

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. How much does it cost to participate in the Delaware Innovation Fellows Program? There are no out-of-pocket costs associated with the required aspects of the program. On the contrary, the University of Delaware Horn Program in Entrepreneurship invests a significant measure of funding and resources to support fellows.
- 2. Are Delaware Innovation Fellows expected to start businesses? No. The Delaware Innovation Fellows Program aims to develop entrepreneurial thinking and an understanding of the entrepreneurial process so that Fellows can turn their new ideas into action in the form of policies, programs, projects, products, businesses, social ventures or any other manifestation of innovation.
- 3. What kinds of jobs have Delaware Innovation Fellows taken after graduation? The Delaware Innovation Fellows Program is new for 2016, so we won't be able to answer this for several years. However, employer demand for candidates who exhibit entrepreneurial thinking is strong and growing, as all established companies face an innovation imperative.
- 4. What time commitment is required to participate in the Delaware Innovation Fellows **Program?** Fellows should expect to spend approximately 3-10 hours per week engaged in activities and programming required for participation.
- 5. Will the recommended coursework interfere with the completion of major requirements? No. All recommended courses are offered online during all four academic terms to ensure maximum scheduling flexibility. Students are also asked to register for a zero credit course during each semester of the program to provide a designated time in their schedules for required meetings and activities. Any conflicts with major requirements will be addressed on a case-by-case basis with the goal of enabling continued participation in the Delaware Innovation Fellows Program in all cases.
- 6. Why does the program utilize online courses when it is supposed to offer unique activities and learning experiences? The use of online courses is analogous to a flipped classroom. In other words, the courses provide baseline knowledge and an introduction to skills that are then utilized to participate in program activities and fulfill project requirements.
- Who can I contact with additional questions? Please email the Horn Program in Entrepreneurship at <u>hornprogram@udel.edu</u> and use the subject line "Delaware Innovation Fellows."