The Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy FAQ

What is the Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy (ELA)?
The Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy is a resource support program for Purdue faculty who have entrepreneurial interests.

This program, initially funded as part of the Kauffman Campus Initiatives, has five goals:
1. to increase technology commercialization on the Purdue campus through education about the resources and support available at Purdue and the Purdue Research Park;
2. to enhance the capabilities of faculty who are interested in leading interdisciplinary research programs, centers, and partnerships that might lead to translational activities;
3. to support faculty who are interested in developing entrepreneurial courses or research projects;
4. to create a network of faculty with shared entrepreneurial interests; and
5. to introduce faculty to discussions about leadership skills and contribute to the cadre of the next generation of faculty leaders.

How Can I Participate in the Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy?
The call for applications for the next year’s applications for the Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy are distributed in February.
Applicants must be faculty members who have the support of their department head and dean via a letter or e-mail that nominates the faculty member for the program. The nomination should include a three-page bio (NSF style); a 1-2 page statement of interest in the program; and a signature endorsement from the department head and dean.

How Much Time Does Participation Involve?
Faculty members who are selected as a Fellow for the Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy commit to attending regular meetings (2-3 a month for about an hour) to meet with a wide variety of guest speakers, campus resource people, and experts. Fellows are asked to define an entrepreneurial project based upon their entrepreneurial objectives.

What Are the Benefits of Participation in the ELA?
Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy Fellows each receive $5000.00 to seed their project. Fellows have the opportunity to interact with many entrepreneurial experts who can assist them with their project goals. Participation in the ELA offers the opportunity to become actively connected with other Purdue faculty who have entrepreneurial activities and goals. Participation in the ELA can provide visibility for a faculty member’s entrepreneurial activities.

More Questions?
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