



LaunchNET Entrepreneur-in-Residence

Department/Division: Center for Innovation & Growth
Work Schedule: 20 hours per month (flexible hours)

Job Summary:

Working in support of LaunchNET — a signature program of the Center for Innovation & Growth and powered by the Burton D. Morgan Foundation — the Entrepreneur-in Residence (EIR) will provide coaching and expertise to help aspiring student and alumni entrepreneurs explore their innovative ideas, and, potentially, develop and launch their ventures. The EIR will offer one-on-one or group venture coaching meetings, as well as facilitate entrepreneurially focused events, activities, workshops, and classroom presentations. The EIR will also serve as a LaunchNET ambassador, helping to infuse the spirit of entrepreneurship campus-wide, facilitating networking opportunities, and participating in the broader Northeast Ohio entrepreneurial ecosystem. This is a two-year grant funded position.

About LaunchNET:

NEOLaunchNET is a regional signature initiative, funded by the Burton D. Morgan Foundation, that seeks to inspire a culture of innovation on college and university campuses, building upon the unique assets and strengths of each school and sparking the entrepreneurial mindset in enterprising students. The program is designed to meet college students where they are. Through NEOLaunchNET, the next generation of entrepreneurs benefits from a comprehensive range of support — coaching, mentoring, special programming, and more. It allows students to explore venture development without grades, but in a way that fully complements and enhances their traditional classroom learning. The network currently includes LaunchNET programs at Baldwin Wallace University, Case Western Reserve University, John Carroll University, Kent State University, and Lorain County Community College, where colleagues closely collaborate in a cross-campus peer learning environment.

Essential duties, tasks and responsibilities: The following list outlines the essential functions of the LaunchNET Entrepreneur-in-Residence position, but it is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of duties and responsibilities assigned to this position.

- Mentor and coach students and alumni who seek to develop entrepreneurial ideas and launch new ventures
- Provide opportunities for students, faculty and staff to engage with LaunchNET through class visits, campus activities and other special events
- Actively participate in meetings, activities, and professional development opportunities within the Northeast Ohio entrepreneurial ecosystem, the LaunchNET consortium and with program funders/donors

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree required
- Entrepreneurial, with real-world start up experience
- Ability to establish and maintain office hours, to include remote or evening meetings
- Creative, positive, passionate, innovative and tech-savvy
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to design and deliver engaging presentations, workshops, and events
- Must complete a background check

Preferred Qualifications:

- Masters degree preferred
- Previous experience coaching and developing students, aspiring entrepreneurs and/or startup ventures preferred
- A demonstrated commitment to entrepreneurship education

Working Conditions and Physical Requirements: Work is normally performed in a typical interior/office work environment. Limited physical effort required. There is very limited exposure to physical risk.

Compensation: The LaunchNET Entrepreneur in Residence receives a stipend of \$5,000 per semester.

To Apply: All BW job opportunities are listed on HR's Current Job Openings web page at: <https://www.bw.edu/employment> and applications are submitted electronically. Send resume, cover letter and contact information for three professional references in one (1) Word document or one (1) PDF and submit via the To Apply link on HR's Current Job Openings web page.

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