

CERTIFICATE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION **LEARNING COMMUNITY**

The ENTR Certificate Program has one of the longest-running living and learning communities at Purdue, serving over 700 students to date.



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BUILD A COHORT

Since 2005, the Entrepreneurship Learning Community (ELC) has formed entrepreneurially-minded, multidisciplinary cohorts of **first year students** from around the world. ELC students **live in the same dorm (Harrison Hall)**, and during the fall semester of their first year at Purdue, **participate in a variety of entrepreneurial activities and workshops**. ELC students are also **enrolled in the same section of ENTR 20000 Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Innovation**, the first required course for the Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program.

LEARN & GROW

The objective of the ELC is to create meaningful experiences in and out of the classroom that help students form strong relationships and a sense of belonging that enhances their Purdue experience and boosts the chances for retention and success. An example of entrepreneurial success that emerges from these activities, includes former ELC students Henry Berkemeier (IE, 2019), Marek Davis (IE, 2019), and Aarti Panda (CS, 2019) who co-founded FroYo XPress a self serve, pour-your-own kiosk company who opened their first kiosk in the fall of 2018.



"The ENTR program provided us the community, advising and mentorship needed to succeed in building our business model at the early stages." FroYo XPress Co-Founder Marek Davis

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NETWORK

ELC students meet with guest speakers who share their entrepreneurial journeys. In forming their student cohort, they are also able to create a strong network for the future. **"The ELC helped to create great friendships and relationships in and out of the classroom. The people you meet will not only help you in the ELC classes, but they are contacts you will run into over and over again. The ELC provides great life experience that will set you apart from everyone else."** – Ashley, ELC participant

Applications are due by April 15th for Priority Placement
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