

Pratt & Whitney Launches UCI Center of Excellence

We are delighted to report that [Pratt & Whitney](#) has established a Center of Excellence for Solidification Science at UCI. Diran Apelian will be its inaugural Director, and the team of Carl Soderhjelm, Dan Mumm, Julián Rimoli (of Mechanical engineering) and Lorenzo Valdevit will be the core faculty working on these projects. The Center of Excellence will be a hub with ties to OSU, North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T.



Pictured are the team during a visit to the Asheville N.C plant that Pratt & Whitney just built. From left: Lorenzo Valdevit, Dan Mumm, Andrew Zang, Diran Apelian, Carl Soderhjelm, and Slade Stolz.