



ADVANCED INVESTMENT PROGRAM  
Schedule  
Palo Alto  
8 - 12 September 2025



Sunday 7th September	Monday 8th September	Tuesday 9th September	Wednesday 10th September	Thursday 11th September	Friday 12th September
	check out of SF hotel	<b>SRI International, arrive at 8:30am</b>	8:00 am Breakfast and Team work discussion on case studies	8:00 am Breakfast and Team work discussion on case studies	8:00 am Breakfast and Team work discussion on case studies
9:00 Omni Hotel - pick up	8:30 - 9:30 am Bay Area Council: <i>Sean Randolph</i>	8:40 – 8:50 am Welcome and Opening Remarks: <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i>	8:30 - 9:30 am <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #2	8:30 - 8:45 am <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #6	8:30 - 9:15 am <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #9
Visit Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park - beautiful walk through groves of giant trees	9:30 - 10:30 am Drive to Leo Labs, register all guests	8:50 – 10:00 am Introduction to SRI: <i>Peter Marcotullio</i>	9:30 - 10:30 am <b>Guest Speaker</b> <i>Jackie Carmel</i> , Endeavor Catalyst	8:45 - 10:15 am <b>Guest Speaker</b> <i>Ufuk Demirci</i> , IFC	9:15 - 10:15 am <b>Guest Speaker</b> <i>Eric Ver Ploeg</i> : Tunitas Ventures VC
	10:30 - 11:30 am Leo Labs: Dan Ceperley	10:00 - 10:15 am Break	10:30 - 10:45 am Break	10:15 - 10:30 am Break	10:15 - 10:30 am Break
Lunch in Santa Cruz at the Pacific Ocean	11:30 am - 12:00 pm drive to Googleplex	10:15 - 11:00 am Planned Lab Tour - robotics	10:45 - 11:30 am <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #3	10:30 - 11:00 am <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #7	10:30 - 11:00 am <b>Guest Speaker</b> <i>Shaloo Garg</i> , Microsoft Corporate VC
<i>other items on the agenda will be announced shortly</i>	12:00 - 1:45pm Lunch at Google Visitor Experience, explore campus	11:00 – 11:45 am Presentation and Q & A, Nomura, DARPA	11:30am - 12:15pm <b>Guest Speaker</b> <i>Michele Colucci</i> , Digital DX VC	11:00am - 12:00 pm <b>Guest Speaker</b> <i>Topher Nelson</i> , Blockchain Co- investors	11:00 am - 12:00 pm <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #10
	1:45 - 2:00 pm drive to Levita	11:45 - 12:00 pm Break	12:15 - 1:15 pm Lunch at the Garden Patio	12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch at the Garden Patio	12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch at the Garden Patio
	2:00 - 3:00 pm Levita Magnetix VP R&D: Chauncey Graetzel	12:00 – 1:00 pm planned cyber Presentation: lab or spinout company	1:15 - 1:45 pm <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #4	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm <b>Guest Panel</b> <i>Dilek Dayinlarli</i> , ScaleX VC (Turkey) & Jazmin Gustale Gill, iThink VC (Paraguay)	1:00 - 2:00 pm <b>Guest Speaker</b> <i>Tim Young</i> , VC attorney
	3:00 - 3:30 pm drive to Sheraton Palo Alto	1:00 - 1:15 pm Travel to Stanford GSB	1:45 - 2:30 pm <b>Guest Speaker</b> <i>Eric Chen</i> , OVO Fund VC	2:00 - 3:00 pm <b>Guest Speaker</b> <i>Manish Kothari</i> , First Spark VC	2:00 - 2:45 pm <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #11
	Dinner on their own	1:15 – 2:00 pm Lunch at Stanford GSB	2:30 - 2:45 pm Break	3:00 - 3:15 pm Break	2:45 - 3:00 pm Break
		2:00 - 3:30 pm <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #1 (room BC332) Introduce next 3 days at end of session	2:45 - 4:00 pm <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #5	3:15 - 4:00 pm <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #8	3:00 - 4:00 pm <b>Guest Speaker</b> <i>Touraj Parang</i> : CEO, past VC, author of Exit Path
		3:30 - 4:30 pm Stanford Campus Tour	4:00 - 5:00 pm <b>Panel Discussion</b> on Quality Deal Flow: <i>JJ Singh</i> , Stanford Angels; <i>Mark Belinsky</i> , Band of Angels and Harvard Angels; <i>Margarise Correa</i> : Bay Brazil Diaspora Organization	4:00 - 5:00 pm <b>Guest Speaker</b> <i>Faysal Sohail</i> , Presidio Partners VC	4:00 - 4:45 pm <i>prof. Steve Ciesinski</i> #12
		Dinner on their own	Dinner on their own	Dinner on their own	5:00 pm <b>Reception and certificates</b> at the Upper Terrace