

Wharton Leadership Ventures

2021-2022 Academic Year Update

MBA Ventures & Fellowship

Overarching Principles

Wharton Leadership Ventures remains steadfast in its commitment to resume programming as soon as conditions allow. With the support of the McNulty Leadership Program, our many partners at Penn, and the global community of Venture Partners, we eagerly look forward to running our many intensives and expeditions again. Until then, we will continue to plan strategically for the coming year with the input of our partners and our Venture Fellows. Our “doors” are always open to reach out with your questions regarding WLV.

Commitment to Venture Fellows

As we have done this year, we will continue to seek input from Venture Fellows as we plan for the possibility of intensives and expeditions. Although we cannot guarantee that the traditional August Training will occur, we will always push to find creative ways to train students to perform their duties as Venture Fellows.

To remain flexible, rather than asking each VF to accept a specific venture assignment, this year Venture Fellows will be recruited as a "Winter Break VF" or "Spring Break VF," as well as the traditional "Intensives VF" roles.

Should restrictions loosen up next year for local travel, there may be the opportunity for VFs to pilot new intensives (as participants) and/or to serve as a VF on a small, open-enrollment pilot of a new intensive.

Expeditions

At this time, due to the ongoing pandemic, we cannot commit to specific dates and locations. We are in frequent contact with our Venture Partners (NOLS, Vertical, SEA) regarding ways to stay flexible in our planning. If international travel remains limited, we are exploring ways to expand our domestic portfolio. We do not expect the upcoming year to involve travel to New Zealand or Antarctica.

Intensives

Similarly, due to the ongoing pandemic, we cannot yet commit to the FDNY or Quantico Intensives for the upcoming year. Traditionally held once each in the fall and spring semesters, we must respect the health and welfare of our first-responder and military communities. Please know these difficult decisions have been made in consultation with the FDNY and the Marine Corps.