

Shark Tank Pitch Competition

Students compete for \$500 in prize money with two-minute business idea pitches to the audience, which votes for the best pitch. Video results help students improve.

Student Business Consulting Team

Top performing junior and senior business school students are selected to perform consulting assignments with local Oxford clients and student and faculty businesses. Students are paid for their work, which is free to the clients. The program is funded by a grant from the Hearin Foundation.

Gillespie Business Plan Competition

Student teams develop business plans and compete for over \$15,000 in cash and in-kind services. The competition is held every spring semester and open to any student or student team at Ole Miss.

Rebel Venture Capital Fund

A donor-based nonprofit fund that twice a year awards seed money grants to student start-up businesses.

Student Entrepreneurship Club

Open to any student at Ole Miss, the Entrepreneurship Club meet monthly with guest speakers and workshops that focus on various entrepreneurship topics. The club has over 100 participants.

Entrepreneurship Minor

Business school majors can easily complete a minor in entrepreneurship by taking 3 of 5 specially designed courses.

Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Ambassadors and Business Mentors

Generous volunteers who serve as outreach officers for the Center's programs and mentor students with their ideas and in the various competitions.

Friends of Ole Miss Entrepreneurship

The Friends of Ole Miss Entrepreneurship is a membership organization dedicated to support of the student experience programs offered by the Center. It is a community of Rebel Led - Rebel Bred businesses.



Mission

Our mission of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) is to inspire our students to create valuable new businesses and enhance the economic value of all businesses in the state of Mississippi through excellent teaching, exceptional service and world-class research. INNOVATION BOOTCAMP, an intense 3-hour session, is held at the start of each semester. Through interactive team exercises, students learn to develop innovative ideas for new business.

Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Partners

UM Office of Technology Management | UM Center for Manufacturing Excellence | Innovation Hub at Insight Park
Small Business Development Center | UM transactional Law Center | UM McLean Institute | Innovate Mississippi
Oxford-Lafayette County Entrepreneurial Alliance

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