

Small Business Assistance & Involvement Opportunities

Who We Are

The Polsky Center's mission is to create entrepreneurial leaders through a broad range of experiences, including classroom learning, experiential learning, leading-edge research, and community outreach. For more information, visit ChicagoBooth.edu/entrepreneurship.

Small Business Partnerships and Consulting

New Venture Lab

This lab class offers a valuable opportunity for students interested in starting or working for new ventures. Teams of three to five students gain hands-on experience as they undertake market research, HR strategies, or financial analyses for actual emerging companies under the guidance of a professor. The review of potential companies for the New Venture Lab begins in late October (the course takes place in the winter and spring quarters). For a company to qualify, they must have at least four employees and a physical office location that students can visit. For more information or to apply, please e-mail Linda.Darragh@ChicagoBooth.edu.

Edward L. Kaplan New Venture Challenge

The NVC is a year-long business plan competition that awards cash prizes and valuable resources to teams of entrepreneurs who submit promising business plans and craft convincing investor presentations. A team must consist of at least one Chicago Booth student who holds a management position. Many local tech companies have worked with student teams for this competition. Teams are formulated for this competition in the fall; please visit <http://chicago.studentbusinesses.com> if you are interested in finding Booth student(s) with whom to partner. For more information on the NVC, visit ChicagoNVC.com.

Venture Capital Investment Competition

Chicago Booth students interested in the venture capital industry have the opportunity to participate in the Venture Capital Investment Competition (VCIC). Students evaluate entrepreneurs' business plans and are judged on their evaluation process by actual venture capitalists. Winners of the regional round are eligible to participate in the national competition hosted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For entrepreneurs, this is an exciting way to get a free business model evaluation. Companies can apply in the late fall to participate (the competition occurs at the end of January). If you are interested, e-mail Starr.Marcello@ChicagoBooth.edu. For more information on the VCIC, visit: <http://student.chicagobooth.edu/group/evc/vcic/2010/>.

Student Small Business Consulting

The Business Solutions Group is a student club that provides student teams with the opportunity to conduct short-term consulting projects for small businesses. Teams offer assistance in areas such as market research, pricing strategies, and financial analysis. Applications are accepted in the early part of the summer, and projects are undertaken in the fall. For more information, please visit: <http://student.chicagobooth.edu/group/sbcg/>.

Internships

Summer Entrepreneurial Internship Program

This program provides first-year Chicago Booth students with the opportunity to intern with emerging entrepreneurial companies or venture capital firms. Through a competitive application process, selected student interns work during the summer and then take the Entrepreneurial Internship Seminar in the fall to develop their internships into case studies. Through generous donations, the Polsky Center can reimburse a portion of the intern's salary. Students begin reviewing potential host companies at the end of February. For an application form and further information, contact Starr.Marcello@ChicagoBooth.edu.

Elfman-Wareham Private Equity and Venture Capital Laboratory

This course, unique to Chicago Booth, offers students the opportunity to evaluate a current portfolio company or research a new investment opportunity as they work on projects with Chicago-area private equity and venture capital firms. Over 35 firms participate in this program. Students are placed in the private equity internships for the winter quarter or spring quarter. If your firm is interested in an intern, please contact Starr.Marcello@ChicagoBooth.edu.

Job Postings

There are a number of resources available to you as you look to source talent. The best way to quickly advertise new positions is to enter them on Chicago Booth's job postings site: www.chicagobooth.edu/jobpostings. Postings are free of charge, archived in our database, and distributed via a daily email to over 7000 alumni and students. As you are seeking just-in-time candidates, Chicago Booth Select Search features current students in our Evening, Weekend, and Executive Program, as well as alumni. [Account creation and access](#) is free of charge, and you will be able to search on both a macro and micro level.

Online Resume Book

The online resume book lists current Chicago Booth students looking for internships or full-time employment in entrepreneurial companies or venture capital and private equity firms. You can access this resume book free of charge and select potential candidates by visiting <http://www.mbafocus.com/search/signin.asp?product=11211> (username EVCPE; password chicago09). To request access, please email recruituc@ChicagoBooth.edu.