

TOP COLLEGES

The 5 Grad Schools With the Most Opportunities for Mentorship

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Access to professionals succeeding in their fields is vital for students of entrepreneurship, both in and out of the classroom.

These five schools offer the highest number of mentorship programs from among our cohort of entrepreneurship graduate programs.

1. Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)

Entrepreneurs, senior executives and investors from Philadelphia and the mid-Atlantic region with a wealth of experience in numerous industries, and expertise in a multitude of disciplines, consult one-on-one with students, faculty and alumni who are starting entrepreneurial ventures. Through the Distinguished Leaders in Residence program, an elite group of highly successful entrepreneurs, senior executives and CEOs

provide several hours of free coaching and consulting services to the constituency on campus each month. Past Distinguished Leaders in Residence include Chris Rabb, Social Entrepreneur in Residence and author of *Invisible Capital*; Ellen Weber, Angel in Residence and Managing Director of Robin Hood Ventures; Glen Gaddy, Serial Entrepreneur and Strategy Executive in Residence; Ted LeBow, Financial Executive in Residence and CEO of JRI Consulting; and Lisa Peskin, Sales Executive in Residence, Founder and CEO of Business Development University.

2. University of Missouri—Kansas City (Kansas City, MO)

The Regnier Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation is home to an Entrepreneurs-in-Residence program, through which students can meet one-on-one with one of sixteen mentors in a variety of fields. These fields include: Branding/Marketing, Capital Resources, Consumer Products, Finance/Accounting, Financial Services, Information Technology, Intellectual Property, Media/Entertainment, Operations/Production, Petroleum/Energy, Sales, Start-Up, Start-Up Law, and Strategy/Planning. Each mentor's schedule and detailed bio is available online, giving students the opportunity to choose the best mentor for their projects and pursuits.

3. Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)

BYU's Venture Mentoring Services is the largest university mentoring program in the world, and is

comprised of more than 200 committed mentors. Student teams, as they form, are mentored on a weekly basis to help the fledgling startup make weekly progress, understand next steps, connect to potential partners or other mentors, etc. VMS facilitates the relationship between student venture and carefully vetted entrepreneurs and business leaders within the network best suited to help the team progress. Both the student and the mentor are required to enter into specific agreements, and to achieve certain milestones in order to participate.

4. University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)

University of Michigan provides mentorship through a variety of programs and business plan competitions. “Ask An Entrepreneur” invites students to meet one-on-one with highly regarded entrepreneurs to pitch their ideas, gain advice, and create connections. The Business Development Workshop Series addresses everything from ideation development, refining a business pitch, marketing analysis, financial structure, writing a business plan, and building a team. Through the Weather Underground Startup Trek, students also have a chance to travel to San Francisco, where they pitch to venture capital firms and connect with entrepreneurs.

5. University of Washington (Seattle, WA)

UW business students have access to mentors through

a post-graduate accelerator, an angel investing course, and the MBA Mentor Program. Through the latter program over 90 percent of MBAs engage in on-site visits and small group mentoring with executives. Students explore career paths, obtain an inside view of industries, learn how executives meet difficult challenges, and gain insight into corporate strategy. The school also offers mentorship-on-demand through its MentorConnect program, and an Entrepreneur-in-Residence with office hours available for student meetings.

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Top 25 Colleges for Entrepreneurship for 2015 (Graduate Programs)



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Think you've got what it takes to start a business? Time to get educated. To get your schooling underway, we present the annual Princeton Review ranking of the top 25 undergraduate and top 25 graduate entrepreneurship programs offered at U.S. institutions.

1. Harvard University

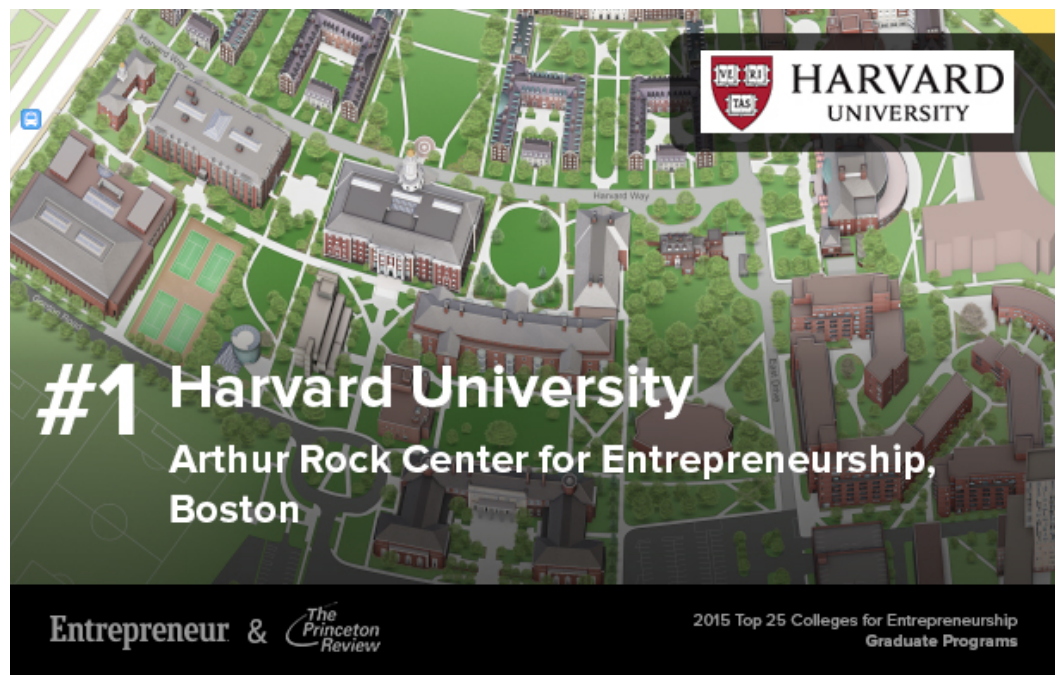


Image credit: Harvard Business School

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1947
\$56,175
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

95
33

Harvard Business School Soldiers Field Boston, MA 2163

About the Program

Harvard University currently offers 33 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 182 companies and have collectively raised \$1,200,000,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$300,000 in cash prizes.

57 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 127 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

2. Babson College

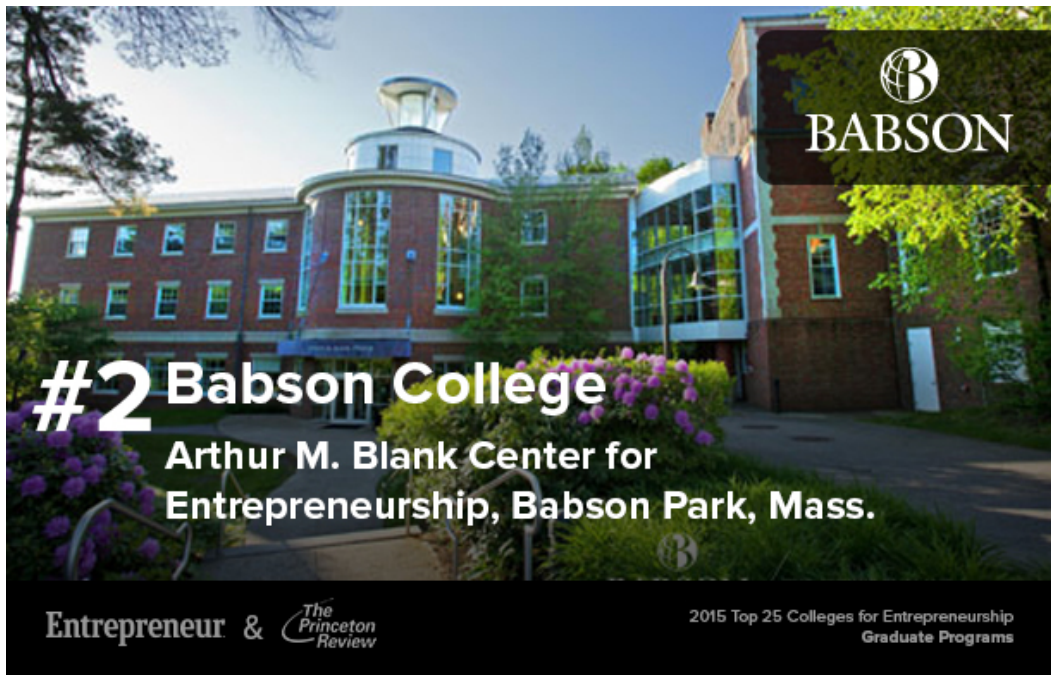


Image credit: Babson College

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1967
\$60,944
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

100
79

Babson College Olin Hall Babson Park, MA 2457

About the Program

Babson College currently offers 79 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have

started 181 companies.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$75,000 in cash prizes and \$191,230 in prize money was won in other competitions.

100 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 9 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

3. University of Michigan



Image credit: Michigan Ross School of Business

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1927
\$50,000
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

100
62

**University of Michigan Zell Lurie Institute 701 Tappan Street Ann
Arbor , MI 48109**

About the Program

University of Michigan currently offers 62 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 106 companies and have collectively raised \$34,100,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$140,000 in cash prizes and \$108,500 in prize money was won in other competitions.

54 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 162 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

4. Rice University



Image credit: Rice Jones Graduate School of Business

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1974
\$48,500
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

64
31

6100 Main St - MS 531 Houston, TX 77005

About the Program

Rice University currently offers 31 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have

started 22 companies and have collectively raised \$27,773,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$1,400,000 in cash prizes and \$564,000 in prize money was won in other competitions.

100 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 190 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

5. Stanford University



#5 Stanford University
Center for Entrepreneurial Studies,
Stanford, Calif.

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The image features a red header with the Stanford University logo and name. Below this is a photograph of a diverse group of students in a meeting. The text "#5 Stanford University" is prominently displayed in white, followed by "Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, Stanford, Calif." in white. At the bottom, there are logos for "Entrepreneur & The Princeton Review" and "2015 Top 25 Colleges for Entrepreneurship Graduate Programs".

Image credit: Stanford University, Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, Stanford, Calif

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
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1954
\$61,875
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

81
N/A

655 Knight Way Stanford, CA 94305

About the Program

53 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 44 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

6. Northwestern University



Image credit: Kellogg Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative, Evanston, Ill.

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
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1976
\$59,085
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
 NUMBER OF COURSES
 ADDRESS

37
31

2001 Sheridan Rd Evanston, IL 60208

About the Program

Northwestern University currently offers 31 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates

have started 109 companies and have collectively raised \$151,300,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$165,000 in cash prizes and \$375,000 in prize money was won in other competitions.

67 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 255 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

7. Brigham Young University



Image credit: Brigham Young University, Rollins Center for Entrepreneurship & Technology, Provo, Utah

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

2003
\$11,280
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

75
25

470 TNRB Provo, UT 84602

About the Program

Brigham Young University currently offers 25 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 60 companies and have collectively raised \$17,187,494 in funding.

89 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 201 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

8. University of Texas at Austin



Image credit: University of Texas at Austin, Herb Kelleher Center for Entrepreneurship, Austin

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1964
\$48,832
\$33,298

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

75
31

2110 Speedway, Stop B6300 Austin, TX 78712

About the Program

The University of Texas at Austin currently offers 31 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five

years, its graduates have started 30 companies.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$178,000 in cash prizes and \$20,200 in prize money was won in other competitions.

91 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 511 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

9. University of Chicago



Image credit: University of Chicago, Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Chicago

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
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1980
\$58,760
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

55
30

5807 S. Woodlawn Suite 207 Chicago, IL 60637

About the Program

University of Chicago currently offers 30 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 111 companies and have collectively raised \$38,600,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$190,000 in cash prizes.

67 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 200 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

10. University of Virginia

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Batten Institute, Charlottesville, Va.

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Graduate Programs

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1971
\$52,720
\$48,402

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

77
40

**Admissions Darden School of Business, PO Box 6550
Charlottesville, VA 22906**

About the Program

University of Virginia currently offers 40 entrepreneurship-

related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 62 companies and have collectively raised \$10,089,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$370,000 in cash prizes and \$22,500 in prize money was won in other competitions.

100 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 17 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

11. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Image credit: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, Chapel Hill, N.C.

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1979
\$50,942
\$31,510

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

73
34

401B Kenan Center Campus Box 3440 Chapel Hill, NC 27599

About the Program

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill currently offers 34 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$100,000 in cash prizes and \$50,000 in prize money was won in other competitions.

95 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 150 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

12. University of Washington



Image credit: University of Washington, Arthur W. Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship, Seattle

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1991
\$41,037
\$27,861

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

100
25

**Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship Dempsey Hall 227, Box
353223 Seattle, WA 98195**

About the Program

University of Washington currently offers 25 entrepreneurship-

related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 140 companies and have collectively raised \$11,740,633 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$293,520 in cash prizes and \$3,425,520 in prize money was won in other competitions.

62 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 284 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

13. University of South Florida



Image credit: University of South Florida, USF Center for Entrepreneurship, Tampa, Fla.

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
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1992
\$20,600
\$11,216

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

100
49
4202 E. Fowler Ave., BSN 3403 Tampa, FL 33620

About the Program

The University of South Florida currently offers 49 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 115 companies and have collectively raised \$3,000,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$20,000 in cash prizes and \$30,000 in prize money was won in other competitions.

93 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 83 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

14. Baruch College



Image credit: Baruch College, The City University of New York, Lawrence N. Field Center for Entrepreneurship, New York

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
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1995
\$24,795
\$12,770

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

20
14

55 Lexington Ave. B9-240 New York, NY 10010

About the Program

Bernard Baruch College, The City University of New York currently offers 14 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 500 companies and have collectively raised \$58,000,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$250,000 in cash prizes and \$250,000 in prize money was won in other competitions.

75 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 54 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

15. Washington University in St. Louis

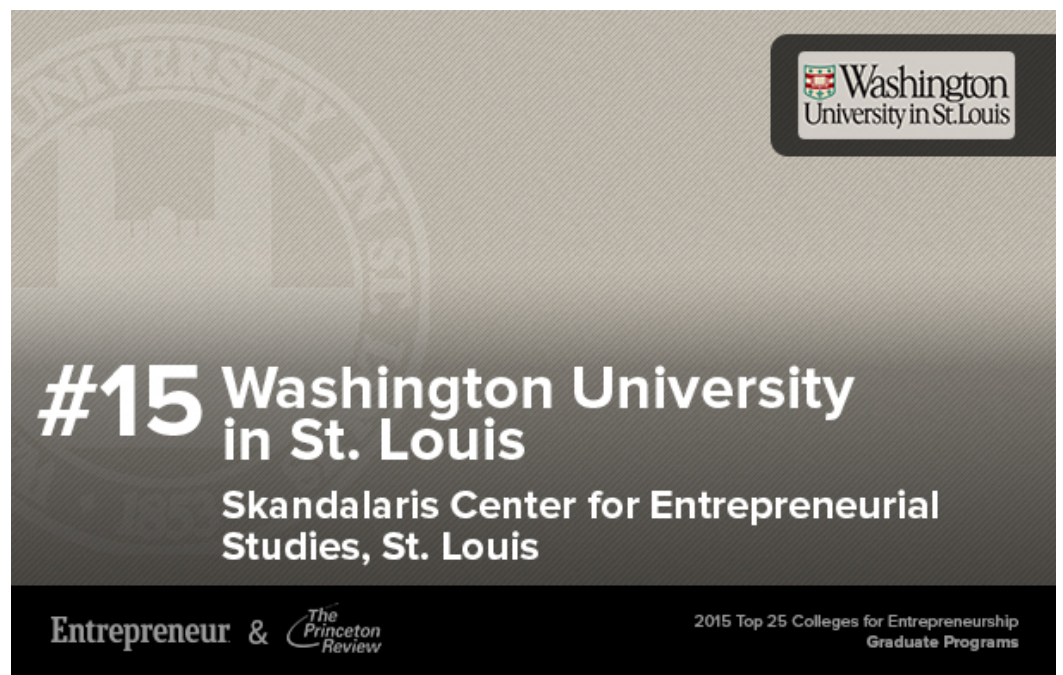


Image credit: Washington University in St. Louis, Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, St. Louis

COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1997
\$49,700
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

23
21

One Brookings Drive Campus Box 1133 Saint Louis, MO 63130

About the Program

Washington University in St. Louis currently offers 21 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$280,000 in cash prizes and \$4,330,000 in prize money was won in other competitions.

37 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 192 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

16. Temple University



Image credit: Temple University, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Institute, Philadelphia

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED

TUITION

IN STATE TUITION

1997

\$39,117

\$27,459

% ENROLLED IN COURSES

NUMBER OF COURSES

ADDRESS

93

57

1801 Liacouras Walk 538 Alter Hall Philadelphia, PA 19122

About the Program

Temple University currently offers 57 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have

started 111 companies and have collectively raised \$7,680,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$230,000 in cash prizes and \$239,357 in prize money was won in other competitions.

100 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 129 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

17. Syracuse University



Image credit: Syracuse University, Entrepreneurship and Emerging Enterprises, Syracuse, N.Y.

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
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1994
\$38,820
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

71
22

721 University Ave. Suite 508 Syracuse, NY 13244

About the Program

Syracuse University currently offers 22 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$160,000 in cash prizes and \$360,000 in prize money was won in other competitions.

100 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 300 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

18. University of Oklahoma



Image credit: University of Oklahoma, Center for Entrepreneurship, Norman, Okla.

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
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2005
\$21,606
\$5,606

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

26
15

1003 Asp Avenue Room 1036 Norman, OK 73019

About the Program

University of Oklahoma currently offers 15 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates

have started 11 companies and have collectively raised \$670,750 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$295,000 in cash prizes and \$54,250 in prize money was won in other competitions.

100 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 300 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

19. University of Arizona



Image credit: University of Arizona, McGuire Center for Entrepreneurship, Tucson, Ariz.

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1985
\$37,895
\$22,023

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

35
15

1130 E. Helen Street, McClelland Hall 202A Tucson, AZ 85721

About the Program

University of Arizona currently offers 15 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 12 companies and have collectively raised \$1,500,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$60,000 in cash prizes and \$214,550 in prize money was won in other competitions.

70 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 20 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

20. DePaul University



Image credit: DePaul University, Entrepreneurship Program, Chicago

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1972
\$15,200
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

48
25

1 E. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604

About the Program

DePaul University currently offers 25 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have

started 102 companies and have collectively raised \$2,500,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$10,000 in cash prizes and \$11,750 in prize money was won in other competitions.

100 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 35 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

21. University of Southern California



Image credit: University of Southern California, Lloyd Greif Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, Los Angeles | Gus Ruelas

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1971
\$50,495
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

74
31

**Bridge Hall One 3670 Trousdale Parkway Los Angeles, CA
90089**

About the Program

University of Southern California currently offers 31 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$270,000 in cash prizes.

92 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 150 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

22. University of Louisville



Image credit: University of Louisville, Entrepreneurship MBA, Louisville, Ky.

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1993
\$32,000
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

100
37

**W211 College of Business University of Louisville Louisville, KY
40292**

About the Program

University of Louisville currently offers 37 entrepreneurship-

related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 12 companies and have collectively raised \$5,200,000 in funding.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$68,500 in cash prizes and \$207,000 in prize money was won in other competitions.

91 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 17 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

23. University of Utah



Image credit: University of Utah, Lassonde Entrepreneur Institute, Salt Lake City

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

2000
\$43,012
\$22,660

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

47
17

105 Fort Douglas Blvd #604 Salt Lake City, UT 84113

About the Program

The University of Utah currently offers 17 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 196 companies.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$744,550 in cash prizes and \$959,550 in prize money was won in other competitions.

92 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 75 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

24. University of Missouri-Kansas City



Image credit: University of Missouri-Kansas City, Regnier Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Kansas City, Mo.

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED

TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1998
\$13,936
\$5,392

% ENROLLED IN COURSES

NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

34
34

**Bloch Executive Hall Suite 329, UMKC 5108 Cherry Street
Kansas City, MO 64110**

About the Program

University of Missouri-Kansas City currently offers 34

entrepreneurship-related graduate courses. Over the last five years, its graduates have started 108 companies.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$57,000 in cash prizes.

100 percent of the total graduate entrepreneurship faculty have started, bought, or run a successful business. 141 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.

25. Columbia University



Image credit: Columbia University, The Eugene Lang Entrepreneurship Center, New York

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COURSES FIRST OFFERED
TUITION
IN STATE TUITION

1996
\$60,720
N/A

% ENROLLED IN COURSES
NUMBER OF COURSES
ADDRESS

N/A
38
3022 Broadway Uris Hall, 2MC1 New York, NY 10027

About the Program

Columbia University currently offers 38 entrepreneurship-related graduate courses.

The 2013-14 business plan competition awards \$14,000 in cash prizes.

58 individual mentors worked with students through an officially sponsored school program.