

Entrepreneurship

“My goal is to return to India and start my own company.”
Devtosh Khare, MBA '98.

“The faculty support and resources the School provided to help us with our research were incredibly valuable. We learned how to create a new business venture from the group and work together as a team.” Anouk van der Boor, MBA '97.

“I'd like one day to run my own firm...I saw coming to Harvard as a way of filling out what I didn't know about the rest of the business and moving beyond a parochial view.” Debbie Baker, MBA '96.

At its best, a business school should be an “incubator of ideas” – a place where students have the resources and support to explore new ideas, and learn how to take a company boldly into the future.

Building on its 50-year history of research and teaching in the field of entrepreneurship, HBS is a place that inspires students to test their business ideas in a safe environment. Whether its founding an Internet startup or opening a bagel shop in Australia, HBS students have the freedom to follow their imagination and inspiration while benefiting from the guidance of our faculty.

In fact, entrepreneurship has become such an important part of the HBS curriculum, Entrepreneurial Management is a required class. But the School's courses in this area take into account that entrepreneurship does not end once an enterprise is formed: it is a continuous process that requires identifying and carefully defining opportunities and marshaling the resources to capitalize those opportunities.

Just one measure of the importance of entrepreneurship at the HBS is the HBS Business Plan Contest: a competition that awards \$20,000 in legal and accounting services and cash to towards the start-up of a student-run company. Of course, the vast network of HBS is also an invaluable resource to our students.

Most important, whether one's dream is to work at a fast-moving entrepreneurial organization, or run their own company, HBS students learn the skills they need to shape their own future.