# UWM INNOVATION ROADMAP

network of change agents

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Fostering interest and freshman

engagement with ideas contests

and coordinated events

PROGRAMMING

that spans disciplines and levels

Innovation and entrepreneurship programming

UWM and the UWMRF are creating programs that engage students from a wide array of

disciplines in the entrepreneurship experience. Collectively known as UWM's Ideas Challenge, the various offerings include adapted course work, co-curricular programs – such as the Student Startup Challenge – and existing extra-curricular programs, like the

New Ventures Business Plan Competition in the Lubar School of Business.

FRESH IDEAS

In 2025, what product

will UWM students use

Campus-based innovation programming helps facilitate and produce uniquely talented students and new enterprises. Developing programming and infrastructure to meet the needs of entrepreneurial students requires an understanding of local/regional strengths and weaknesses, a broad perspective on finding and incorporating best practices, and strong support from the institution and its surrounding community. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is growing its innovation and entrepreneurship programming through the launch of the Lubar Center for Entrepreneurship, which will eventually be housed in a new 25,000 sq. ft. facility as part of a \$25 million initiative. With this poster, we examine the UWM regional innovation landscape and incorporate lessons learned as part of the EpiCenter and the University

Innovation Fellows Program. We present a programming array, and the infrastructure designed to support those programs.





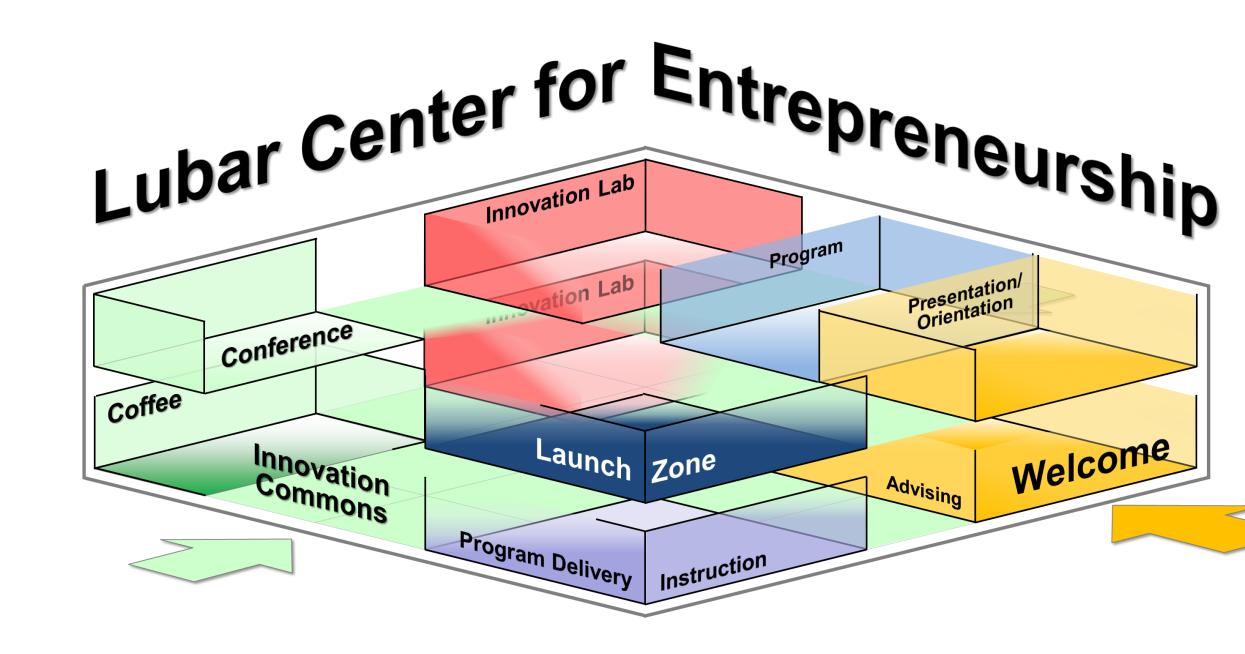
STUDENT STARTUP CHALLENGE



SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ENTREPRENEUR IN RESIDENCE **Integrating Campus Compact** and entrepreneurship principles to create sustainable benefits

FACULTY FELLOWS



### INFRASTRUCTURE

New Facility that will serve as a focal point for entrepreneurship activities at UWM

The Lubar Center for Entrepreneurship and Welcome Center will be housed in a new 25,000 sq. ft. facility at a central location on the UWM campus. This prominent location and the co-location of the Welcome Center with the Lubar Center for Entrepreneurship will send a powerful message about the importance of entrepreneurship to UWM. The new facility will provide space for: Co-Working and Collaboration – allowing students, business leaders and entrepreneurs to meet informally to share ideas; Flexible Instruction – providing a home for "Ideas Challenge Courses" that accommodate experiential learning; Innovation Labs and "Maker" Spaces - providing resources for students to prototype products and software; and Touchdown and Launch Space - providing a home for student entrepreneurs, faculty, community business partners and others to work on building new enterprises.





#### **Collaboration and Co-Working**



Informal space for meetings and collaboration

### **Program Delivery/Instruction**

Flexible instruction space accommodating active and engaged learning



### Maker Spaces/Innovation Labs



Hands on laboratories for discovery and prototyping

Shared workspace for entrepreneurs in enterprise launch phase



## **ECOSYSTEM**

**Building and adapting a network of courses** 

that are experiential, linked and flipped

