Entrepreneurship

As the nation’s largest and most innovative public research institution, entrepreneurship is a core value of Arizona State University. ASU provides faculty, staff, students and the community with opportunities and resources to advance new ideas and establish new ventures. Changemaker Central is ASU’s hub for social entrepreneurship designed to inspire, catalyze and sustain student-driven social change. For entrepreneurs interested in developing new technologies, TechShop provides free access to $1 million dollars’ worth of advanced machines and tools. Successful ASU Entrepreneurs launch new medical device companies to cure jaundice in newborns, instill entrepreneurial thinking in high school students and pitch new technologies that connect individuals who want to learn another language with native speakers.

Tips for Success

Connect with campus resources
Visit the Office of Entrepreneurship + Innovation, the Generator Lab, Changemaker Central or the Center for Entrepreneurship and get connected to like-minded students, faculty and staff

Get involved on campus
Have an idea? Consider attending an open pitch night on campus, or get a group of entrepreneurs together to compete for prize money and acceptance into an accelerator program. Pakis Social Entrepreneurship Challenge, Changemaker Challenge and the Edson Student Entrepreneur Initiative are just a few of the competitions you can enter.

Apply to live in Startup Village
Startup Village is a diverse residential community of thinkers and doers at the Polytechnic campus who can rely on one another’s expertise, energy and ideas to collaborate and move innovative business concepts forward.

Tap into the ASU Mentor Network
Beyond the Sun Devil Network, the Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation’s Mentor Network consists of fellow student entrepreneurs, faculty, venture capitalists, and entrepreneurship experts dedicated to seeing you succeed.

Possible Career Fields
- Business Entrepreneurship
- Technical and Financial Advising
- Political Campaigns
- Technological Entrepreneur
- Chief Executive Officer
- Venture Capital
- Chief Innovation Officer
- Healthcare Entrepreneurship
- Investment Fund Management
- Law
- Legislation
- Political Science
- Project Management
- Research
- Sales
- Social Entrepreneurship
Professional Associations

There are several local and national professional associations connected to this Career Interest Area. Joining a professional association will help you network with professionals already in your field of interest, as well as expose you to new opportunities you may not have considered. Some are free to join and others may offer student rates to become a member.

- Arizona Small Business Association
- Entrepreneurs’ Organization (EO) Arizona
- Startup Grind
- Social Enterprise Alliance

Student Organizations @ ASU

Student organizations are another great way to get connected with fellow students with similar interests. Many student clubs bring potential employers to speak at meetings, host career-related events, and offer professional development opportunities. Check Sun Devil Sync for more information on joining student organizations.

- AIESEC
- Asian Corporate and Entrepreneurship Leaders Collegiate Chapter
- Enactus
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation Ambassadors
- Greenlight Solutions
- Herberger Arts and Design Entrepreneurship Students
- Mergers and Acquisitions Club
- Startup Village
- T.I.E. Club (Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship)
- Technological Entrepreneurship and Management
- Transdisciplinary Undergraduate Research Network
- Women’s Entrepreneurship

Next Steps

Try searching for internships on Handshake or volunteer opportunities with VolunteerMatch.