

STUDENT APPLICATION 2009-10

ENTREPRENEUR MENTOR PROGRAM

Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship | California State University, Fresno

The **Entrepreneur Mentor Program** is designed to give aspiring entrepreneurship students a chance to interact with some of the Central Valley's leading entrepreneurs. It provides forums for learning from the experiences of entrepreneurs, opportunities to visit and work with entrepreneurs, venues for social gatherings, field trips to metropolitan areas of California with site visits to entrepreneurial firms, and a comprehensive skills analysis test that will enable the student to better gauge their potential.

The program is two full semesters (Fall and Spring). Students who are unable to complete two semesters and devote time to the program over the course of the year will NOT be accepted to the program.

The Entrepreneur Mentor Program is a privilege. Students seeking to be accepted into the program will need to make a commitment to complete the program and to attend all of the events offered.

Students completing the program will receive 3 credits (ENTR 190) at the end of the two semesters. Students can use the credits as either an elective or as a substitute for ENTR 155.

Students who have declared Entrepreneurship as an option, minor, or are in pursuit of a certificate are eligible to be admitted to the program. This declaration must be completed no later than **December 22, 2009**.

- The program will be structured around weekly, 90 minute seminars, conducted on Fridays. The seminars will consist of a presentation by a Central Valley entrepreneur who has also elected to participate in the program as a mentor.
- Students will be assigned a mentor towards the end of the Fall semester. On occasion, meetings will be held at the business of the mentor which will require some travel.
- Two social gatherings will take place each semester. They are designed to give students an opportunity to interact with all of the mentors participating in the program in a relaxed and fun environment.
- Two field trips are planned over the course of the year. Transportation will be provided for the one-day trip with site visits to innovative companies and scheduled meetings with entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, and inventors. Times and itineraries will be announced later in the year.

Each student will participate in the Johnson O'Conner Aptitude Test. This test will provide feedback and insight into their strengths and weaknesses. Test administrators will come to Fresno to administer the test with students required to make one trip to San Francisco to complete the program. The Johnson O'Conner Aptitude Test is valued at over \$750 and will be provided free to all students in the program including travel to San Francisco.

A maximum of 20 students will be accepted into the program. Be sure to complete the information in the application. An interview of each applicant will be conducted to provide an opportunity for you to state what you hope to obtain from the program and how it will relate to your future entrepreneurial endeavors.

- Two letters of reference/recommendation are required. Please attach.

If you have any questions, please contact Professor Stearns by email at timothys@csufresno.edu

Application Deadline: December 22, 2009

Applicants must be available for interviews during week of January 19-22, 2010.

SECTION I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Gender:

Male

Female

College credits completed as
of July 1, 2009:

GPA:

Major and/or minor:

E-mail Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Parents/Legal Guardians
Name and Address:

Parent/Guardian Work Phone(s):

SECTION II. INTERESTS

Indicate (circle the appropriate number) your interest in the following:

Creativity/Innovation	HIGH	SOME	LITTLE
Technology	1	2	3
Owning a Business	1	2	3
Working in a start up business	1	2	3
Making a lot of money	1	2	3
Contributing to community	1	2	3
Leadership	1	2	3

Co-curricular Activities – List any school activities you have participated in:

Teamwork – List any projects or related activities that you have worked on in a team environment:

List any special recognition you have received:

[Redacted area]

Employment - List your work history from current to first job:

1. [Redacted area]

2. [Redacted area]

3. [Redacted area]

4. [Redacted area]

Five years from now, what do you hope to be doing?

SECTION IV. SIGNATURES

- Two letters of reference and/or recommendation are required, please attach.

Student Agreement

I hereby certify that the information I have provided with this application is accurate and correct, and that all the responses I have submitted are my original work.

I agree that, if selected, I will actively participate in the program for its full duration and I will abide by the University Code of Conduct.

Student Signature:

Date:

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Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

- Mail your completed application and necessary attachments to:

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