



Turning Students
into Entrepreneurs

Turning Ideas
into Technology
Startups

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The Entrepreneurship Program at HU

Founded to address the needs of Pennsylvania for increased educational opportunities in science and technology-related fields, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology thinks differently about education. Our academic and research programs in mathematics, science, and technology were designed to meet the needs of the region's youth, workforce, and businesses—to create, attract, and expand economic opportunities in the region.

We believe innovation will stay here when it starts here. That's why, as the only STEM-focused university between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, HU offers graduate and undergraduate courses in entrepreneurship. Talented students come from Mid-Atlantic states and beyond to learn from professors steeped in real-world experience and from high-level technology entrepreneurs who share their expertise as mentors, advisors, and guest lecturers.

At Harrisburg University, your idea can be the next breakthrough startup, because we believe that learning doesn't stop in the classroom. We give our students practical guidance for turning ideas into reality. HU strives to create, attract, and expand technology startups, from gaming companies to software development to medical research. Through the Entrepreneurship Program, every student gets the chance to move an idea from concept to viable technology enterprise.

MENTORS

Experience Talks

HU students pair with local business mentors who share experiences, ask insightful questions, and advise important decisions about classes and internships—and beyond. Mentors become valuable career partners, introducing protégés to workplaces, conferences, and networking opportunities.

As mentors, experienced entrepreneurs help students see possibilities and open new doors. They stress that entrepreneurship is an equal-opportunity pathway, offering anyone the chance to succeed in the challenging but rewarding world of technology startups.

Real Work, Real Results

Through internships, mentorships, and class projects, HU's graduate and undergraduate students learn from those who have been there, so HU is always seeking people who started their own technology companies to be mentors.

Even businesspeople without technological backgrounds can share the universal basics of business planning, financing, and marketing.

Entrepreneurial experts agree: becoming a mentor helps budding businesspeople negotiate hazards and achieve stability. In turn, a rise in successful startups creates a vibrant economic climate that strengthens all businesses.

ENTREPRENEUR IN RESIDENCE

Experience Matters

Entrepreneur in Residence Edgar C. Harrell's bio is deep in developing, funding, and managing new ventures:

- Early-stage financer in six major technology start-ups through Harrell Partners, LLC.
- 30 years managing private and public programs in privatization, technology commercialization, entrepreneurial training, capital market development, and private investment in the U.S., Asia, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East.
- Senior management, Rohm & Haas Co., E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., the U.S. State Department, the Agency for International Development, and Price Waterhouse, LLP.
- Former executive director, Murata Business Development Center, Carlisle.

In addition to serving students, Harrisburg University is a member of the Global Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education and a sponsor of the Founder Institute, a technology startup accelerator and entrepreneur training program currently on pace to launch over 500 companies per year in over 13 cities worldwide.