

# POLSKY I-CORPS

Supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, the Polsky I-Corps program enables UChicago scientists, researchers, faculty, and students to test the commercial potential of their research and ideas.



## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The Polsky I-Corps program is open to UChicago faculty, researchers, students, staff, and alumni as well as participants from partner institutions and regional universities. Only individuals and teams working on projects in the science, technology, mathematics, and engineering (STEM) fields are eligible. A background in business or entrepreneurship is not required.

## PROGRAM FORMAT:

The program includes four in-class sessions and outside field work, including 30 interviews with potential customers.

## BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION:

- **Education:** Hands-on training and entrepreneurial education delivered by world-class faculty members from Chicago Booth and experienced Polsky Center staff.
- **Mentorship:** Individual sessions with coaches who are focused on making introductions, providing feedback, and supporting the project's customer discovery process.
- **Funding:** Micro-grant funding supports early-stage entrepreneurial activities.
- **Networking:** Opportunities to interact with faculty, Polsky staff, and other scientists, researchers, and entrepreneurs.
- **Special Recognition:** Designation as an NSF-funded project, leading to further opportunities for training and funding through the national I-Corps program and SBIR/STTR programs.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact Lucas Peralta, Senior Program Manager, at [lucas.peralta@chicagobooth.edu](mailto:lucas.peralta@chicagobooth.edu) or visit [icorps.uchicago.edu](http://icorps.uchicago.edu)

## FALL DATES:

Sessions will be held on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Polsky Exchange on:

- October 6
- October 20
- November 3
- November 17

## INFO SESSION:

Wednesday, August 9  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Harper Center, C-09

Register: [bit.ly/2tmk2uF](http://bit.ly/2tmk2uF)

## WINTER DATES:

Sessions will be held on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Polsky Exchange on:

- January 19
- February 2
- February 16
- March 2

## INFO SESSION:

Tuesday, October 24  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Harper Center, Room C-06

Register: [bit.ly/2tRCVGz](http://bit.ly/2tRCVGz)

## SPRING DATES:

Sessions will be held on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Polsky Exchange on:

- April 6
- April 20
- May 4
- May 18

