UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School is committed to developing transformative entrepreneurial leaders as founders, funders and growth executives, and corporate entrepreneurs. The Entrepreneurial Center, founded in 1997 through the generosity of Frank Hawkins Kenan, offers a comprehensive array of curricular and co-curricular programs under the rubric Learn-Launch-Lead (L3)™ to develop skills and direct experience not found at other business schools. Our broad-spectrum entrepreneurship curriculum fosters our collaborative, hands-on and results-driven learning environment to build an entrepreneurial mindset and skills. And, our commitment extends beyond graduation to support career transitions through our global network of alumni mentors and coaches.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

STARTUP CONSULTING PROGRAM
This program provides MBAs an experiential learning opportunity serving as consultants to early stage, UNC-affiliated startup companies. These consulting projects offer students the chance to develop and hone entrepreneurial and startup skills through hands-on work and the opportunity to expand their network of founders, advisors and management teams.

STARTUP-UNC
This is a series of courses in feasibility, business planning and financing designed to teach, empower and inspire entrepreneurial teams at UNC to launch commercial businesses and social ventures. These courses also provide hands-on coaching and mentoring. (www.launch.unc.edu)

VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMPETITION (VCIC)
Founded at UNC Kenan-Flagler in 1998, VCIC attracts 1,200 MBA students from 60 different business schools around the world. VCIC provides MBA students with a unique opportunity to learn about venture capital funding by acting as venture capitalists and evaluating real startup ventures. (www.vcic.org)

MBA ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND VENTURE CAPITAL CLUB (EVC)
The MBA EVC Club is the only group dedicated for those MBA students pursuing careers as entrepreneurial founders, venture capitalist funders and innovative growth executives. The club sponsors keynote speakers, real-world experiences and exciting opportunities to work with local entrepreneurs and venture capitalists. The EVC Fellowships are available to help offset the cost of working for a startup during an internship. (www.uncevc.com)

CAROLINA CHALLENGE
The challenge is one of the nation’s premier university-sponsored entrepreneurship competitions. Since 2005, dozens of new ventures created by students, recent graduates and faculty have competed for up to $50,000 in seed funding. Participants are also given the opportunity to network with experienced business experts and receive valuable feedback. (www.carolinachallenge.unc.edu)

1789 VENTURE LAB
The 1789 Venture Lab provides support for fledgling innovators with ideas for nonprofit, for-profit or social entrepreneurial ventures. Access to relevant mentors and business coaches and essential services are provided for students and alumni starting their ventures. (www.1789venturelab.com)

LAUNCH CHAPEL HILL
This startup accelerator is designed to increase the growth potential of high-impact startup and early stage ventures. Launch Chapel Hill provides the support, tools and knowledge needed to decrease risks, reduce go-to-market time and accelerate the growth of a startup. (www.launchchapelhill.com)

BLUE INNOVATION COMMUNITY
Based in Carmichael Residence Hall, this innovation-themed program provides access to a massive design space, creation tools and an open workspace. BLUE inspires students in an innovative and collaborative residential community using physical and virtual tools to engage in self-discovery, build diverse connections and accelerate ideas.

ADAMS APPRENTICESHIP
This game-changing program is designed for entrepreneurs with a passion for innovation, creating opportunities and demonstrating results. Adams Apprentices are offered exclusive access to Adams Advisors — a select group of Carolina alumni and friends uniquely positioned to open doors and facilitate entrepreneurial success in multiple career pathways. (www.adamsapprenticeship.com)

ENTREPRENEURS LAB (ELab)
ELab offers a select number of UNC Kenan-Flagler MBA business students a rare opportunity to meet one-on-one with local entrepreneurs at their locations to see innovation firsthand. The class also invites best-in-class thought leaders to offer their insights and connections to accelerate the student experience.

UNC Kenan-Flagler is positioned to be the training ground for the next generation of transformative entrepreneurial leaders.

For business leaders to be relevant in the future, they will need to acquire the skills of the entrepreneur. UNC Kenan-Flagler is best positioned among peer business schools to shape entrepreneurial leaders through our Learn-Launch-Lead. This model delivers depth and breadth to prepare graduates to transition to entrepreneurship over the course of their career — as founders of new enterprises, funders in venture capital and private equity investing as well as corporate intrapreneurs or senior leaders in high-growth ventures.

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