**The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Innovation and Entrepreneurship Academy**

* The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences invites LAS students to embark on an adventure to explore innovation and entrepreneurship, together with peers and experienced mentors.
* We are recruiting current first-year students to enroll in the LAS Dean’s Innovation and Entrepreneurship Academy this coming fall. To participate, students must be pursuing an LAS major (including students enrolled in open option) and must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.25.
* The two-year academy will include a variety of experiences, including learning modules, special events, peer-to-peer learning, interactive activities and engagement with professional and entrepreneurial mentors (alumni and community members).
* Students will gain skills and knowledge in several areas, including:
	+ Recognizing, evaluating and acting on opportunities
	+ Calculating, evaluating and acting on measured risks
	+ Collaborating and leveraging the power of teams
	+ Strategic communications planning
	+ Promoting a product or idea
* Students will earn two credits the first year, with an expectation of meeting face-to-face at least once monthly.
* In the second year of the academy, students will be matched with a mentor who has current or past professional and/or entrepreneurial experience in the student’s area of interest. Mentors will coach students through the development of a plan for concept development and technical readiness.
* We will help participating students and graduates of the academy engage in other on-campus opportunities like the Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship’s CYstarters student accelerator and other academic programs that may be of interest.
* Students interested in the academy should attend an [information session](https://las.iastate.edu/students/lasinnovates/) and complete a brief [online interest form](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3ralic7Goadgxud). Notifications of enrollment in the academy will be sent to students April-May of 2020.
* The ideal cohort size is 30 students, but enrollment can be increased to levels deemed feasible. Students are encouraged to fill out an interest form as soon as possible. Enrollment decisions will be made with the goal of building a diverse cohort of students.
* Upcoming information sessions:

**March 24th**

3:10 – 4:00 p.m.

5:10 – 6:00 p.m.

Bessey 2226

**March 25th**

3:10 – 4:00 p.m.

5:10 – 6:00 p.m.

Ross 0127

**March 31st**

3:10 – 4:00 p.m.

5:10 – 6:00 p.m.

Carver 0232

**April 1st**

3:10 – 4:00 p.m.

5:10 – 6:00 p.m.

Pearson 2157