Shoemaker Scholars Program

The Shoemaker Scholars are a prestigious group of students selected for their entrepreneurial ambition and drive. As a Shoemaker Scholar, students receive a scholarship of $3000 per academic year, $1500 per semester.

Students interested in being seriously considered for this selective scholarship must be in good academic standing (cumulative and current grade point averages of 3.0 or better) and must be able to clearly articulate their passion for innovation and entrepreneurship, both through their future career aspirations as well as their current endeavors, such as innovation and entrepreneurship group involvement, certificates and degrees being completed in innovation and entrepreneurship, and startup businesses developed or being developed.

In addition to financial support, Shoemaker Scholars will get experiences that enhance their knowledge of and experience with innovation and entrepreneurship. This includes an expectation that they contribute to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship at IU Bloomington by participating in activities, such as the following:

- Assist the Assistant Dean, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, & Commercialization with the development, implementation, and support of innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives for the Indiana University campus at large in partnership with the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation at the Kelley School of Business as well as other schools and programs at IU Bloomington.
- Serve as a student entrepreneurship ambassador for their school by promoting the innovation and entrepreneurship programs and activities already being offered within their school as well as suggesting such programs and activities which would encourage innovation and entrepreneurship within their school.
- Collaborate with the Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization (CEO) within the Kelley School of Business, the Ideation & Creation Entrepreneurs (ICE) within the
School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering, and other student innovation and entrepreneurship groups at Indiana University to foster innovation and entrepreneurship, including the coordination of innovation and entrepreneurship programs and events for the benefit of Indiana University students.

Any undergraduate student studying on-campus, full-time at IU Bloomington is eligible to participate. In order to apply to the Shoemaker Scholars program, students should email their current school year (i.e., freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior) and school/major, resume, a copy of their current transcript, and a 1-page statement of interest in innovation and entrepreneurship, which should include the related activities in which they have been involved, their entrepreneurial aspirations, and the functional role(s) they see themselves playing in the group (See the attached Shoemaker Scholars’ Roles for an explanation of roles for the group) to Dr. Travis J. Brown (trabrown@indiana.edu), Assistant Dean, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, & Commercialization for the School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering, by Friday, March 2\textsuperscript{nd} at 5pm EST.