Platforms that Advance I&E at UC Berkeley

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Increasingly at UC Berkeley our biggest opportunities for advancing capacity for innovation and entrepreneurship (I&E) are in building *platforms*. MP3 audio files had existed for some time before Apple came up with the iTunes store platform. Similarly, Berkeley’s historically decentralized approach to developing its I&E ecosystem created outstanding successes, but they were often not linked in any way. This made it harder to navigate and to see just how much the Berkeley ecosystem “added up to.”

Here are nine examples of recently created platforms

1) **Scientific Instrument Sharing**: Berkeley Research Infrastructure Commons
2) **Shared-Return Venture Funds**: Family of 7 such funds (~10% of total return to UCB)
3) **Berkeley Changemaker**: A wider, more inclusive vision for entrepreneurship curriculum
4) **Begin.berkeley.edu**: Integrated portal for navigating all of Berkeley’s I&E
5) **Equity Solutions Group**: Increases value to UCB from acquired equity in startups
6) **Leader Network**: I&E Council connects ~80 campus Exec Directors and other leaders
7) **Bio-I&E Cluster**: LSEC as integrator for BBH / LSBE / QB3 / IGI / SkyDeck Bio-Track
8) **ACE Platform**: Accelerating Careers in Entrepreneurship through internships
9) **I&E Service Platforms**: Acceleration services (**SkyDeck**) and innovation services (**IPIRA**)