information that will make your startup a success! Including: market research, industry research, trade journals, customer analytics, consumer trends, and intellectual property.

#### Wednesday, March 20, 2019

12:00 - 2:00 pm, Library Rm. 223







Student feedback --Most important thing learned?

There are some databases that are not available through UCF but can be accessed through the public library

Learning that SBDC exists and offers no cost services. I had been focusing on the product and made assumptions without actual market research Before I did not know about the databases I had access through out the help from SBDC (business strategy) and Min (Business research)



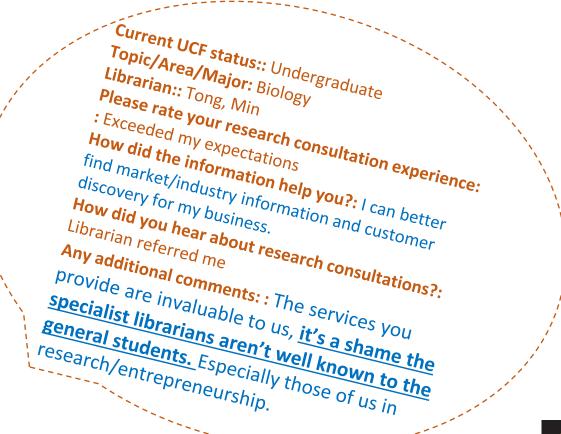


# We have kept hearing back from students.....

## "Before I didn't know..."



#### Student feedback form also demonstrated the need for programs like the **QEP** project



"Research Consultation Feedback Form" received on 9/21/2018



# Tips for replicating the workshops at your institution

- Promote events through ALL available channels (social media, faculty, student clubs, bulletin boards in buildings, other campus departments, and newsletters, etc.)
- Have an event setup checklist (2-4 weeks before, 2-3 weeks before, week before, day of event, after event)
- Timing (try different days of week, different times of day)
- Food is always a good attendance boost  $\textcircled{\sc {\odot}}$



## Questions?

## Thank You!

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