

Draper University (School for Entrepreneurs)

The proposal is to provide a school for entrepreneurs, ages 21-24 with a few exceptions, who will come from all over the world. The school generally will teach fundamentals in business combined with creative encouragement. It is expected that the school will have regular guest speakers (successful entrepreneurs, lawyers, accountants, bankers, real estate brokers, headhunters, investment bankers, venture capitalists, scientists, artists) from industry and a steady stream of events connecting the students with the entrepreneurial world of the Silicon Valley.

The school will be boarding, both single and double occupancy with a capacity of about 150, and since there is a significant parking issue with the Ben Franklin, students will be asked not to bring cars to campus. The convenience of the train should make it ok for the students to get around to meetings outside of school.

The school will provide breakfast, lunch and dinner options for students, but we expect the meal plan to be flexible. There are some great existing restaurants in the neighborhood, and most would be attractive to our students.

The school will have 4 ten-week sessions that ideally coordinate with the Stanford quarterly system, and we expect to be a good fit for top students who want to take a quarter off to try something different. We expect to be able to give students academic credit for their work, but that has not yet been arranged.

Classes will generally be held in the mornings. The afternoons can be used for homework, meetings, and project collaborations. The weekday evenings will generally be speakers, media or networking. The weekends will be filled with physical education, brainstorming activities, strategic and imagination games and social events.

We expect to easily recruit top students from China, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Russia, Brazil, Vietnam, Korea, India, Pakistan, Europe, as well as the US, because we have strong relationships with people who are well connected with universities in each of those countries.



Tuition pricing is not yet set, but we expect it to be competitive with the top schools.

We expect this to be an “open” school. Open with ideas, open with businesses, and open to the community. Although the 2nd to the 8th floors will be available only to students and administrators, we expect bottom floor lobby area and plaza to be open to the community, ideally for those who want to advance the school or entrepreneurship.

The penthouse will take advantage of the spectacular views and will be accessible by outdoor elevator and open to everyone. We expect it to be used as a meeting area and bar for the whole community. We expect to have some food available too. There may be a toll to use the elevator.

We expect to put 4g antennae on the top of the building, and as a result we expect the community to have the best cellular service possible.

For community outreach, and as a part of their training, students will be expected to teach four mornings of BizWorld to children in local schools.

The final two weeks of class will be dedicated to applying everything the students have learned toward creating a business plan.

At the end of the ten week period, students will have the opportunity to present business plans to venture capitalists in bullet sessions and follow up with them in a q&a forum.

The school will also feature an online option for students who fall outside the age group or are not admitted to the boarding school, but still want to participate in the curriculum, the discussions, and the speakers.

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