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THE WEEKLY

Dear Colleagues,

Please submit your application for the recently launched [Institute for Digital InnovAtion \(IDIA\)](#)'s two signature programs for this year. The deadline for P3 is approaching soon. Details below:

IDIA Predoctoral Fellowship:

Deadline: **May 06, 2024, 11:59 PM EST**

Office hours: **April 8, 2024, 10:00-11:00 AM, EST**

RSVP for the Q&A session [here](#).

More information [here](#).

IDIA P3 Faculty Fellowship:

Deadline: **April 8, 2024, 11:59 PM EST**

More information [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

MASON I-CORPS: Quantum Cohort



MASON I-CORPS QUANTUM COHORT

THIS PROGRAM TEACHES AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH TO IDEA EVALUATION.

- **IS THE IDEA DESIRABLE?**
- **WHO IS THE IDEAL AUDIENCE?**
- **WHERE DO YOU EVEN START?**

THIS COHORT IS HERE TO HELP ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS.

LOGISTICS

Intro Session (Virtual) - Monday, September 2, (6PM - 8PM ET)
Session 1 (in-person) - Monday, September 9 (5PM - 7PM ET)
Session 2 (in-person) - Tuesday, September 10 (5PM - 7PM ET)
Session 3 (in-person) - Wednesday, September 11 (5PM - 7PM ET)
Session 4 (Virtual) - Wednesday, September 18 (TBC)

Session 1-3 (In-Person) Location:
Capital One Hall
7750 Capital One Tower Rd., Tysons, VA 22102

AGENDA

Mason I-Corps Quantum Cohort offers this Immersive NSF Regional Cohort at the Quantum World Congress 2024 to assist George Mason University innovators that want to take the ideas that have been percolating in their minds and bring them to market.

This program teaches an evidence-based approach to idea evaluation. Is the idea desirable? Who is the ideal audience? Where do you even start? This cohort is here to help answer those questions. Centered around customer discovery and Lean Launch methodology, you will determine if your idea solves a need and for whom.

The program provides a hands-on learning experience on how to begin to successfully nurture a fledgling idea into a more viable and implementable potential solution that benefits society.

This program is not just about the content; it focuses on talking to customers and testing hypotheses about the value behind your idea and the potential venture you could launch in the future to provide your solution to the market.

PRESENTED BY

INSTRUCTOR

Julie Collins is a leading player in the field of entrepreneurial coaching, an expert in non-dilutive funding for small businesses, and a faculty member for the NSF Innovation Corps (I-Corps) program. She has worked with more than 700 technology development teams and is a national leader when it comes to applying Lean Startup methodology to early-stage companies.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Faculty, Researchers, Postdocs, Students and Staff from the Mid-South and Mid-Atlantic Hubs universities.

COST/SESSION

This program is **free of charge for all teams**. Mason teams: QWC Registration fee is covered by Mason. **All other teams, talk to your I-Corps Coordinators about the QWC registration fee.**

QWC REGISTRATION

First, register for the Quantum cohort and then contact **Sampson Addo (Mason I-Corps Program Manager)** at saddo2@gmu.edu to register for the QWC 2024.

ABOUT QUANTUM WORLD CONGRESS

Quantum World Congress is the premier global quantum conference – connecting the world's quantum ecosystem, including the brightest researchers, innovators, technology developers, legislators, and industry experts – to accelerate the value of the growing quantum industry. Register now for Quantum World Congress at Capital One Hall in Tysons, Virginia, from September 9th through 11th. Learn more at quantumworldcongress.com.

Click the following link or scan the QR code to register for Mason I-Corps Quantum Cohort: <https://airtable.com/appFeNGaD0hWQIWEj/shrlgpl07WR3GkjYg>



Register Now.



MASON I-CORPS: Taking Research To Market

MASON I-CORPS: TAKING RESEARCH TO MARKET APRIL 18, 2024, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM VIRTUAL

ABOUT INFO SESSION

Join us to learn about Mason's NSF I-Corps Program! This program teaches an evidence-based approach to research solution evaluation.

- Is the solution desirable?
- Who is the ideal audience?
- Where do you even start?

The I-Corps program is here to help answer these questions.

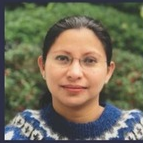
ABOUT THE PRESENTERS



Todd Morrill, the Mason I-Corps Lead Instructor, is a Faculty Director at the Bay Area I-Corps Node at the University of California, Berkeley. With extensive experience as a National Instructor for the NSF I-Corps, he has taught and coached over 500 teams. In his presentation, he will provide an overview of the I-Corps program.



Fatah Kashanchi (PhD), is an esteemed professor in Virology and Director of the Laboratory of Molecular Virology at the George Mason University. He will share how participating in the I-Corps Regional Program enhanced his partnerships and improved his research solutions.



Radhika Barua (PhD) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering at the Virginia Commonwealth University. In her presentation, she will highlight how participating in the I-Corps Regional program helped her to secure funding and establish partnership with a corporate partner.

WHAT WE WILL COVER?

- What is NSF I-Corps program
- Benefits of the I-Corps program to you as a Faculty, Researcher, Student or Staff
- Funding opportunities that will open up after participating in the I-Corps program
- Success stories of how participating in I-Corps has resulted in significant impact in research commercialization

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Faculty, Researchers, Postdocs, Students and Staff from any institutions of higher learning in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

REGISTRATION

Register for the Info session by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code below:

<https://gmu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpd-ChqDgjE90KhGOj9qTpFlwi2SHkntN>



[Register Now](#)

For any additional information contact:

- Sampson Addo, Mason I-Corps Hub Program Manager at saddo2@gmu.edu
- Gisele Stolz, Mason's I-Corps Director, Senior Director, Entrepreneurship Programs, Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Impact at gstolz2@gmu.edu

[17th Annual Star-Tides Capabilities Demonstration](#)



17th Annual Capabilities Demo: Adapting to Climate Change

April 15-16, 2024

Mason Square Van Metre Hall
Arlington, VA



This event brings together world-class discussions of Adaptation to Climate Change along with exhibitors from a global knowledge-sharing network with a focus on building sustainable resilience, promoting human security, and improving emergency response.

Benefits of Attendance

- Network with companies and individuals working in the areas of resilience and disaster response,
- Meet students seeking careers in resilience and sustainability, and
- Attend talks and panels on topics related to climate change

 <http://go.gmu.edu/s-treg20>



REGISTRATION

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Quantum for Climate & Sustainability Mini-Workshop



Quantum for Climate & Sustainability mini-workshop

Bring your research challenges!

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1:00 – 2:30 pm

April 8, 2024

Johnson Center 327

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- Quantum computing: cans and cannots
- Climate and sustainability case study
- Roundtable discussion: applications

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[National Science Foundation - Artificial Intelligence, Formal Methods, and Mathematical Reasoning](#)

Deadline: **June 3, 2024**

[National Science Foundation - Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace \(SaTC\)](#)

Deadline: **Continuous Submission**

[National Science Foundation - Mathematical and Scientific Foundations of Deep Learning and Related Areas \(MoDL+\)](#)

Deadline: **Continuous Submission**

*If a funding opportunity limits the number of applications the university can submit, it will be posted and managed through the Research Development Services office. Please contact limited@gmu.edu or Sheila Davis.

— IDIA AFFILIATION —

Did you know that, as an IDIA faculty affiliate, you are eligible to:

Compete for [internally funded IDIA projects](#)

Receive support for [IDIA-relevant events](#)

Become part of the [dynamic multidisciplinary faculty network](#) focused on digital techniques and technologies to advance fields as diverse as finance, education, built infrastructure, science, economics, agriculture, health, transportation, entertainment, national security, and social justice.

There is no financial burden to you or your departments for affiliation with the institute. Participation in IDIA does not prevent its members from being associated with other university centers. If you are not already affiliated, we encourage you to submit your profile [here](#).

— SHARE WITH US —

We are eager to hear from you! As we work with your colleges to compile updates on digital innovation-related research activities at Mason, we would love to hear about your research activities, awards, and recent publications. Please share any successes, concerns, or ideas with us at idiaz@gmu.edu





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