

◆ CEO LETTER



The ideaLabs experience offers university students a platform to pitch ideas, receive feedback, network with mentors and investors, refine business models, gain confidence, and advance entrepreneurial ventures through regional pitch competitions spanning 15 years. [Read more about the transformative journey these student entrepreneurs undergo, from refining their pitches to forging valuable connections, and get inspired to start preparing for ideaLabs 2025!](#)

◆ SAVE THE DATE

AI in the Classroom Learning Lunch

Join us for an engaging discussion in our AI Learning Lunch series, focusing on AI in the Classroom. Moderated by Dr. Gabriel Swarts from Baldwin Wallace University, our panel includes experts Joseph Fox from Akron University and Doan Winkel from John Carroll University. This virtual event explores AI's impact on education, making it a must-attend for educators, students, and anyone curious about the future of learning.

📅 Date: May 17, 2024 || 🕒 Time: Noon - 1 pm (EST) || 📍 Virtual on Zoom

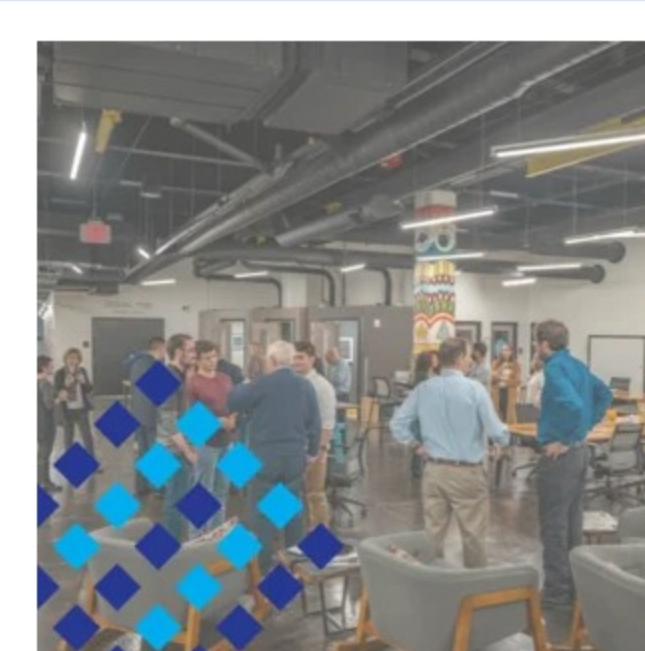
[Join the Session on May 17](#)

Member Event Highlights:

Case Western Reserve

Join **Case Western** for their Entrepreneurship Speaker Series & Skills Lab. Free to attend and open to all! **Registration is required.**

- April 16: [Entrepreneurship for Creatives, Craftsmen and Design Thinkers](#)
- April 18: [Global Health and the Role of Philanthropy](#)
- April 24: [Candid Chats With Serial Entrepreneurs and Alumni, Adam and Jon](#)
- April 24: [Explore Provocative Selling and the Art of Creating Urgency](#)
- April 26: [Fueling Ohio's Entrepreneurial Spirit](#)



Kent State

KSU LaunchNET invites EEC members and their students to register for the Small Business Showcase on **Thursday, April 18th from 4-6 PM.** We encourage you to attend; [register here!](#)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSES APRIL 12!



13th Annual Deshpande Symposium
Join us at the University of Maryland
June 12-14, 2024

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2024 Deshpande Symposium Early Bird Registration

Early Bird Registration for the 13th Annual Deshpande Symposium, set to unfold from June 12-14, 2024, at the University of Maryland, College Park is now available until April 12. Save \$50 by registering early! This year, we'll delve into the theme "Navigating the Challenges and Opportunities of Regional Ecosystem Building," promising an array of enriching discussions, networking opportunities, and insights into the future of higher education innovation and entrepreneurship.

[Register Now](#)

◆ STUDENT PROGRAMS

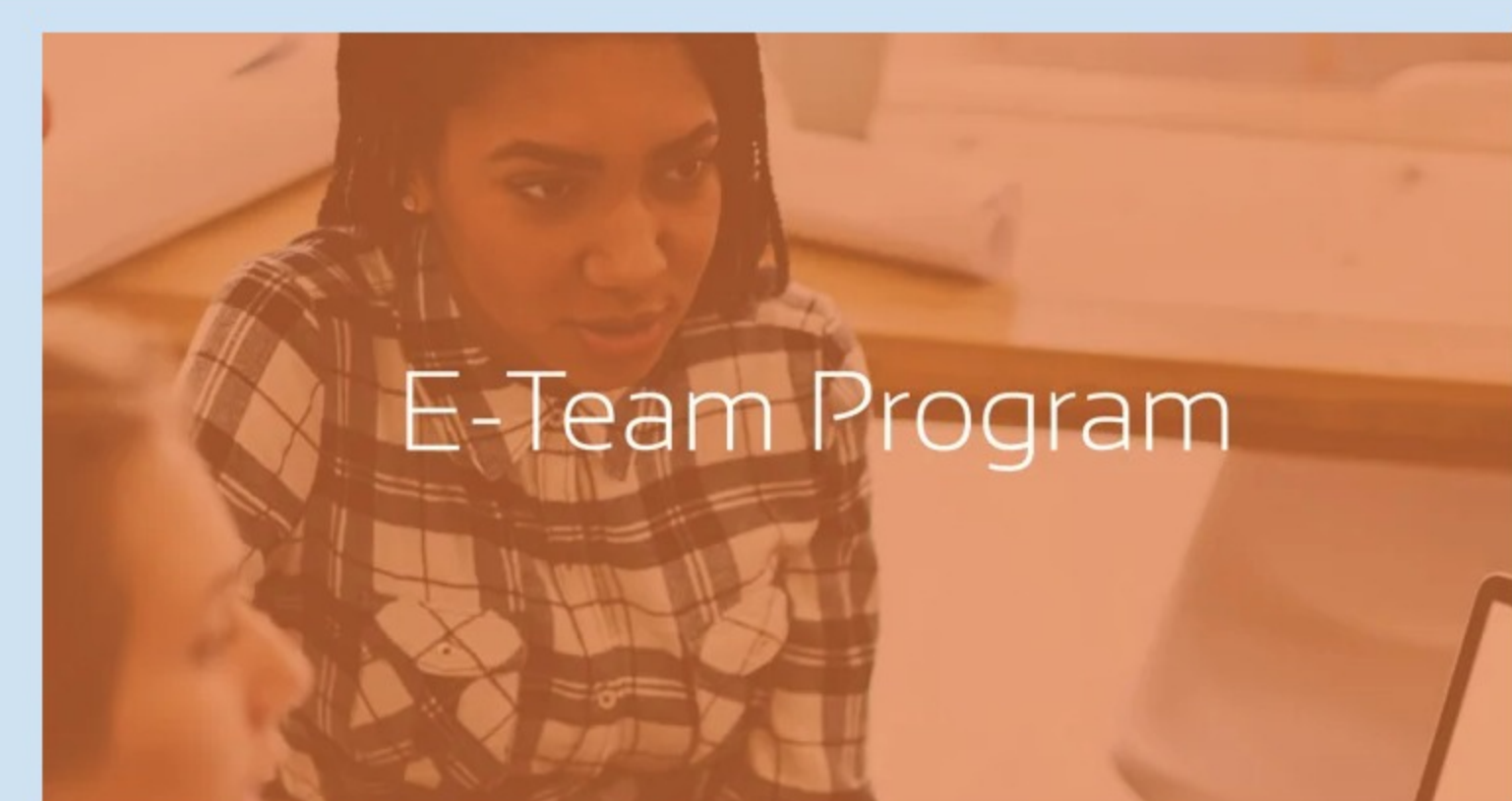


**Join the I-Corps Program:
Summer 2024 Applications Open!**

Researchers and entrepreneurs from everywhere are invited to apply for UARF's esteemed I-Corps program. Explore customer discovery, enhance market strategies, and engage with fellow innovators and advisors during seven weeks of virtual sessions.

Become an I-Corps Mentor! Support teams through virtual group sessions and provide valuable feedback. Email uaicorps@gmail.com with your LinkedIn profile or resume to get started.

[Applications for the Summer 2024 program are open until May 19.](#)



E-Team Program

VentureWell E-Team Program

If you are a student team pursuing a solution to one of the world's biggest challenges, we highly encourage you to apply for the **VentureWell E-Team Program**. Pioneer (Stage 1) and Propel (Stage 2) offer up to \$25,000 in funding and hands-on experiences that transform student inventors into thriving entrepreneurs. If you are interested in learning more, please register for one of the upcoming [info sessions](#).

[Submit Applications Now - May 1, 2024](#)

◆ EEC NEWS



Tech Side Hustle Fall 2024 Cohort Applications Open in August!

Discover Tech Side Hustle, a program tailored for student entrepreneurs with a passion for tech-driven startups. Get hands-on coaching, funding, and workshops led by experienced mentors to turn your idea into a reality. Applications open in August!

[Discover Tech Side Hustle](#)

Contact Mallory Masarik at mallory@eecohio.org for more information.

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