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## Siebel's \$9M gift will boost stem cell work at Cal and Stanford

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**UC-Berkeley**, and **Stanford University** will set up a stem cell institute funded by a \$9 million gift from the Siebel Foundation.

The two schools, rivals on the sports field but partners in many academic efforts, will set up the Siebel Stem Cell Institute, a joint research program. Another \$1.5 million gift from the foundation will endow a chair in stem cell research at UC-Berkeley.

Researchers from the Berkeley Stem Cell Center and the Stanford Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine Institute will work together on this new endeavor.

Cal's researchers are working on the molecular mechanisms of stem cell growth and development, while research at Stanford's medical school focuses on turning basic research into medical treatments. Stanford will set aside laboratory space in its planned stem cell building for visiting researchers from Berkeley.

Robert Tjian, director of the Berkeley Stem Cell Center, will direct Cal's portion of the joint project, while Irving Weissman, a Stanford cancer expert, will lead that school's portion.

The **Thomas and Stacey Siebel Foundation** was established in 1996.

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