Whether you want to take a deep dive or only have a couple hours, the Lassonde Entrepreneur Institute has something for everyone to learn what it takes to be an innovator, visionary, creator and maker. Got an idea? Want to join a team? Join our community, get inspired, apply to live at the Lassonde Studios, and contact us for details. Jump in!

LAUNCH WITH US

Join the community / all welcome

“Do your 10,000 hours to get that preparation, then get on as many roads as you can, get naked on the freeway, and opportunity will come. Be seen and be in the way of opportunity.”

— PIERRE LASSONDE, Lassonde Institute founder, M.B.A. (Learn more at eccles.utah.edu/pierre)

“The Lassonde Institute has been instrumental in my growth as an entrepreneur. I entered a Lassonde-sponsored competition eight years ago and stayed involved in its many other programs. I never anticipated starting a company, but the Lassonde Institute provided the inspiration, mentors and tools that lead me on this path.”

— DOLLY CASPER, medical-device inventor, Ph.D., bioengineering

“My involvement in the Lassonde Institute changed my life and increased the number of career opportunities for me. I was able to build my resume with experiences that are highly sought after, and I developed valuable business skills that cannot be taught in the classroom.”

— JOSH HADLEY, corporate executive, M.B.A.

ABOUT THE LASSONDE INSTITUTE

The Lassonde Entrepreneur Institute is a nationally ranked hub for student entrepreneurs and innovators at the University of Utah and an interdisciplinary division of the David Eccles School of Business. Founded by Pierre Lassonde, a successful alumnus and mining entrepreneur, the institute provides many programs to help students master the entrepreneurial mindset and launch new companies and initiatives. In fall 2016, the institute will open the Lassonde Studios, a one-of-a-kind living and creative space. All programs are open to students from any academic major or background. Learn more at lassonde.utah.edu.

CONTACT US

We want to hear from you. Let us know if you have questions or requests. Reach us at lassonde@utah.edu or 801-587-3836.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY / all welcome

We do entrepreneurship differently — like this group of entrepreneurship certificate students who traveled to Costa Rica for a social entrepreneurship experience.
PROPS & DIGITS

Ranked in Top

$740K+

Cash Prizes and Startup Funds Available

Seed grants and competition prizes help student entrepreneurs build a prototype or get their business off the ground.

State Rank for Business

The state of Utah is consistently ranked as a top location for business, according to Forbes Magazine.

Students Engaged

Thousands of students get involved in the many Lassonde programs.

Scholarships Awarded

More than $500,000 in annual scholarships awarded to Lassonde students.

Move over, Silicon Valley: Utah has arrived.”

— INC. MAGAZINE

“Colleges and universities are embracing ‘learning by creating’.”

— FORBES MAGAZINE

Startups at CES

Companies with Lassonde roots invited to the 2015 Consumer Electronics Show.

#1

5,000+

100+

25

More than 100+ scholarships awarded to Lassonde students.
Looking to earn a new skill or master a trending technology? Attend a workshop, take a class or create a prototype.

THE EXPLORER
Get involved with the entrepreneurial community and learn what it takes to be an innovator by attending an event, taking a class or living at the Lassonde Studios.

NAME: Tara Taylor
MAJOR: Mechanical engineering
PASSION: Creating opportunities for people that will help them achieve their dreams.
PERSONALITY TRAITS: I think I’m easy to talk to and personable. I enjoy meeting new people and exploring new ideas.

Lassonde Experience: Innovation Scholar, Lassonde Ambassador Program.
Results: I still have a lot of time left before I graduate, but my Lassonde experiences have already helped me discover what I want out of college and my future. I look forward to many great things.

THE FOUNDER
Got an idea that is gaining momentum? Pitch to peers for milestone funds. Enter a competition. Meet with an industry expert.

NAME: Mark Pittman
MAJOR: MBA/JD
PASSION: Innovation and technology
PERSONALITY TRAITS: I’m obsessed with new technology and efficiency. I’m always searching for the next big thing.

Lassonde Experience: New Venture Development Center student director, Entrepreneur Club, Get Seeded, Utah Entrepreneur Challenge.
Results: The leadership experience, seed money and mentorship I received has helped me launch Blyncsy, a big-data company that uses mobile location analytics to drive efficiency on our roads.

THE TEAM PLAYER
Love to make things happen? Looking for partners to launch a venture or have a skill to contribute? Stop by a workshop, innovation tournament or pitch event.

NAME: Liz Morales
MAJOR: Education
PASSION: I want to help people achieve success.
PERSONALITY TRAITS: I think of myself as a Gryffindor, but I’m probably more Hufflepuff. I am motivated, passionate and optimistic.

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Results: My experience has been invaluable to my education. It has allowed me to explore what it means to be an innovator, meet incredible students and develop my leadership skills.

HOW WILL YOU MAKE AN IMPACT? / student profiles

NAME: Schaeffer Warnock
MAJOR: Business (marketing and management)
PASSION: Technology and innovation.
PERSONALITY TRAITS: I’m a very motivated person. I strive for success in everything I do — school, creating new products, launching companies and skiing.

Lassonde Experience: Get Seeded, Lassonde student entrepreneur in residence.
Results: We created an innovative ski goggle and launched a company, Aura Optics. I don’t know if we would have got the idea off the ground without seed grants and support from the Lassonde Institute.

NAME: Paige Dabell
MAJOR: Mechanical engineering
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Imagine your potential by exploring everything at the University of Utah.

Start

Sign up for email newsletter, follow us on social media, and get involved.

LIVE AT LASSONDE STUDIOS
Be one of the Lassonde 400 at the hub for student innovators and entrepreneurs at the U.

INNOVATION SCHOLAR
Learn how to match your passion with a purpose — and earn an academic designation.

GET SEEDED
Pitch for cash to support your idea or startup in this monthly funding event.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP MAJOR & MINOR
Take a deep dive by getting a degree from the David Eccles School of Business.

NEW VENTURE DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Graduate students work with faculty inventors to develop business plans.

STUDENT ENTREPRENEUR CONFERENCE
An annual conference for aspiring entrepreneurs open to students across the state.

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BENCH-2-BEDSIDE
Build a medical-device prototype and compete for cash and prizes.

HIGH SCHOOL UTAH ENTREPRENEUR CHALLENGE
Explore the possibilities of entrepreneurship in our new high school competition.

INNOVATION WEEK
Discover if you have what it takes to be an innovator in this middle and high school program.

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LAUNCH AMBASSADORS
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MORE
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Lassonde Studios exterior. (Architectural rendering)
JOIN THE LASSONDE 400

Apply to be one of 400 students who will live at the Lassonde Studios. You will immerse yourself in your passions, launch your dreams and future. Choose from three housing types — micro-apartment, urban loft, and single and double room.

APPLY NOW →lassonde.utah.edu/studios

GO ONLINE
Learn about the Lassonde Studios.

TELL US ABOUT YOU
Apply to live here. Tell us what makes you unique.

APPLY TO THE U
Only students admitted to the U can live at the Lassonde Studios.

PREPARE FOR LIFTOFF
Register with Housing & Residential Education. Pick a room. Move in!

INSIDE THE STUDIOS

$45 million
New Building
The facility will be state-of-the-art in design and function.

400 Residents
All students are welcome to live at the Lassonde Studios. It will be a diverse community.

3,000+ Tools Available
We will have all kinds of tools available for check out in the garage for developing many types of products and prototypes. What do you want to create?

20K Sq. Ft. Garage
The first floor will be a creative workshop that will function like a student union for entrepreneurs and makers.

15 Places to Play
Among the many tools and resources will be video-game consoles for game development — and fun!

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A residence hall that blurs life and work the same way technology giants Facebook and Google do at their headquarters.”

— BLOOMBERG BUSINESSWEEK

“"The Garage" at the Lassonde Studios will be a creative workshop open to all students. Features include co-work spaces, prototyping tools and more. (Architectural rendering)
Through the world-class and highly experiential curricula at the David Eccles School of Business, you’ll learn the essential entrepreneurship and business management knowledge, skills, frameworks and tools needed to help you create value for yourself and society.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS VALUE CREATION

AMPLIFY YOUR EDUCATION

MATCH YOUR PASSION WITH A PURPOSE IN THE INNOVATION SCHOLAR PROGRAM.

CERTIFICATE: EARN AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CERTIFICATE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

MINOR: ELEVATE ANY DEGREE BY TAKING ESSENTIAL CLASSES IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

MAJOR: TAKE A DEEP DIVE BY MAKING ENTREPRENEURSHIP YOUR MAJOR.

GRADUATE: SIGN UP FOR A GROWING VARIETY OF PROGRAMS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS.

BEYOND: PRACTICE THE SKILLS YOU’RE LEARNING THROUGH EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS.

LAUNCHED AT LASSONDE

Our students launch companies, careers, initiatives and more. You are only limited by your imagination. You bring the ideas and passion. We’ll bring the fuel. What will you launch?

1. Power Practical invented a thermoelectric camp stove and received $250,000 from Mark Cuban on ABC’s “Shark Tank.”
2. Josh Hadley launched a career with American Airlines.
3. Marian Bonar started a career in marketing.
4. Beau Freckleton became a student leader.
5. Alex Carr created an innovative ski pole (and traveled to Costa Rica).
6. Heaven Cupcake sold deliciousness and expanded internationally.
7. Abbey Ehman created a portable canopy with solar power.
8. Fetch Food applied computer science to food delivery.
9. Lassonde students received an experience of a lifetime.