Wharton Leadership Ventures Program
Information Session
September 12, 2019
TODAY’S BRIEFING

- Introduction
- 2019-20 Venture Fellows
- Overview of Each Venture
- Housekeeping Information
OUR MISSION

To create, offer, and facilitate world-class expeditions and intensives that provide MBA students with highly demanding environments for growth, experiential learning, and leadership development.
LEADERSHIP VENTURES INVOLVE

LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP
Experience leadership first-hand

SELF-DISCOVERY
Step out of comfort zone

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT
Exceed personal limitations
LEADERSHIP VENTURES FORMAT

Intensives
- 1-2 days
- Within driving distance

Expeditions
- 7-9 days
- Across the globe
DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EXPEDITION

Experiential Learning:
learn through leading, following, and doing

Feedback:
reflect on your personal and team experience

Decision Making:
make decisions, strategize, and set goals as a leader and member

Uncertainty:
risk failure, conflict, and ambiguity

Immersive:
once you’re in, you’re in (unless you need a helicopter)

**NOT a casual leisure trip you go on with friends!**
EXPEDITIONS SPAN THE GLOBE

- Intensives
- Utah Canyoneering
- Small Crew Sailing
- Tall Ship Sailing
- Antarctica Trekking
- Andes Mountaineering
- Atacama Desert
- Patagonia
- Isla Navarino
# EXPEDITION PARTNERS

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Wharton Leadership Venture Expeditions involve considerable risk. Outdoor activities present hazards. Many ventures are isolated expeditions with significant variables that can initiate complex emergency situations without clear or simple solutions. Medical assistance and/or evacuation may be days away. We do not – and cannot – guarantee your safety.

However, we are committed to your physical and emotional well-being. We commit to providing you with timely, accurate information about the activities included in each of our ventures and to meet the highest industry standards for outfitter selection and risk management. You are ultimately responsible for your decisions. We believe that our students are intelligent adults who can make appropriate decisions for themselves.
You **DO NOT** need to be in top physical shape to participate. It’s more about attitude, mentality, and preparation for the specific venture!

But, *training* would make the experience a lot more fun!

*Especially Navarino and Andes*
WHO ARE THE VENTURE FELLOWS?

▪ **Classmates:**
  - 28 second-year students who love the outdoors, adventures, and using teamwork to make the dream work

▪ **Trained Venture Educators:**
  - Lead the educational content of the Venture; trained in conflict mediation, goal setting, coaching, and group decision making

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**BEFORE**
- Meet with each participant
- Support logistics (gear, travel, …)

**DURING**
- Facilitate and deliver educational content

**AFTER**
- Reflect with the group
# SUMMARY OF WLV EXPEDITIONS

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- ◆ Very Difficult – High Level of Training Required
- □ Difficult – Moderate Level of Training Required
Fall: November 21 – 22, 2019
Spring: March 26-27, 2020

QUANTICO, USMC
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Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:* $600

Group Size: 90

Nov. 21 - 22, 2019
Mar. 26 - 27, 2020

This venture builds upon U.S. Marine Corps programs for developing leadership at its Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia.

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<td>- Adaptability Training</td>
<td>- Moderate difficulty and rigor, but little pre-Venture physical training required.</td>
<td>- Bumps and bruises. Insect bites. Common Cold symptoms from swamp exposure.</td>
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<td>- Leadership Reaction Course</td>
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# Venture Fellow & Basic Information

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**Nov. 2, 2019**

Venture uses real FDNY training facilities on Randall’s Island, NY. Venture focuses on crisis leadership and communication through fire and emergency response simulation.

![Brendan Aronson](image1)

![Liz Fleming](image2)

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| - Extinguishing burning car  
- Responding to the scene of a bombing  
- Searching for casualties in a smoke-filled room | - Moderate difficulty and rigor. No pre-venture training required. | - Normal physical risks, including bumps, bruises, sprains, falls. |
ANTARCTICA TREKKING

January 5, 2020 – January 13, 2020
## ANTARCTICA TREKKING

### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

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### Jan. 5, 2020 - Jan. 13, 2020

7-day exploration of King George Island: participants will carry packs, pull sleds and wear snow shoes/crampons to explore a glacial ice cap and the coast.

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<td>- Backpacking</td>
<td>- Pre-Trip Conditioning: Moderate</td>
<td>- Extreme cold, snow, and ice</td>
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<td>- Mountaineering / Glacier travel</td>
<td>- During Venture: Moderate - Difficult</td>
<td>- Hypothermia / Frostbite</td>
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<td>- Multi-Day exposure</td>
<td>(weather dependent)</td>
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<td>- Winter tent camping</td>
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<td>- Navigation and route finding</td>
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TALL SHIPS SAILING
NAVIGATION & OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPLORATION
December 29, 2019 – January 6, 2020
## TALL SHIP SAILING

### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

**Landed Cost:** $4,200

**Group Size:** 21

### Dec. 29, 2019 - Jan. 6, 2020**

Three teams of seven participants navigating and managing a 161 foot-long Brigantine ship for 8 days in open sea, in the Southern Pacific Ocean near New Zealand.

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| - Continuous navigation  
- Critical oceanographic research  
- Sailing  
- Ship management, including ship watch | - Pre-trip conditioning: Low to moderate  
- Expect moderate physical challenges  
- Irregular sleep  
- Decision-making under unfamiliar circumstances | - Sea Sickness  
- Sunburn/Heatstroke  
- Deep Waters  
- Dehydration  
- Hypothermia |

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ISLA NAVARINO
Exploring at the end of the world
December 27, 2019 – January 4, 2020
## ISLA NAVARINO

### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

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### Dec. 27, 2019 - Jan. 4, 2020

The expedition starts at Punta Arenas, Chile, before circumnavigating the Dientes Circuit, one of the world’s most pristine wilderness areas.

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<td>- Rigorous hiking</td>
<td>- Pre-trip conditioning: Very High – VFs will consult w/ participants about required training</td>
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<td>- Backpacking</td>
<td>- During Venture: Very High</td>
<td>- Unexpected weather</td>
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<td>- Sailing</td>
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<td>- Compass and Map Navigation</td>
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<td>- Camping</td>
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Andes Mountaineering

Winter: December 29, 2019 – January 5, 2020
Spring: March 7 – 14, 2020
# ANDES MOUNTAINEERING

## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

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### Winter: Dec. 29, 2019 - Jan. 5, 2020
### Spring: March 7 - 14, 2020
Alpine climb of a major peak in the Central Chilean Andes. This venture will provide both physical and mental challenges - exercising leadership, teamwork, and self-discipline.

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<td>Pre-Trip Conditioning: High (good physical condition a must)</td>
<td>Altitude sickness</td>
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<td>During Venture: High (long periods of strenuous activity)</td>
<td>Frostbite and hypothermia</td>
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<td>Day hiking</td>
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Astrid Rademeyer
Joe Buonaccorso
Kaila Squires
Nick Onie
SMALL CREW SAILING
TACTICS, NAVIGATION & RACING
March 7 – 14, 2020
## SMALL CREW SAILING

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### March 7 - 14, 2020
8-day intense experience in Grenada on a 44-foot modern sailboat learning about sailing, navigation, steering, tactics, and racing in a dynamic, small team environment.

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<td>Tactical sailing and racing</td>
<td>Pre-trip conditioning: Low to moderate</td>
<td>Sea sickness</td>
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<td>Navigation courses</td>
<td>Expect moderate physical challenges</td>
<td>Heat stroke</td>
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<td>Close-quarter community living</td>
<td>Prepare to function as a team and develop as a leader</td>
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<td>Active teamwork and communication</td>
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<td>Sunburn</td>
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*Joe Buckley*  
*Mohan Liang*  
*Heidi Dong*  
*Altug Simsek*
PATAGONIA TREKKING

March 7 – 14, 2020
# PATAGONIA TREKKING

## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

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### March 7 - 14, 2020

Week of trekking in Chile's Patagonia region on one of the world's most stunning mountain trails – Dientes Circuit

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<td>- Backpacking / Trekking</td>
<td>- Conditioning: High</td>
<td>- Multi-day exposure</td>
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<td>- Rock climbing</td>
<td>- During Venture: High (10+ hours of hiking with full backpacks per day)</td>
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UTAH CANYONEERING
March 7 – 15, 2020
# UTAH CANYONEERING

## Venture Fellows & Basic Information

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### March 7-15, 2020

This venture is 7 days of challenging adventures. Backpack through the canyons of the Colorado Plateau in southern Utah developing backcountry skills.

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<td>▪ Climbing</td>
<td>▪ HIGH</td>
<td>▪ Isolated Travel (outside help could be days away)</td>
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<td>▪ Rappelling and rope usage</td>
<td>▪ Full day 8 – 12 hour backpacking in extreme conditions</td>
<td>▪ Multi-Day Exposure: Desert, Heat, Cold</td>
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Richard Graham
Sheila Ho
ATACAMA DESERT

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**March 7 - 14, 2020**
Spend a week in one of the most unique and beautiful landscapes on earth, and challenge yourself and support your teammates through multiple activities, all done at altitude

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<td>- Trekking</td>
<td>- Pre-trip conditioning: High (good physical condition a must)</td>
<td>- High altitude</td>
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<td>- Mountain Biking</td>
<td>- During Venture: High</td>
<td>- Falling rocks</td>
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<td>- Participants must pass bike test before landing</td>
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COURSE MATCH REGISTRATION

Registration priority is as follows:

1. **Second-year students** that have NOT participated in an Expedition

2. **First Year students**

3. **Second year students** that have participated in an Expedition
IMPORTANT DATES

VF Office Hours
• Week of September 16 @ 12:00 – 1:30pm in MBA Cafe

Course Match
• Instance Title: “MBA Leadership Ventures 2019-2020”
• Opens: Tuesday, September 17 at 9:00am ET
• Closes: Tuesday, September 24 at 5:00 pm ET
• Results: Tuesday, October 1 at 5:00PM ET
  ○ You have until Friday, October 18 to pay your fee to officially reserve your spot

Waitlist and Drop/Add
• Opens: Monday, October 7 at 8:00am ET
  ○ If you are taken off a waitlist you have 48-hours to pay your fee to reserve your spot
  ○ You can add yourself to a waitlist up to 2 weeks before an Intensive and 1 month before an Expedition
IMPORTANT DATES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

1 scholarship seat per Expedition

- The Application for Scholarships Runs Simultaneously with Course Match
  - **Opens:** Tuesday, September 17 at 9:00am ET
  - **Closes:** Tuesday, September 24 at 5:00pm ET

- **Course Match**
  - Same dates as non-scholarship applicants, but a separate Course Match will run for interested scholarship applications and generate separate waitlists.
  - You may use Student Experience Funds to help with costs.
PAYMENT & CANCELLATION

■ Payment:
  o Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Missed payment deadlines can result in Venture removal

■ Mandatory Travel Insurance:
  o iTravellInsured -Travel LX trip insurance is REQUIRED (designed for high-end adventure trips to exotic location)
  o $125 subsidy is provided

■ Cancellation
  o Trip Insurance refunds 75% of costs FOR ANY REASON
  o Trip Insurance refunds 100% of costs for policy-specific reasons
  o Wharton School and the Wharton Leadership Venture Program will not refund any fees for any reason
Anyone can succeed on a venture, BUT they are hard. Being physically prepared ahead of your venture will make the adventure more enjoyable and allow you focus more fully on leadership development.

**EXPEDITIONS: PHYSICAL PREPARATION**

**Venture-specific**
Your VFs will organize 1-2 workouts to ensure you are prepped for the physical demands of your specific venture (e.g. biking, carrying a heavy pack, breaking in hiking boots).

**Entire community**
The PT team will organize 1-2 venture-wide workouts that will focus on general fitness. This will give you an opportunity to meet others in the community and break a sweat.

**Individual**
The PT committee will send suggested workouts you can leverage to prepare on your own. You WILL need to spend time training outside of organized workouts.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **No Academic Conflicts**
  - Ventures do not conflict with the academic calendar and are not an acceptable excuse for missing classes or coursework
  - Antarctica conflicts with Focused Recruiting Period!!!

- **Travel Dates**
  - Dates as shown do not include travel days to/from Venture

- **Costs**
  - Prices do not include cost of personal equipment, clothing, airfare, land travel, non-venture meals, or spending money

- **Cancelling Ventures**
  - We reserve the right to cancel any Venture at any time for any reason or remove participants from any Expedition at any time for any reason
WHERE TO FIND OUR WEBSITE

- Go to: https://leadership.wharton.upenn.edu/mba-leadership-ventures/
- Click on: Leadership Ventures – MBA
- Here you can find information on Expeditions and Intensives
Questions? Ask your Venture Fellows!