



Universitat d'Alacant  
Universidad de Alicante



## Gateway to the Mediterranean



## Facts & figures

History	1979. The University of Alicante was founded
Students	> 33.000
Employees	2.212 Teachers and Researchers 1.356 Administrative staff
Degrees	123 official degrees + 4 UA degrees
Institutions / schools	6 Faculties, 5 University schools, 1 Polytechnic, 75 Departments
Research	136 Research groups in 10 Research Institutes
Exchange students	> 2.500





## THE CAMPUS

- Big campus at the outskirts of the city
- Extraordinary environmental quality and architecture, modern buildings
- Extensive variety of services (restaurants, banks, post office, shops...)
- Located in a strategic position with excellent transport possibilities



## Scientific education & innovation



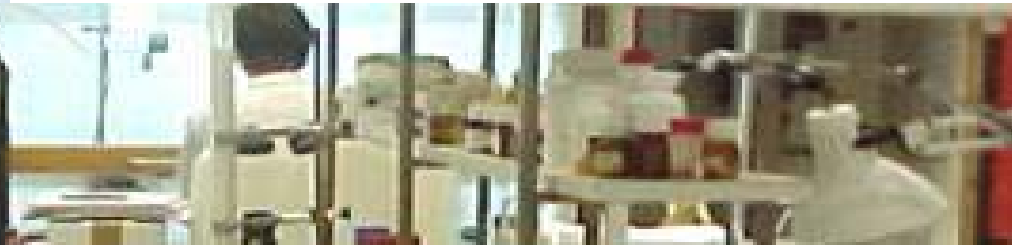
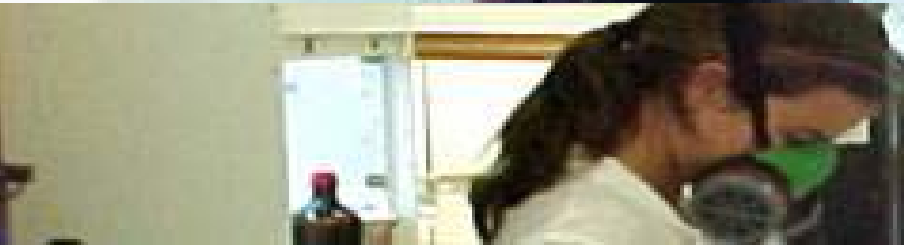
## Research at UA

- 12 Research Institutes
- 226 Research Teams
- > 300 Research projects in cooperation with other public institutions
- > 400 Research projects in cooperation with industrial partners
- Resources received for research: 18 million €
- Numerous Doctoral Thesis, Publications in specialist journals, books, patent applications





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## **University Industry Interface at UA**



## Main University – Industry Interface Units

**OTRI**  
**Technology Transfer  
Office**

**Science Park**

**Scientific Analysis  
Service (Planta Cero)**

**GIPE**  
**Career Centre**





## Innovation Support Services at UA

R&D with  
firms  
(OTRI)

Spin-off  
creation  
(OTRI)

Technology  
Brokerage  
& Mapping  
(OTRI)

New firm  
creation  
(GIPE)

Incubator  
(GIPE)

Technology  
Licensing  
(OTRI)

Intellectual  
Property  
Rights

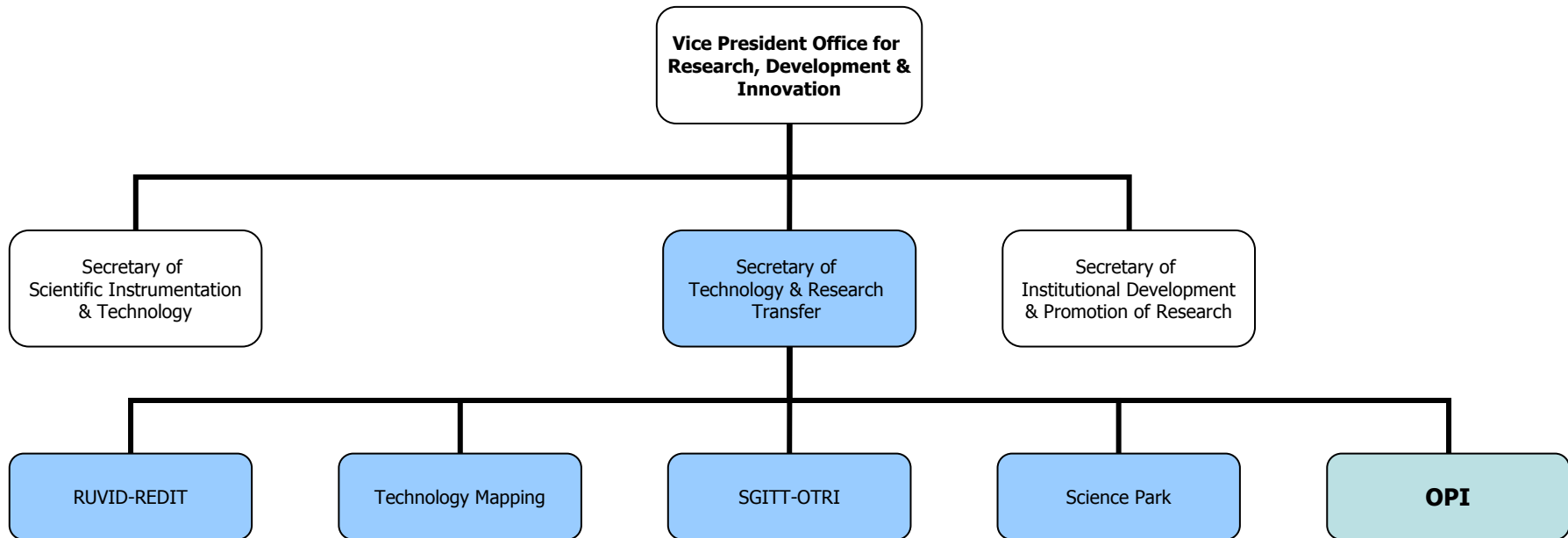
Career  
Centre  
(GIPE)

Vocational  
Training

Scientific  
Analysis Service  
(Planta Zero)

Technology  
Brokerage  
(OTRI)

# Innovation within the University Structure



## Technology Transfer Office at UA

### Services Offered

- R&D Projects national, regional, European
- R&D contracts with Industry
- Financial research management
- Updating of Technology offer of UA
- Intellectual Property management and assistance
- Creation of new, technology based firms
- Compilation of reports and statistics related to R&D



# Intellectual Property

## Services offered at UA

- Information on IP protection
- Information and assistance in Technology Transfer
- Technical assistance on IP issues to researchers
- Information on exploitation options of IPR
- Information on Enforcement of IPR
- Patentability studies
- Management of patent applications
- State-of-the art search (on individual request)
- Technology surveillance (by sectors)
- Mediation of IP related conflicts
- Website with general and specific information, news, events and training courses on IP

# International Cooperation Structure - Activities

## International Relations Society

- ✓ Student Mobility
- ✓ Teacher/ Researcher Mobility
- ✓ Foreign Language Courses

## International Cooperation Office

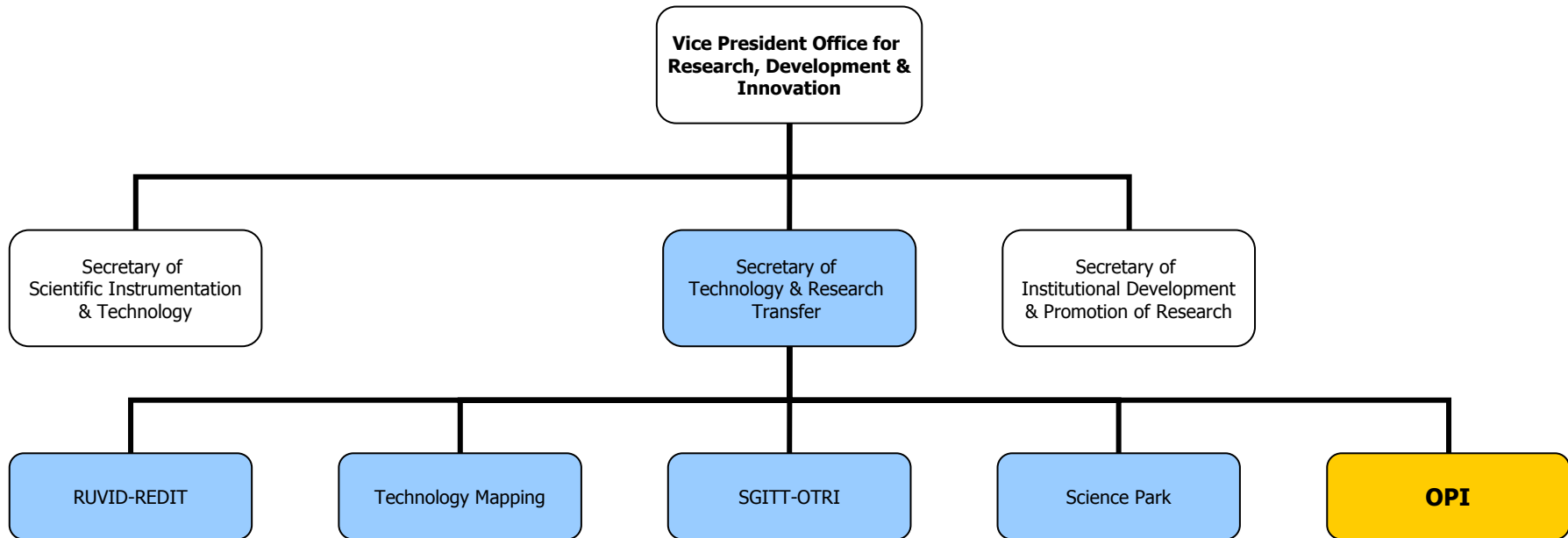
- ✓ International Agreements (with other Universities)
- ✓ Cooperation for Development

## International Project Management

- ✓ International Projects Management
- ✓ Trainings, Workshops, Consultancy



## The Project Office within the University Structure:



## The purpose of our office is to...



- offer support to University community to reveal funding sources, increase international scientific cooperation and establish international contacts
- motivate UA researchers to participate in international projects, help initiating and managing projects
- disseminate good practice expertise in diverse thematic areas (from Institutional Management to Accreditation and Curriculum Development)



- Main Services
  - Information on calls and international opportunities
  - Preparation of proposals
  - Services during the project execution
  - Assistance in project closing phase
- Other Services
  - Auditing (intermediation and assistance for internal and external audits)
  - Mediation and assistance for administrative and technical questions
  - Data bases maintenance and up-dating

# Assistance along the Projects Lifespan





# Project Management Services in detail

- **Calls Administration**
- **Proposal Writing**
- **Financial Administration**
- **Contractual Matters**
- **Translation Services**
- **Web design & hosting**
- **Events organisation**

- **Studies / analysis**
- **Training Sessions**
- **IPR Management**
- **Dissemination**
- **Partners Communication**
- **Monitoring**
- **Quality Management**





## Scope of UA Project Experience

- **Research and Development Projects - UA:**

- ✓ Participation in over 650 research projects in 2007
- ✓ Main areas:  
Chemistry, Environment (water), Economics, IT, Public Health
- ✓ Management of Research projects promoted by EU Commission, Spanish Central Government, Regional Government of Valencia, etc.

### **University and Research Management Projects – OPI:**

- ✓ Coordination 28 projects, participation ca. 37 projects
- ✓ Spanning geographic areas: Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia,
- ✓ Cooperation with > 40 countries and > 100 Higher Education Institutions
- ✓ Different topics: Institutional Management, Internationalisation, Fundraising, ...



# Areas of Expertise in University and Research Management Projects

- ✓ Planning & Management of HEIs
- ✓ University-Industry Cooperation
- ✓ International Scientific Cooperation
- ✓ Intellectual Property Rights & Research
- ✓ Quality & Accreditation
- ✓ Strategic Planning
- ✓ E-learning
- ✓ ICTs & Project Management
- ✓ Curriculum Development



## OPI Services – Key Staff

- **Project Management**
- **Proposal Drafting**
- **International Relations**
- **Networking, Fundraising**
- **Intellectual Property Rights**
- **Benchmarking in HEI**
- **Quality & Accreditation**
- **Innovation & Tech. Transfer**
- **Auditing**
- **Reporting, Admin. Coordination**

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## Project Experience in the area of University - Enterprise

- **PROMETHEUS (EC -Tempus)**
  - ✓ Promoting entrepreneurial activities and technology transfer in the system of Higher Education of the Republic of Moldova
- **CREATE (EC -Tempus)**
  - ✓ Stimulating Croatia's Entrepreneurial Activities and Technology Transfer in Education
- **PROTECT (EC -Tempus)**
  - ✓ Promoting Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurial Activities in Ukrainian Universities
- **SEASCAPE (EC -Tempus)**
  - ✓ System of Entrepreneurial activities support in higher education: Central Asian pilot organizational model

## Other Projects in the area of TT and IP

- **PILA-Network (EC -ALFA)**
  - Consortium: 18 Unis from LatAm, 4 EU
  - Associated partners: WIPO, European Patent Office, Spanish PO, 18 LA Pos
  - Objective: To establish a Regional Higher Education IP Network as a learning platform to foster modernisation and strategic planning of IP Management practices and regional integration in HE in LatAm.
- **UNILINK (EC -Tempus)**
  - Towards a sustainable university-enterprise partnership scheme in Tunisia
- **IP-UniLink (EC -Erasmus Mundus)**
  - promote EU IP management practices to facilitate RTD linkages with BRIC countries and university-industry links



**Thank you for your attention!**

**Looking forward to a successful  
cooperation!**



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