BUERK CENTER FOR ENTREPRENUERSHIP
FOSTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

CURRICULUM

ENTREPRENEURSHIP MAJOR
for undergraduate business majors

ENTREPRENEURSHIP MINOR
for undergraduate non-business majors

Are you determined to run your own business? Do you love the idea of working for a startup? In the Entre Major and Minor, you'll hone your startup skills, connect with Seattle's entrepreneurial community through internships, learn from successful entrepreneurs, and participate in events like our annual startup and innovation competitions.

The Major and Minor offers you access to popular offerings like the two-quarter Creating a Company course, where you'll work on an innovative idea, identify real customers, and define and deliver products and services.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

- Grand Challenges for Entrepreneurs (ENTRE 372)
- Software Entrepreneurship (ENTRE 432)
- Environmental Innovation Practicum (ENTRE 443)
- Health Innovation Practicum (ENTRE 445)
- Venture Investing (ENTRE 459)
- Creating a Company (ENTRE 472/473)
- Creative Destruction Lab (ENTRE 490)



COMPETITIONS



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

The Science & Engineering Business Association (SEBA) and the Buerk Center host this event every January for students to explore the business potential of their science- and technology-based ideas. Teams pitch to industry experts, receive feedback, and win prizes.
Learn more at uwseba.com/sts

HEALTH INNOVATION CHALLENGE (HIC)

Innovations in health and healthcare are creating a paradigm shift in our approach to everyday life. Students who compete in the annual HIC in winter quarter have a passion for innovation and solving problems. Develop your idea for wellness, care and treatment, safety, etc. and make an impact!
Learn more at hic.washington.edu.

DEMPSEY STARTUP COMPETITION

Want to gain real-world startup experience? Teams who enter this multi-stage startup competition get valuable training and feedback from 400+ judges and mentors. We award more than $90,000 annually, but even if you don't win a prize, you'll come away with the skills, network and experience you need to get your startup off the ground.
Learn more at bpc.uw.edu

EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOPS

Throughout the academic year, we host workshops and hackathon-inspired events on a variety of topics to bring together interdisciplinary students with industry leaders to ideate, discuss, and learn about solutions. Topics include digital health, climate tech/sustainability, impact investing, and more.

STUDENT INCUBATOR

The Incubator program is for student founders aiming to make significant progress on their business idea. If you are ready to invest time and energy to take your startup to the next stage, this is for you!



CO-CURRICULAR

WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP

Our Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership program (WE Lead) promotes the advancement of women as entrepreneurs, leaders, investors, and agents of innovation. Open to students from any major or program. Annual activities include the Rising Tide community event, workshops, mentoring, the WE Lead Cohort and more. Women, non-binary persons, and allies across the gender spectrum are welcome.
Learn more at WELead.uw.edu

LAVIN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM
for undergraduates of any major (co-curricular)

You were born an entrepreneur. You think creatively and work harder than most people you know. You've always wanted to start your own business—in fact, you may have one up and running. If this sounds familiar, Lavin is for you. As part of this cohort for 3–4 years, you'll receive guidance from mentors, network with top entrepreneurs, work on startup and impact ideas, and create a lasting network within the Lavin cohort. Applications due in October. Initial application open to first-year and sophomore students only.
Learn more at lavin.uw.edu

COMMUNITY

TEAM TUESDAY LUNCH MEETUPS

Students from all programs are welcome at the Buerk Center's Team Tuesday lunch meetups, taking place throughout the academic year. Pitch an idea, recruit for your team, or just make connections, these fun weekly meetups will give you a place in the campus startup community!
Learn more and register at startup.uw.edu

UW MAKERSPACES

UW offers a number of different makerspaces with tools and resources for students to build and prototype their next great idea: The Mill, Area 01, The 8, and the UW Bothell Collaboratory.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (SEBA)

SEBA is the premier UW student organization for developing science and engineering students into business professionals, and to which business leaders come to engage students.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

In addition to SEBA, the Buerk Center partners or works with many RSOs and student groups across campus including DubHacks, Venture Capital Club, Net Impactand more. Be sure to check out these and other innovative communities!

CONNECT WITH THE ECOSYSTEM

It's all about connections, and the Buerk Center has them. Whether you need legal advice, feedback on your pitch, or a mentor with expertise in a particular industry, the Buerk Center can connect you to the best of Seattle's entrepreneurial community.

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