We’re looking for a few good entrepreneurs.

ACS Entrepreneurial Resources Center is an accelerator that helps chemical entrepreneurs bring their business innovations to market. We empower entrepreneurs with access to resources and mentor them to develop a viable business plan.

At the conclusion of this program, qualified chemical entrepreneurs are given the opportunity to present their business plans to potential investors at semiannual Showcase Events.

Chemical entrepreneurs in materials science, energy, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and other chemistry-based industries are invited to take advantage of our unique program offerings. Find out more at: www.ACS.org/erc.

“Innovation flourishes by supporting the entrepreneurial process.”
– Madeleine Jacobs
Chief Executive Officer, ACS
Entrepreneurship starts with a great idea.

ACS Entrepreneurial Resources Center empowers entrepreneurs with resources and expertise to explore the science and technology behind their inventions. Entrance into the ACS ERC program begins with ACS membership and requires submission of an application proposal for acceptance into the ACS ERC program.

Mentor Program

Mentorships connect entrepreneurs with senior scientists and business veterans who want to develop the next generation of chemical innovators. Mentors may provide introductions to innovator companies that could lead to development work to determine commercial viability. Entrepreneurs with qualified business plans will be referred by mentors to a Tiger Team.

Tiger Teams

Tiger Teams offer timely advice on key business activities for market evaluation, intellectual property, strategy, finance, and operations. ACS ERC entrepreneurs can avoid common pitfalls of start-up ventures.

A great idea must be developed into a business innovation.

ACS Entrepreneurial Resources Center gives entrepreneurs the tools to develop a viable business plan, including access to professional services, legal advice, mentorships, and potential partners for proof-of-concept development.

A great business innovation deserves showcasing to tech scouts and angel investors.

ACS Entrepreneurial Resources Center hosts semiannual Showcase Events for select entrepreneurs who are ready to pitch to a live and online audience of potential investors and partner companies. The top presenter is awarded a cash prize.

The Showcase Event includes an evening networking reception, keynote speech, and discussion panels focusing on challenges and successes of chemical entrepreneurs.

By landing a spot at this signature event, participants get introduced to start-up capital and form new relationships with companies, investors, and other entrepreneurs in the science-innovation community. Success at a Showcase Event often leads to due diligence by potential investors.

“Chance favors only the prepared mind.”
—Louis Pasteur

“Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration.”
—Thomas Edison

“Some people aren’t used to an environment where excellence is expected.”
—Steve Jobs