Resources for College of Arts and Sciences Entrepreneurs

What does it mean to be an entrepreneur? Well, according to the Merriam Webster dictionary, an entrepreneur is, “one who organizes, manages, and assumes the risks of a business or enterprise.” Helpful? Probably not. Being an entrepreneur involves much more than what is encapsulated in that short and sweet, all-encompassing definition. For instance, success is certainly not something you can achieve working in isolation - collaboration and the development of strong partnerships are key. As is seriously engaging with and understanding your target customer groups!

As you embark upon the path toward becoming an entrepreneur and successfully launching your own small business, start-up, or large-scale enterprise, what resources can you tap into as an ASC student? This tip sheet, while absolutely not a definitive list in this rapidly, ever-changing sector, aims to connect you with some valuable local and national resources to get you on the right track toward achieving your entrepreneurial goals.

Some Small Tidbits of Entrepreneurial Wisdom

Entrepreneurship is an ongoing process of constant development and refinement. You will need to be willing and able to assess and refine - and work through failures both big and small - at every stage.

One wonderful way to gain insight into this process while simultaneously developing critical competencies and building your all-important professional network, is to intern or work for a startup. Be a part of the process and see first-hand how it is done before you embark on launching your own venture! In the final section of this tip sheet, you will see a line-up of organizations from which you can start your search for fellowships, internships, or jobs at startup organizations.

Resources

Entrepreneurship in College

A wealth of resources for college students considering an entrepreneurial career path

Want more? Connect with your Career Coach for personalized job search strategies!

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Networking Opportunities in Columbus

**Start-up Weekend (in 2019, was March 22 - 24)**
See a brief description and schedule from this past year's event:
http://communities.techstars.com/usa/columbus/start-up-weekend/14229

**Give Back Hack (in 2019, was April 26 - 28)**
This three-day event will enable you to connect with others, learn more about how design thinking and lean startup principles can shape your conception and approach toward developing a venture, and much more:
https://givebackhack.com/

**Start-up Week (in 2019, was week of Sept. 9 - 13)**
See a schedule and descriptions of various events during this week:
http://cmhstartupweek.com/

**Meetup.com**
Service that organizes online groups that hold in-person events, or meetups, for those with similar interests. Use to find various meetups in the Columbus area with other entrepreneurs – just plug “Entrepreneur” into your search:
https://www.meetup.com/

Mentorship Opportunities

**College of Arts and Sciences Match 100 Mentor Program**
This program, a collaboration between ASC Career Success, ASC Office of Advancement, and ASC Alumni Society Board, is open to any ASC major in their 2nd or 3rd year at Ohio State. Applications are generally open to students from mid-March through early June. Based on your expressed career interests, you will be paired with an Ohio State ASC alum who can answer any questions you have about your target field - entrepreneurship - while offering advice and better allowing you to understand the great value of your ASC degree.
SCORE
A partner with the US Small Business Administration (SBA), SCORE offers free mentoring, pulling from a network of over 10,000 volunteer, expert business mentors - experienced in all aspects and stages of business development - to assist you as you get your own enterprise up and running.
https://www.score.org/find-mentor

On-Campus Resources and Organizations

College of Arts and Sciences Entrepreneurship Development Academy
This no cost, six-week program open to students in the College of Arts and Sciences will assist you in getting the ball rolling on concretely formulizing your ideas and approach toward developing your own concept for an enterprise.
https://artsandsciences.osu.edu/news-events/events/development-academy-entrepreneurship-kick

Business Builder Club
Based out of Fisher College of Business, this student organization welcomes all students at Ohio State who aspire to grow into entrepreneurs in Columbus and beyond.
https://www.businessbuildersclub.org/

Keith B. Key Buckeye Social Entrepreneurship Program (BSEP)
This program is open to all - undergraduate and graduate - Ohio State students who would like to explore and develop their understanding of and skills as social entrepreneurs.
https://studentlife.osu.edu/bsep/

Keenan Center for Entrepreneurship
Open to all Ohio State students as well as faculty and staff, the Center offers programming, events - such as the annual Best of Student Startups (BOSS) Pitch and Accelerator Program - modes of fostering campus and community connections, and other resources.
https://fisher.osu.edu/centers-partnerships/keenan-center

Fellowship, Internship, and Job Opportunities

AngelList
Search for jobs at a vast array of startups by position or role and by geographic location.
https://angel.co/

Drive Capital Jobs
Find job openings with more well-established ventures and research different companies.
https://jobs.drivecapital.com/

Ohio Innovation Fund
This fund offers venture capital and expertise to early stage companies, which then also post job and internship openings.
https://www.ohioinnovationfund.com/careers/

Rev1Ventures Jobs
Job and internship postings are updated in real time and predominantly feature positions with local ventures in the earlier stages of growth and development.
https://www.rev1ventures.com/jobs/

Venture for America
Selective two-year fellowship program launches recent college graduates into careers as entrepreneurs. Fellows gain business skills and engage in professional development opportunities through an intensive training camp that prepares them to apprentice at a startup in a full-time salaried position.
https://ventureforamerica.org/