## CONNECTS

## Entrepreneurship Seminar Series Fall 2021

All CONNECTS events will be hosted in a hybrid event format and advanced registration is required.

Zoom information to all registered attendees will be sent the day before the event.

Please note that the session will be recorded and added to the Swartz Center's YouTube page following the event.

All CONNECTS Seminars are held from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Tues, Sept 14	Acting and Thinking Like an Entrepreneur – More Important Now than Ever! Rebecca U. Harris, President, RUH Consulting, LLC
Wed, Sept 15	Customer Enchantment through Design Thinking Brad Eiben, Carnegie Mellon University
Thurs, Sept 16	Entrepreneurship Through Acquisition Len Caric, CMU
Tues, Sept 21	Customer Discovery: Is My Idea a Good One? Kit Needham, CMU Swartz Center
Wed, Sept 22	Exploring the Four Types of Entrepreneurship Laurie Barkman, CEO of SmallDotBig & CMU
Thurs, Sept 23	Federal SBIR/STTR Process and How Startups Can Take Advantage of Free Money Ralph Hershberger, Madera Associates LLC
Tues, Sept 28	Pitching Innovation to the C-Suite Melissa Murphy, CMU
Wed, Sept 29	Show Me the Money: Monetizing IP via Licenses Matt Kirmayer & Daphne Higgs, Perkins Coie
Tues, Oct 5	Business Model Canvas: A Practical Guide Will Kaigler, CMU Swartz Center
Wed, Oct 6	Early Stage Fundraising from Silicon Valley Investors: Terminology, Milestones, Expectations Kelly Coyne, Co-Founder/Managing Partner, Chalet
Thurs, Oct 7	To Trust or Not to Trust: What Every Startup Needs to Know about Privacy and Cybersecurity John Funge, DataTribe
Tues, Oct 12	<b>Lean Startups</b> Dave Mawhinney, CMU Swartz Center
Wed, Oct 13	Today's MBA Student is Tomorrow's Entrepreneur Cindy Padnos, Illuminate Ventures

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Tues, Oct 19	<b>How to Test a Startup Idea in One Day</b> Max Mirho, EntrepreNerd	
Wed, Oct 20	Getting Started With Startup Ethics  Jessica Pachuta, Ethics MVP	
Thurs, Oct 21	<b>Creating a Successful Video Pitch</b> Brian Staszel, CMU	
Tues, Oct 26	<b>Agile Product Development</b> Sean Ammirati, Birchmire Ventures	
Wed, Oct 27	Creative Techniques: Examining & Eliminating Barriers to Business Growth Lisa Salley, API	
Thurs, Oct 28	Building a startup from 0 to 1: Operations and Fundraising Mar Hershenson, Pear VC	
Tues, Nov 2	Splitting the Founder's Pie & Other Aspects of Equity Compensation Frank Demmler, Startup Whisperer	
Wed, Nov 3	Investor Presentations – Beyond the Pitch Jim Jen, Innovations Works and AlphaLab	
Thurs, Nov 4	<b>Using Digital to Achieve Business Goals</b> Laura Kelly, Dick's Sporting Goods	
Tues, Nov 9	<b>Financial Modeling</b> Phil Compton, Locomation	
Thurs, Nov 11	Common Sense Tips That Are Not Commonly Used For Working With Early Stage VCs Peter Stern, Voyant Photonics	
Tues, Nov 16	Insurance for Startups Laurie Kuzneski, Kuzneski Insurance Group	
Thurs, Nov 18	<b>Tune Up Your Perfect Pitch</b> Daniel Teadt, CMU	

## **START SMART LAW Seminar Series: Fall 2021**

All START SMART LAW seminars begin at 5:00 p.m.

Tues, Sept 14	Introduction to Startup Law David Lehman, K&L Gates/Reed McManigle, CMU CTTEC
Tues, Sept 28	How to Structure Your Capital Raise – Part 1 – The Fundamentals David Lehman, K&L Gates
Tues, Oct 5	Startups v. Investors: How to Structure your Capital Raise – Part 2: Negotiating the Term Sheet David Lehman and Adam Kelson, K&L Gates

Tues, Oct 19	How to Form Your Startup Company – Part 1 – The Basics  Panel
Tues, Oct 26	How to Form Your Startup Company – Part 2 – The Basics Panel