

# Entrepreneurship and Innovation News

February 2019

## Rebel Venture Fund-Accepting Applications for Spring 2019

Rebel Venture Fund (RVF) is UNLV's one and only venture capital fund that is run by high-achieving and passionate UNLV students in conjunction with the UNLV Troesh Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Student members screen investment opportunities and conduct due diligence on those deemed as "fundable". The RVF management board, which consists of local venture capitalists, angel investors, attorneys, entrepreneurs and business executives, oversees the investment process conducted by the student members.

RVF welcomes graduate and undergraduate students of all disciplines to apply for membership. You do NOT need prior experience in venture capital or finance.

Deadline to Apply: February 8, 2019

To apply click [here](#).



## The Southern Nevada Business Plan Competition Executive Summaries due March 1, 2019

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2019

Event Date: Friday, May 3, 2019

UNLV Foundation-Blasco Event Wing

Open to all UNLV students

The Southern Nevada Business Plan Competition is a collaborative effort between education and industry to recognize and support the efforts of Southern Nevada entrepreneurs. The competition seeks entrepreneurs that have the passion, drive, and determination to create businesses. Limited to those dedicated to doing business in Southern Nevada, the competition is committed to identifying and growing the best idea.

For upcoming deadlines and more information about the competition click [here](#).



## Meet RVF Board Member: Brady Ard

Brady Ard is one of the directors of the Rebel Venture Fund (RVF) pursuing his Masters in Business Administration in New Venture Management.

**Why you joined RVF:** I joined RVF to gain real world experience working with startups and analyzing businesses for potential investment. RVF also sounded like a great way to get more involved with UNLV and the local entrepreneurial community.

**Goal for RVF:** To continue to grow Rebel Venture Fund so it may further help students and the community.



## IN THE NEWS

### Southern Nevada Business Plan Competition featured in Las Vegas Review-Journal



To read about the 9th annual SNBPC competition click [here](#).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Pitch to StartUp NV

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6795 S. Edmond Street, 3rd floor, Las Vegas NV 89118

Wednesdays, multiple times

One of the most important services StartUpNV provides to our Nevada start-up community is listening to and helping with pitches. They do this for any business, founder, or founding team who asks – just schedule a time and prepare to pitch. Those who pitch have 30 minutes with a team of 8-12 highly experienced and successful start-up founders and capital raising / funding experts.

All who pitch get immediate, actionable feedback – with time for Q&A. In addition, presenters receive a StartUp Feasibility Index (SFI) score – as well as written feedback from the panel.

The Pitch Day agenda provides for time for a 10 minute pitch which must cover the minimum six topics, then 15-20 minutes of Q&A and feedback. You will pitch to a panel with more than 100 years of start-up experience with founders and funders who have raised and/or invested hundreds of millions of dollars — with dozens of successful exits including IPO's and acquisitions.

To sign-up click [here](#).

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[Troesh Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#) operates as an administrative unit within the UNLV Lee Business School. As a center of excellence, the Troesh Center is focused on providing opportunities for students, faculty and the community to learn about entrepreneurship.

The center manages the entrepreneurship curriculum across the university, is a hub for entrepreneurship research, supports entrepreneurial activities in southern Nevada, and offers guidance to internal and external stakeholders on obtaining angel capital.

The center also arranges for a limited number of business ideas to be presented to Lee Business School students at the beginning of each fall semester. If accepted, LEE students build investor quality business plans for the projects over the course of an academic year.

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