The Bioengineering Institute of California (BIC) was created to synergize the strengths and expertise of ten UC campuses. The goal of the BIC is to maintain a coherent and cohesive network for pursuit of inter-campus collaboration, sharing of UC resources, exchange of information, and advancing of bioengineering research and education in the UC system and beyond.

Specific goals of the BIC include:

- Holding an annual Systemwide Bioengineering Symposium to bring together students and faculty from all ten campuses to exchange information and foster interactions in bioengineering and related fields.
- Cultivating the next-generation of scientists/engineers in fields related to bioengineering by interdisciplinary and inter-campus training and mentoring through the California Academy of Bioengineering.
- Generating extramural funding by preparing outstanding intercampus proposals that synergize the complementary strengths in bioengineering on the UC campuses.
- Representing the Bioengineering community at national and international Bioengineering meetings.
- Promoting equity and diversity among the 10 campuses through educational programs and collaborative recruitment strategies.
During a 5-year audit of the Institute, the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) identified an opportunity to link California bioengineering industry and the Bioengineering Institute of California (BIC). The Review Committee suggested that the BIC improve engagement with the thriving bioengineering industry in California, including the vast majority of University of California bioengineering alumni.

The newly formed Industry Liaison Committee will:

- Serve as a link between the BIC and companies/organizations that have a vested interest in advocating for the professional training of graduate and undergraduate students in Bioengineering.
- Identify emerging areas of need for improved training such as in Data Sciences and Bioinformatics, as well as opportunities for industry-academic grant partnerships.
- Speak with a unified voice about the unique needs of bioengineering industry with regards to faculty research grants, intellectual property, licensing, etc. that spark job creation through startup activity.
- Actively participate in the annual UC systemwide symposia to enrich translational research discussions, identify faculty and student partnership opportunities, and engage with talented and diverse UC students.
Consider Supporting the BIC Symposium!

- **Sponsor the meeting** in August via the sponsorship form link found here: 
  https://bic-symposium.bioengineering.ucsb.edu/
  - Bronze: $2,500
  - Silver: $5,000
  - Gold: $10,000
  - Platinum: $25,000

  Sponsors will be highly visible to all attendees including UC students and faculty.

- **SAVE THE DATE and attend the meeting in August** to enrich the exchange of ideas beyond academic experts towards translational research at the clinic and bedside:
  - Special focus on the biotech industry and a roundtable to connect biotech/pharma/medtech thought leaders with researchers.
  - Registration opens soon!

- **Advertise the meeting** within your organization and network:
  - Focus on UC alum in your network to introduce the BIC to the greater community.
  - Our goal is to register >100 industry attendees.