

Purpose and mission

More than ever, the world needs innovative products, services and organizations to help solve society's increasingly complex challenges. Who will develop them? Entrepreneurs and innovators. Dyer Center Fellows will be a select group of Lafayette students with a passion for problem-solving and capacity to apply it to their academic, career and life goals.

With a belief that entrepreneurship can be nurtured and taught, the Dyer Center will offer a flexible yet disciplined pathway for fellows to develop mindset, systems understanding, networks, and practical skills to build and thrive in fast paced, dynamic organizations. Each cohort will access eight semesters of intentional education and experiences, exploring their strengths and interests, identifying and pressure-testing ideas in teams, enhancing their creativity and maximizing their extensive opportunities for growth at Lafayette College.

How the Fellowship works:

- Fellows enter as first year students and are eligible for 4 years of support, renewed annually based on milestone progress and performance.
- Fellows attend a pre-semester orientation week filled with training, reflection, and immersion into Dyer, Lafayette, Easton and their own cohort.
- Fellows, with Dyer Center support, develop a flexible yet structured developmental pathway to acquire entrepreneurial capabilities necessary to "pursue opportunities without regard to resources currently under control".
- Dyer fellows attend academic and practical workshops, develop and pressure test real projects, meet regularly with mentors and plan and achieve individual milestones.
- Fellows spend roughly 20 hours per month in training and practice, receiving a monthly stipend and earning a \$4,000 professional development grant their junior year.

Qualifications:

Dyer Fellows show drive and intrinsic motivation to impact their world, along with a relentless focus on problem solving. Fellows bring high expectations, ambition and the humility to collaborate with others in an authentic and respectful way to achieve exceptional results. By their 3rd and 4th years, they are expected to build or contribute to ventures in diverse fields and interests, impacting many people in the Lafayette community and beyond.