# Polsky Guide: Science & Innovation Programs

At Polsky, we are committed to helping students build successful entrepreneurial careers, and we've designed offerings to build skills and knowledge in various areas of entrepreneurship. The guide below outlines actionable steps you might take toward a **post-MBA career in science-based entrepreneurship** or venture capital. This is not a one-size-fits-all pathway, and we encourage you to work with our team to tailor this guide to your goals.

# Pre-MBA

#### 1st Year

## Summer

# Post-Grad

#### Plug in to Polsky

- <u>Subscribe</u> to the Idea to Impact and Polsky Weekly 10 newsletters
- Familiarize yourself with Polsky's program offerings.
- Check out science content on Reach out to the Polsky Center team – we want to meet you!
- Consider a pre-MBA internship with a science or technology startup.
- Connect with your Booth Academic Advisor and Booth Career Services.

## **Engage with Polsky Offerings**

- Review the Polsky Weekly Briefing email for upcoming dates/deadlines
- Meet with Polsky's <u>Entrepreneurs-in-Residence</u>
- Join the Booth EVC, Healthcare, Technology, or Energy Groups and apply to be a 2nd year co-chair
- Attend the <u>Collaboratorium</u> to meet faculty and researchers and join their team for the <u>NSF I-Corps</u> <u>Program</u> (fall & winter)
- Apply for the <u>Innovation Fund</u> <u>Associates</u> program (6-month commitment)
- Attend the <u>Alchemist Chicago</u> networking night to connect with deep tech startups looking for student interns

#### **Intern and Network**

- Consider interning with a UChicago faculty-led startup
- Keep Polsky team up to date on your internship experience

#### **Refine Your Career Plan**

2<sup>nd</sup> Year

- Update your resume to reflect your summer experience.
- Check in regularly with the Polsky Center team and Entrepreneurs-in-Residence.
- Attend the <u>Collaboratorium</u> (fall & winter)
- If you didn't apply in the first year, apply for the <u>Innovation</u> <u>Fund Associates</u> program (6month commitment).
- Take advantage of leadership and volunteer opportunities at Booth.

#### **Stay Connected**

- Maintain relationships with Polsky team and UChicago faculty, including Chicago Booth
- Submit your alumni news for inclusion in the Polsky Weekly 10
- Connect with the Polsky Center if you are interested in alumni engagement opportunities
- Consider hosting Booth interns
- Mentor current students interested in science-based entrepreneurship and venture capital
- Participate in Polsky events and alumni programming
- Continue to utilize mentors in the <u>Entrepreneur-in-Residence</u> and <u>Mentorship Programs</u>