Lilie New Entrepreneurs Grant for Incoming Freshman

Now that you committed to Rice University, take advantage of all of the resources available to you as a Rice student. The Lilie New Entrepreneurs Grant allows incoming students an opportunity to apply for seed funding to turn innovative ideas into reality. The grant will give an exceptionally entrepreneurial Rice student(s) in each entering class the resources to develop an early-stage idea or entrepreneurial undertaking during their study.

The grant winner(s) can use the funds to support the design and growth of their project throughout their Rice undergraduate career, with the support of Lilie-connected faculty, mentors, entrepreneurship courses and programs.

This is your chance to compete for a grant that will launch your entrepreneurship education at Rice.

THE HIGHLIGHTS:

- The recipient(s) will be awarded up to $5,000 to develop and implement an exceptional idea, innovation, discovery or entrepreneurial undertaking in the course of their undergraduate study at Rice.

- The recipient(s) will be allowed to withdraw funds (not exceeding $5,000) incrementally to support the design and growth of his/her project. Prerequisites to accessing funding are the completion of the following two courses: (1) BUSI 221 New Enterprises and (2) BUSI 220 Lilie E-Teams Experience. In addition to financial support, the winner(s) of this award will have the support of faculty, mentors, and programs of the broader university and the Liu Idea Lab for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Lilie).

- Any major or discipline is welcome. The program aims to support students seeking to develop ideas while enhancing their educational experience.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Only incoming freshman are permitted to apply for the grant.

- The applicant must have been accepted in to Rice University as a first year student beginning Fall 2020.

- The applicant must have paid their tuition deposit to Rice University by May 1, 2020 (Admissions Office guidelines).

DEADLINE:


WHAT IS YOUR INNOVATIVE IDEA?

All ambitious, bold, or out-of-the-box ideas are welcome. There is no required field of study. Ideas need not be new; perhaps you will simply take an existing idea where it needs to go or apply it to a new field. Or, you may not currently have an idea, but you have a track record of being innovative and want funding to explore a variety of ideas.

Submissions may involve the social sciences, humanities, computer science, engineering, another field or even a combination of these. The important thing is that you have the potential to change the future by influencing business, policy, science or creative endeavors. If you have any questions, contact caitlin.bolanos@rice.edu.