

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME Allen, David, N.	POSITION TITLE Vice President, Tech Launch Arizona		
INSTITUTION The University of Arizona			
EDUCATION/TRAINING			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
Indiana University, Bloomington	PhD	6/1980	Political Economy Regional Planning and Public Administration Sociology and Urban Studies
Penn State University	MPA and MRP	1976	
I Indiana University	BA	1973	

A. Personal Statement

Tech Launch Arizona (TLA) is a new organization at the University of Arizona. The operation, managed by the Vice President, reports to the President and the Vice President is a member of the President's Cabinet. TLA was created to bridge and integrate various exiting technology commercialization offices of the University: Tech Transfer Arizona, Corporate Relations Arizona and Tech Parks Arizona and its business incubator, the Arizona Center for Innovation. As part of the TLA mission, the entire technology commercialization effort has been augmented with new funds to pursue activities such as Proof of Concept funding and seed stage venture funding.

Vice President Allen has been involved in the study and practice of technology commercialization for 30 years. As a professor at Penn State University (1981 – 1991) he taught in public policy and entrepreneurship and conducted research on business incubators and the faculty role in commercializing their inventions. During the latter part of this period he served as a consultant to a regional Seed venture capital fund, Zero Stage Partners of Central Pennsylvania. In 1991 he went to Ohio University in Athens to run the Innovation Center (the OU business incubator) and start a Technology Transfer Office as Assistant Vice President of Technology and Economic Development. In 1993 he also became the Director of the Edison Biotechnology Institute. He left OU to become the Assistant Vice President of Technology Transfer at Ohio State University in 1997. In that capacity he worked to help create various technology development organizations for Ohio State. In 2002 he became the Associate VP for Technology Transfer at the University of Colorado. In that role he transformed an underperforming Technology Transfer Office into a university asset and nationally recognized program. Distinctive features included a nationally preeminent POC program and on average ten growth-oriented start-up companies per year. CU's TTO was one of a few such operations across the country that was financially self-sufficient (based on a \$5M annual budget). He came to the University of Arizona in September 2012. Dr. Allen will also ensure that TLA resources promote responsive and impactful technology commercialization instruction experiences for students.

B. Positions

1980 – 1981 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Louisville
 1981 – 1991 Assistant Professor, Institute of Public Administration and Smeal College of Business.
 1991 – 1996 Assistant VP, Technology and Economic Development, and Director, Edison Biotechnology Institute, Ohio University, Athens
 1997 – 2002 Associate VP, Technology Transfer, Ohio State University
 2001 – 2012 Associate VP, Technology Transfer, University of Colorado
 2012 – present VP and Executive Director, Tech Launch Arizona, University of Arizona