Undergraduate Innovation & Entrepreneurship Scholar Program
Program Overview

*Required

Outside the Classroom – Workshops/practicum

*Entrepreneurship Boot Camp: Entrepreneurship Boot Camp is a one-day glimpse into entrepreneurship at CMU and in Pittsburgh on each fall. The Boot Camp focuses on entrepreneurial resources in the community, design thinking and idea screening.

Entrepreneur Workshops: (offered on Friday afternoons and weekdays 5-6:30pm)
Attend workshops notated by * and write a one page perspective on what was learned.
(Visit CIE Calendar of CONNECTS EVENTS: http://www.cmu.edu/cie/events-and-opportunities/calendar/index.html)

Start Smart Legal Seminars and Workshops (3-4 offered a semester) Examples below
- *Basics of entity formation; Pros and Cons of various legal structures for start-ups
- *Creating sound founder agreements
- Structuring equity compensation
- (* if appropriate) Starting a Business with an F-1 International Student Visa
- Basic intellectual property strategy
- *Raising capital (including friends and family funding)
- Creating an advisory/corporate board
- Basics of Business valuation
- Insurance and product liability, employee compensation
- Doing business internationally
- Launching a social enterprise
- Commercializing open-sourced or public innovation
- *How to Shop for a Lawyer

Blue Tree Allied Angels
- *Attend at least one screening meeting: Held first Thursday of every month except August and December (# to be determined, debriefing afterwards)
- *Attend one member meeting (paid for by CMU)
- *Attend “How to Pitch to an Angel” session
- *Participate in’ Think Like An Angel’ – Global Entrepreneurship Week

Attend AlphaLab Programs
- *Open Coffee (attend one)
- *Demo Day (attend one)
- Mixer
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Participate in 3 or more Olympus Roundtable/Invitation only sessions (Examples of prior Roundtables)
  • How to recruit and manage advisors
  • How to set up and manage Boards of Directors
  • How to launch your startup
  • How to build and manage a team
  • How to set up your office operations/back office
  • How to hold a successful Kickstarter-type fundraiser

* Participate in Startup Tour (1x per semester or year) **
* Intern at a Start Up between junior and senior year; (Note – can be own startup) **
* Attend TiE Pittsburgh's BaseCamp and 2 other events during junior year **
* Attend 4 or more events MIT Enterprise Forum events during junior year **
* Participate in Silicon Valley trek **

Optional: Found or co-Found a startup (become an Olympus PROBE):
  • Eligible for Spark Grant Fund up to $3000
  • Eligible for spot in spring S&T

** Costs will be covered or subsidized by the Scholars Program