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| **Spark**University of Leeds Business Start-up Support at the Careers Centre |

 **Enterprise Scholarship Programme 2020/21**

**Application Form**

**Please refer to the notes on pages 3 and 4. NB, if you are applying as a group please copy and paste as appropriate to make sure all participants’ details are included in the application form. All applications to be submitted electronically, via email to:** spark@leeds.ac.uk **by 10.00am on Friday 30th October 2020**

**Personal Details**

Title (Miss Mr Mrs Ms etc.): First name: Last name:

Term-time address:

Postcode: Best term-time phone number:

Personal email: University email:

Home address:

Post code: Best vacation phone number:

**Are you planning to be studying on campus during the 2020/21 session? – YES or NO (delete as appropriate)**

**Course Details**

Course of study:

School / Department / Faculty:

Year of study eg. Year 1, 2, 3 etc.: Total course length (years):

Your student number (essential):

**Personal Tutor’s Details**

Title (Ms Mr Dr Prof etc.): First name: Last name:

Phone number: email:

**About You**

Each question should be no more than 150 words maximum

1. What experience have you had of enterprise?
2. What entrepreneurial achievement (at any age) are you most proud of?
3. What strengths do you have that will make you an effective Enterprise Scholar?
4. Which area of personal development could you benefit from, and why, to enhance your enterprising talent?
5. What main enterprise related activity would you pursue during your time as a successful Enterprise Scholar?

**Who Can Apply**

All undergraduate, postgraduate and PHD students registered at the University of Leeds for the academic year 2020/21are eligible to apply.

**By electronically submitting this form, and if successful, you agree to:**

* **proactively update the SPARK Business Advisor and the organisers of the scheme on your enterprise activities**
* **participate in the Virtual Enterprise Boot Camp on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December 2020 (subject to change)**
* **regular review meetings with your tutor, business advisor and mentors**
* **comply with the University’s Financial Procedures**
* **conduct yourself in a business-like manner at all times**
* **promote the scheme to students, alumni, and the business community**
* **assist in the recruitment of future scholars**
* **pay back any funding received if you leave your course during the year**
* **participate in scholar activities, training sessions and events which may include some evenings and weekends**
* **not seeking further funding from any of the donors or the University’s Enterprise Ambassadors without prior discussion with the Head of Spark**

**An Introduction**

* How can you develop your entrepreneurial ideas and study at the same time?
* Who do you talk to about your enterprising activities?
* Where can you learn the basics of business formation?

Here at Leeds we recognise these are real challenges, and have set up one of the first Enterprise Scholarship Programmes in the UK.

**The Programme**

The Enterprise Scholarship Programme provides a structured programme for enterprising students to support them in their entrepreneurial activities. The successful applicants will receive financial support and mentoring, as well as professional business advice. The programme, now in its third year, demonstrates the University's dedication to supporting student entrepreneurs.

**What's on Offer?**

Successful applicants can expect the following:

* £3,000 to help develop enterprise opportunities, plus £1,000 that the University will use to pay for your training and development
* Possibility of access to the Spark Business Incubator based in Nexus (subject to availability)**.**
* access to a range of business mentors
* a supportive environment in which to combine academic study with entrepreneurial activities
* access to professional networks
* the opportunity to participate in and help build the University’s enterprise community
* the opportunity to become an ambassador for enterprise at the University

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**How to Apply**

Completed applications to be submitted electronically by **10 A.M. on Friday 30th October 2020** to spark@leeds.ac.uk. Applications will then be considered by a formal review panel and the shortlisted applicants will be invited to present online to the panel **on Wednesday 11th or Friday 13th November 2020.**

**Contact**

The programme is managed by Spark at the Careers Centre from which further details can be obtained via Richard Doyle on 0113 343 5028, r.o.doyle@leeds.ac.uk or at <http://careerweb.leeds.ac.uk/spark>