What is VIP?
The Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP) program integrates undergraduate education and faculty research in a team-based environment. It provides an immersive, collaborative, and flexible learning environment in which undergraduate students earn academic credits by participating in a research project for up to three years (typically from sophomore through senior years). The students have the opportunity to learn and practice professional skills, experience different roles, and make substantial contributions to research projects. In January 2016 UC Davis was awarded a grant from the Helmsley Trust to join a national consortium of universities that have adopted the VIP program. Current UC Davis VIP projects will be discussed in this symposium.