

About Stanford Research Park, Palo Alto, California

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Stanford Research Park is where people come together to collaborate, discover, and break new ground. Nestled between peaceful foothills and Stanford University, Stanford Research Park covers 700 acres and is home to over 150 companies in 10 million square feet of R&D and office buildings. SRP is a hub for R&D activity, sustainable transportation, and is an engine for regional economic development.

It can be said that one of the cornerstones of Silicon Valley was laid when Varian Associates broke ground as Stanford Research Park's first company in 1951. The Stanford Industrial Park, as it was first called, was the brainchild of Stanford University's Provost and Dean of engineering, Frederick Terman, who saw the potential of a University-affiliated business park that focused on research and development and generated income for the University and community.

Dean Terman envisioned a new kind of collaboration, where Stanford University could join forces with industry and the City of Palo Alto to advance shared interests. He saw the SRP's potential to serve as a beacon for new, high-quality scientists and faculty, provide jobs for University graduates, and stimulate regional economic development. In the 1950s, leaders within the City of Palo Alto and Stanford University forged a seminal partnership by creating Stanford Research Park, agreeing to annex SRP lands into the City of Palo Alto.

An incredible number of breakthroughs have occurred in Stanford Research Park. Varian developed the microwave tube, forming the basis for satellite technology and particle accelerators. Its spin-off, Varian Medical, developed radiation oncology treatments, medical devices and software for medical diagnostics. Steve Jobs founded NeXT Computer, breaking ground for the next generation of graphics and audio capabilities in personal computing.

Hewlett-Packard developed electronic measuring instruments, leading to medical electronic equipment, instrumentation for chemical analysis, the mainframe computer, laser printers and hand-held calculators. At Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), innovations such as personal work stations, Ethernet cabling and the personal computer mouse were invented. Lockheed's space and missile division developed critical components for the International Space Station.

Today, Tesla's electric vehicle and battery prototypes are developed and assembled here in its headquarters. Our largest tenant, VMware, continues to create the virtualization hardware and software solutions they pioneered, leading the world in cloud computing.

To this day it continues to be the center of the world's high-tech industry. Because it offers a critical link to Stanford University and carries the prestige of a Palo Alto address, our mission to capture the spirit and vision of Dean Terman by supporting the needs of Stanford Research Park companies so that they may perpetuate the legacy of innovation.