Lake Forest College’s top-ranked Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program (ENTP) is a catalyst to help students mobilize people and resources to solve any problem of their choosing. Students learn to understand their personal strengths and motivations and how to use them as a vehicle for growth in themselves, their teams and their ventures. Our curriculum balances intellectual property development, self-employment and for-profit and non-profit new venture creation tailored to student career aspirations. Our courses build on each other and are designed to integrate the resources of Chicago’s entrepreneurial ecosystem. Students are exposed to one of the most innovative entrepreneurial communities in the world, providing them with access to internships, jobs, leadership, and networking opportunities.

ENTREPRENEURIAL FACULTY:
All ENTP faculty have experience working with intellectual property development or with early stage non-profit or for-profit ventures. Our faculty originates from a wide variety of industries and experiences including media, consumer products, food, technology, marketing, government, and entertainment.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE:
Students work with professors and mentors to study and deliberately practice entrepreneurial resilience in parallel with leading entrepreneurial education for new venture creation. Students gain real-world experience through their own ventures, practicums, in-class projects, internships, and participate in Chicago’s entrepreneurial ecosystem.

CLUBS, COMPETITIONS, AND MORE:
Forester Pitch It! Competition • ENTP Workshops • Net Impact TEDxLakeForestCollege • Global Entrepreneurship Week • In The Loop Program • Start-up Internships • A.B. Dick Lecture on Entrepreneurship

STUDENT-LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• Find problems worth solving
• Mobilize people and resources
• Sell themself and their ideas
• Develop entrepreneurial endurance
• Create value

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Major: Business
Minor: Entrepreneurship and Innovation
First Venture: H.E.R. Comforts, a social venture addressing medical, educational, economic, and social issues in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland).
INNOVATION SPACES: Foresters have access to a series of custom creative spaces where they can enter virtual worlds, create 3-D prints, record audiobooks and electronic music, construct theater stages, network in a community of entrepreneurs dedicated to innovation, print photos, and explore, extend, and expand their skills through a series of experiential spaces.

ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM: Entrepreneurial Advisory Board • Forester Mentor Program • Chicago Incubators and Accelerators: Lake County Partners, 1871, mHUB, Future Founders, The Hatchery, MATTER, and Blue 1647

COMPETITIONS: Students regularly participate in national, international, and Lake Forest College campus competitions and ideathons such as the Davis Prize for Peace, Princeton University’s Environmental Ideathon, TCU’s Values and Ventures Competition, and the Forester Pitch It! competition with $10,000 in prizes.

The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program is a minor that combines well with, and adds value to, any major at the College. Students may also pursue a major in entrepreneurship or social innovation through the College’s self-designed major program.

Our entrepreneurship and innovation students graduate with experience to pursue multiple career paths.

Some areas include:

- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT
- SCIENTISTS, ARTISTS, FILMMAKERS, WRITERS, TECHNOLOGY
- SOCIAL INNOVATION (NONPROFIT)
- HUMAN RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, GENDER EQUALITY
- START-UPS (FOR-PROFIT)
- CLEAN TECHNOLOGY, CONSUMER PRODUCTS/SERVICES,
- FINANCE, INSURANCE, HEALTHCARE, TECHNOLOGY
- SELF-EMPLOYMENT
- ARTISTS, WRITERS, ACCOUNTANTS, MUSICIANS, REAL ESTATE,
- DIGITAL DESIGN, COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

Learn about our accomplished faculty, requirements for the minor, and more at lakeforest.edu/academics/entp