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### Innovation-to-Enterprise Central (ITEC)

Spurring Economic Growth through Raising the Next Generation of Innovators and Business Leaders.

Nationwide, universities are recognized as "engines of economic development," especially serving as a source of cutting edge scientific breakthroughs and technology development, and as the foundation for new business enterprises and social advancement. At IUPUI, the Innovation-to-Enterprise Central (ITEC) has been conceived as a student-centered, multidisciplinary, active-learning initiative to provide opportunities for students to learn about research commercialization and develop entrepreneurial and business skills. This initiative has been piloted during the 2011 spring semester and the early part of summer. The highly



successful outcome of this piloted effort has led to plans to launch the initiative for the 2011-2012 academic year.

ITEC facilitates the creation and support of collaborative multidisciplinary research commercialization teams, consisting of students from multiple academic disciplines, faculty and other participants. The primary purpose of these teams is to provide undergraduate students a unique opportunity to work with mentors on learning about research innovations and exploring opportunities for their transformation into commercial enterprises. The ITEC experience is meant to promote students' interest in invention and business development, in order to prepare the next generation of innovators and business leaders, who will contribute to the economic growth and social advancement of Indiana and the nation.

ITEC is sponsored by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, through a Collaboration between the Center for Research and Learning (CRL) and Solution Center, in Partnership with IUPUI Academic and Research Units.

#### Student participants in ITEC will...

- Receive \$3,000
- · Explore and participate in the process of innovation
- · Build a significant professional network of entrepreneurs and business leaders
- Gain knowledge and confidence as future inventors or in business startups

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Undergraduate or Graduate student
- Enrolled full-time at IUPUI
- · Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- · Open to all majors
- · Interest in research commercialization
- · Willing to work on a team

· Able to commit 10 hours/week

#### Program Duration: 30 weeks (September to April)

#### **Student Application**

Application will be accepted through **August 17**, **2012**. Review and Selection of candidates begin **July 9**, **2012**. **To Apply click here!** 

Please see Student Application Fact Sheet below to get more information and details needed for applying.

#### **Program Resources**

- 2012 Program Flyer
- » Student Application Fact Sheet, click here
- » Click here for a PDF preview of the full application

#### **Faculty Application**

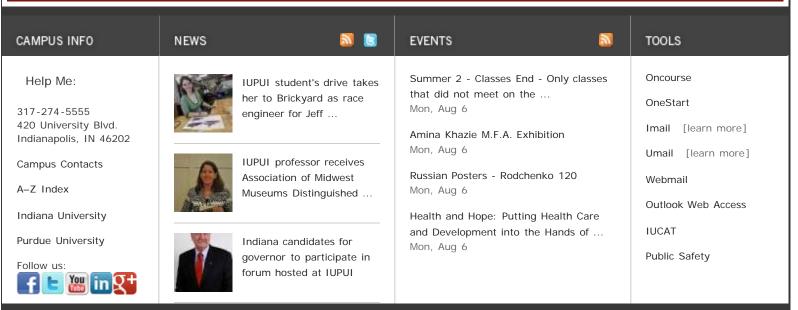
To download ITEC Faculty project proposal form, click here! [Faculty Project Proposal DEADLINE is April 2, 2012]

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