

TRITON VENTURES CONSTITUTION

2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

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ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called Triton Ventures at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Triton Ventures at UC San Diego was created to educate, inspire, and advance student interest in venture capital. The organization's primary objective is to provide students with resources and opportunities to explore the field of venture capital, develop entrepreneurial skills, and connect with industry professionals through workshops, speaker events, and networking opportunities. Members will gain practical experience, build a network of like-minded peers, and acquire the skills necessary to pursue careers in venture capital and entrepreneurship.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Triton Ventures at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Triton Ventures is open to any registered undergraduate or graduate student at UC San Diego. There are no dues or fees required for membership.

There are no restrictions on membership; any student who is interested in becoming a member is welcome to join. To become a member, students must submit a form with their email address. Members are identified by their inclusion in the organization's official member list, which is maintained by the executive committee.

Membership in Triton Ventures is open to any student, consistent with the Nondiscrimination Policy Statement for University of California Publications regarding Student-Related Matters.

ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Triton Ventures will hold General Body Meetings (GBMs) once a month. These meetings will be the primary forum for organizational updates and decision-making. There is no required number of GBMs each quarter or year, but regular monthly meetings are encouraged to maintain engagement and momentum.

In addition to GBMs, Triton Ventures will also host various events such as networking sessions, fireside chats, and speaker series to further engage members and provide additional opportunities for learning and connection. All events, including GBMs and other activities, will be open to anybody including members and non-members.

Minutes will be taken during GBMs to ensure that key information is recorded and can be shared with members who are unable to attend.

ARTICLE VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICERS

Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

Officer Positions and Duties

There will be eight officer positions within Triton Ventures:

1. President
 - Oversees all aspects of the organization, including planning operations, events, and strategic initiatives. The President is responsible for ensuring that the organization runs smoothly and meets its objectives.
2. Vice President of Finance
 - Manages the organization's finances, including budgeting, applying for Registered Student Organization (RSO) funding, and overseeing any financial transactions.
3. Vice President of Community
 - Manages the organization's membership list, collaborates with other clubs on campus, and plans social events to foster community within the organization.
4. Vice President of Design
 - Responsible for creating designs for social media graphics, newsletters, promotions, and any other visual materials needed by the organization.
5. Vice President of Technology
 - Manages and maintains the organization's website, ensuring it is up-to-date and functional.
6. Vice President of Events
 - Oversees the planning and execution of all events, including securing venues, coordinating logistics, and ensuring that events run smoothly.
7. Vice President of Marketing
 - Manages the organization's social media channels, oversees newsletter distribution, and works on promoting events and the organization itself.
8. Vice President of Operations
 - Oversees the professional programs offered by the organization, ensuring they are well-organized and beneficial to members.

Executive Committee

- The officers of Triton Ventures will constitute an Executive Committee, which will be responsible for making key decisions regarding the organization's activities, direction, and operations. This committee will meet regularly to discuss and vote on important matters.

Election Process

- Members can apply for an officer position during the Spring Quarter, up until the 5th week of Spring Quarter, for the following academic year term. Elections will take place in May of Spring Quarter, and elected officers will assume their positions in June, serving until the following May.

Eligibility for Office

- Any member of Triton Ventures is eligible to run for an officer position.

Officer and Member Removal and Replacement

- Officers may be removed from their positions if they are not fulfilling their responsibilities or contributing to the organization. A removal process can be initiated by any officer and requires a majority vote among the Executive Committee. If an officer is removed, a replacement will be selected through an application process, and the new officer will be appointed by a majority vote of the remaining officers.
- In case of the removal of general members, the Executive Committee will follow a similar process, where the circumstances are reviewed, and a vote is taken to determine the member's status.
- Additionally, Any member of Triton Ventures may file a complaint requesting a hearing of impeachment against an officer for abuse of power or failure to fulfill their duties.
 - Complaints shall be referred to the President, or to the Vice President of Community if the President is the subject of the complaint.
 - The Executive Committee will review the complaint and vote on the impeachment within five (5) academic days of receiving the complaint.
 - The officer in question will have the opportunity to present their case before the Executive Committee during this review period.
 - The severity of the complaint will determine the appropriate action, which may include suspension, removal from office, or other disciplinary measures.
 - A majority vote of the Executive Committee is required to carry out any disciplinary action, including removal from office.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

Triton Ventures at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Triton Ventures at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Triton Ventures does not engage in activities that involve working with minors or the elderly, providing medical assistance, conducting international travel, or handling hazardous chemicals, materials, equipment, or machinery.

ARTICLE VIII. HAZING PREVENTION

Triton Ventures strictly prohibits any form of hazing within the organization. All members are educated on the definition and identification of hazing during their orientation into the organization. Hazing is defined as any activity expected of someone joining or participating in a group that humiliates, degrades, abuses, or endangers them, regardless of their willingness to participate. Members will be informed about how to identify hazing and how to report it through educational workshops and materials provided by the organization. Any reports of hazing will be taken seriously and investigated by the Executive Committee. Members found to have participated in hazing activities will face immediate disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion from the organization. Triton Ventures understands the serious repercussions of hazing and commits to upholding UC San Diego's anti-hazing policies. Any violations will be referred to the Center for Student Accountability, Growth, & Education for further action.

ARTICLE IX. COMMUNITY MENTOR

Triton Ventures has selected two community mentors to provide strategic guidance and resources to assist in our club operations:

1. Greg Horowitt
 - Greg Horowitt is a serial entrepreneur, investor, and innovation systems architect. He currently serves as the Managing Director of Jun Capital and is a member of the Society of Kauffman Fellows. Greg is also the Director of Innovation at the University of California, San Diego, and an adjunct lecturer at Stanford University. With over 25 years of experience in startups, venture capital, and innovation ecosystems, Greg brings valuable expertise to our organization. He is the co-author of the bestselling book, *The Rainforest: The Secret to Building the Next Silicon Valley*, and serves as a trusted advisor to organizations such as the US State Department, Aspen Institute, University of California, and World Bank.
2. Jacques Chirazi
 - Jacques Chirazi is the Director of Student Entrepreneurship at UC San Diego, where he manages the day-to-day operations of the Blackstone Launchpad and The Basement. Jacques oversees educational workshops, grant funding, and stewardship for all student entrepreneurship programs at UCSD. His experience in fostering entrepreneurship among students makes him an invaluable mentor for Triton Ventures.

Both mentors will work closely with our officers to provide strategic guidance and resources, ensuring that Triton Ventures operates effectively and achieves its mission.

ARTICLE X. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Triton Ventures will finance its activities through a combination of sponsorships, grants, and other funding sources as needed. All finances will be collected on a need-to-use basis, meaning no additional profits or money will be collected beyond what is necessary for specific activities or events. Triton Ventures does not have an off-campus bank account. The organization will submit a budget to the A.S. or G.S.A. finance committee quarterly to ensure transparency and proper management of funds.

ARTICLE XI. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

Triton Ventures is an independent organization; however, it may host cross-club events with other Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) on campus or collaborate with venture capital funds in San Diego to provide additional opportunities and resources for its members.