Student Application Guidelines
Entrepreneurship Center Pre-Seed Fund

**Purpose:** To assist students who are in the early-stages of venture creation and enable venture development. The fund is for the express purposes of advancing venture development milestones such as securing intellectual property, prototype development, product validation, or competing in external venture competitions to raise awareness or additional funds for their venture.

**Funding:** The maximum grant award is up to $2,500 per student per semester.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be registered Ball State University students. Preference may be given to students enrolled in the Entrepreneurship (ENT) minor and major.

**Guidelines:** Each application should include: (1) Background on venture concept and progress thus far, (2) The requested award amount and how the funds will be used (i.e. budget), (3) When the funds will be used (i.e., timeline), and (4) Anticipated outcomes (i.e., how this will progress venture development). Applications cannot be for expenses already incurred and pre-authorization is required.

**Outcome Summary:** Within 60 days after receipt of awarded funds, award winners must submit a summary document to the Entrepreneurship Center. This should include learning outcomes associated with the award.

**Timeline:** There will be no fewer than two award cycles each fall and spring semester. Application deadlines in fall are October 1st and November 1st. Deadlines for spring are February 1st and March 1st. Applications may also be considered on an ad-hoc basis. Award notification will typically occur within 30 days of application deadlines.

**How to Apply:** Students submit applications electronically to the Entrepreneurship Center at entrepreneur@bsu.edu. Full details can be found on the Entrepreneurship Center’s webpage.