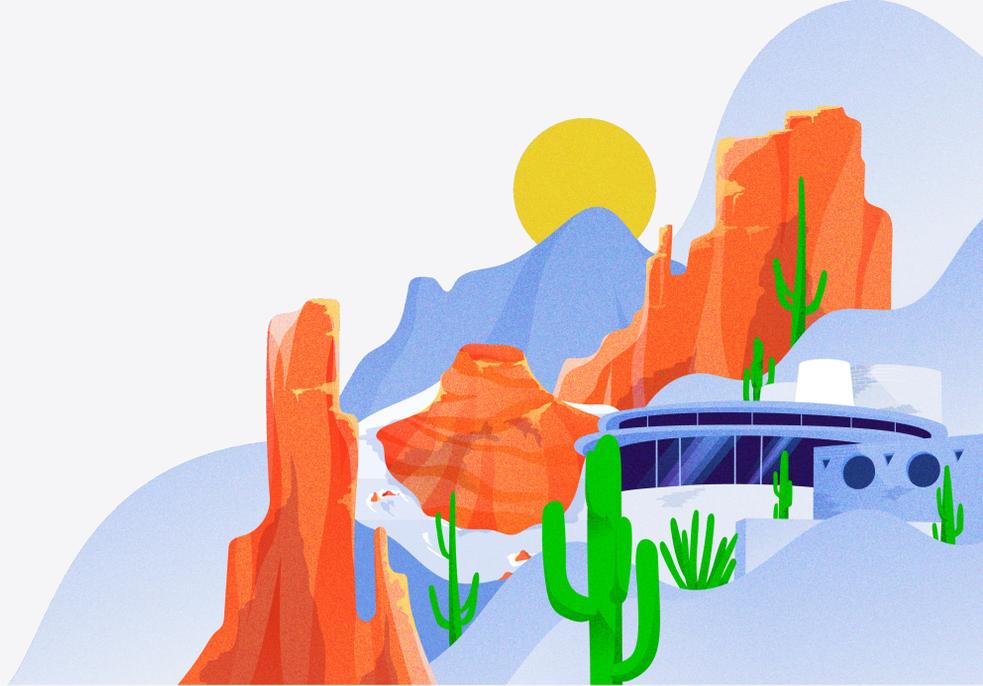


# Mining Innovation Forum

April 7, 2026 | 8 AM – 1 PM  
Phoenix, Arizona



Plug and Play accelerateAZ and the University of Arizona are proud to co-host the Mining Innovation Forum, during AZ Tech Week

This forum serves as the intersection for mining professionals, entrepreneurs, academics and investors. Attendees will discover emerging technologies and university resources to scale product development and testing. Join us at the frontier of mining innovation.

The day will feature:

- **Industry Insights:** Executives will share insights on emerging trends they're watching
- **Startup Showcase:** Rising mining technology startups will deliver presentations on their product and vision.
- **Strategic Networking:** Connect with professionals, academics and entrepreneurs in the mining sector looking to collaborate

## Speakers



**Dean Riley**  
Research Scientist  
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



**Jill Ladegard**  
Senior Director  
worley

## Venue Sponsor



Scottsdale

## Agenda

<b>Arrival &amp; Networking</b>	1:00 PM
<b>Opening Remarks</b> Plug and Play The University of Arizona Scottsdale Center The University of Arizona School of Mining	1:30 PM
<b>Startup Showcase</b> Lunasonde Durin Model Mining airth Reemine	1:45 PM
<b>Proving Grounds for Mining Tech</b> Dean Riley, University of Arizona Ted Feldman, Durin	2:15 PM
<b>Industry Trends &amp; Technology</b> Worley <i>More to be announced soon!</i>	2:30 PM
<b>Networking</b>	3:00 PM

## Featured Startups

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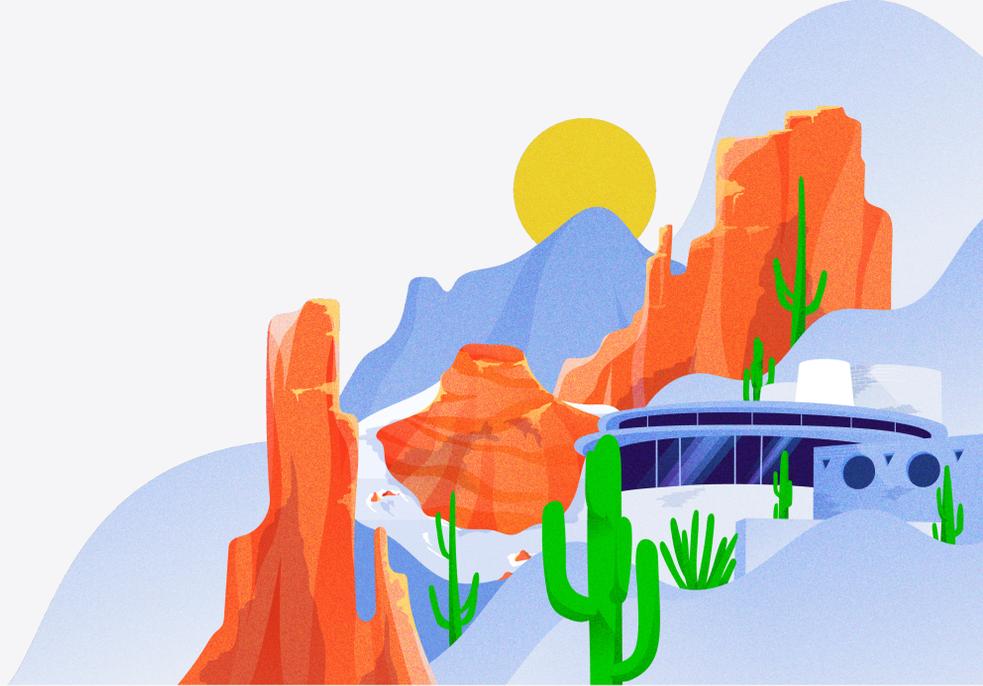


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# accelerateAZ Expo

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This forum serves as the intersection for industry leaders, rising entrepreneurs and visionary investors.

The day will feature:

- **Industry Insights:** Executives will share insights on working with startups and the emerging trends they're watching
- **Scaling Industrial Technology:** A deep dive into the infrastructure, capital, and corporate partnerships required to scale critical technologies.
- **Strategic Networking:** Connect directly with professionals, academics and entrepreneurs seeking to implement new technologies.

## Speakers



**Jose Esparza**  
SVP, Public Policy



**Sandra Watson**  
President & CEO



**Danny Seiden**  
President & CEO



**Ali Asghar**  
VP, M&A & Ventures



**Josh Hollin**  
SVP, CTO



**Jon Berry**  
Market Director



**Andrew Leto**  
Founder & CEO

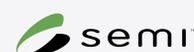


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## Agenda

<b>Registration &amp; Networking Breakfast</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Saeed Amidi, Plug and Play Sandra Watson, Arizona Commerce Authority Jon Berry, Western Alliance Bank Josh Hollin, Benchmark Electronics	
<b>Founder Fireside Chat</b>	<b>9:30 PM</b>
Andrew Leto, Emerge	
<b>Energy Innovation Fireside Chat</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Jose Esparza, APS Danny Seiden, Arizona Chamber	
<b>Corporate Venture Capital Panel</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Ali Asghar, Honeywell Aerospace	
<b>Scaling HealthTech Panel</b>	<b>11:00 PM</b>
<b>Networking &amp; Lunch</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>

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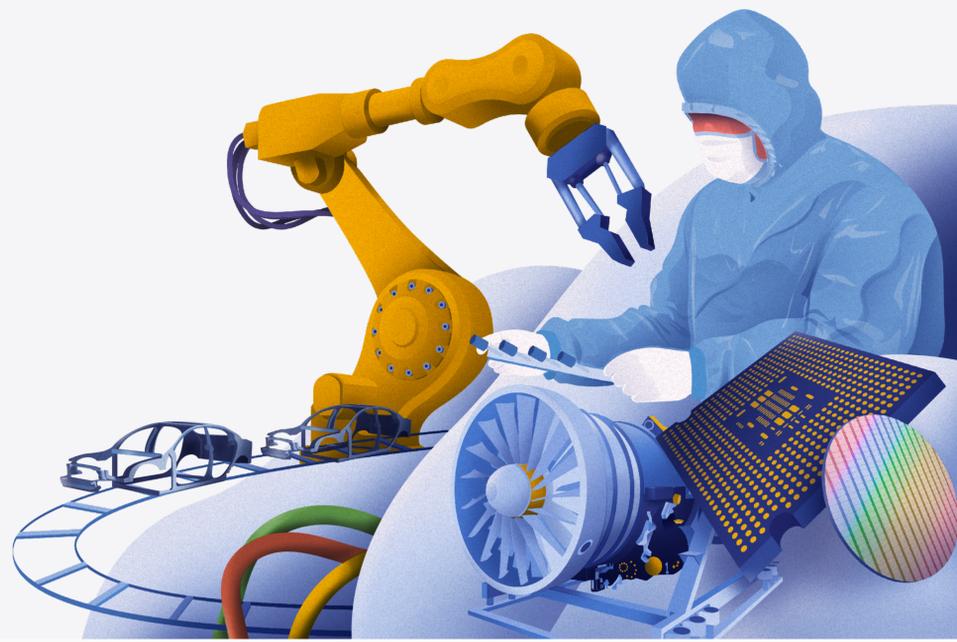
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Plug and Play is the leading open innovation platform, connecting startups, corporations, investors, universities, and government agencies worldwide. Headquartered in Silicon Valley, Plug and Play has over 60 offices and specializes in 26 industry verticals.

Plug and Play offers innovation services that support corporate partners in every stage of their innovation journey. The Plug and Play venture capital arm manages a family office and multiple vertical funds that have invested in over 2,000 startups including more than 30 unicorns.



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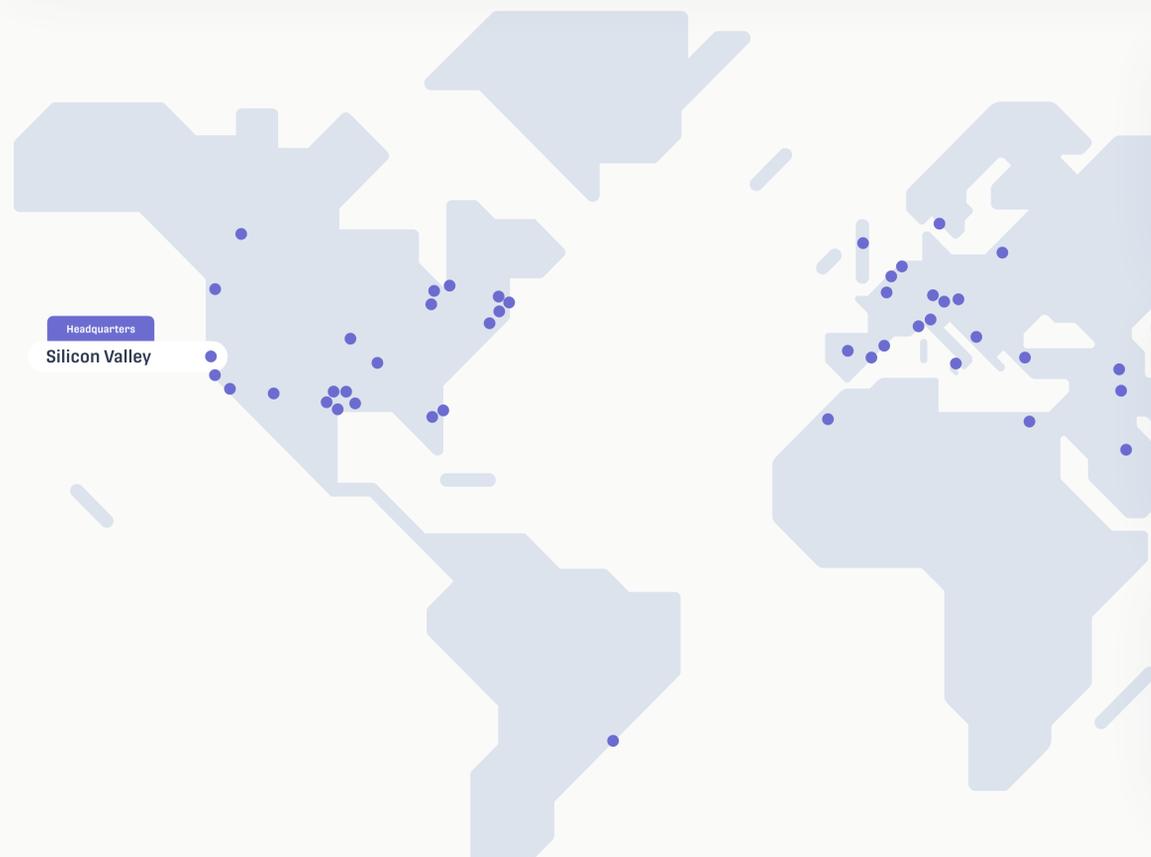


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Startup Acceleration

Arizona Partners:



60+  
Offices Globally

700+  
Employees

550+  
Corporate Partners

26  
Industry Verticals

100k  
Startups Sourced

200+  
Investments a Year

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