

# Wharton Leadership Ventures Program

Information Session

September 5, 2023





# TODAY'S OBJECTIVE & AGENDA

## OBJECTIVES:

- Understand the mission and characteristics of a Wharton Leadership Venture
- Get to know 2023-24 Venture Fellows
- Preview the 2023-24 Venture offerings
- Get briefed on housekeeping info like how to apply
- Have space for informal Q & A

*All information in this session is subject to change*



# What are Wharton Leadership Ventures?



# OUR MISSION



To create, offer, and facilitate world-class  
**expeditions and intensives**

that provide MBA students with highly demanding  
environments for **mutual growth, experiential learning,  
and leadership development**



# LEADERSHIP VENTURES INVOLVE



## LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Observe leadership or the absence of leadership first-hand



## SELF AND PEER DISCOVERY

Step out of comfort zone



## CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Exceed personal limitations

# 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:**

Participatory involvement for the entire venture (Crew, not passengers)

**NOT a casual leisure trip!**



# LEADERSHIP VENTURES FORMAT



## Intensives



- 1-2 days
- Within driving distance

## Expeditions



- 7-9 days
- Across the globe

# EXPEDITIONS SPAN THE GLOBE

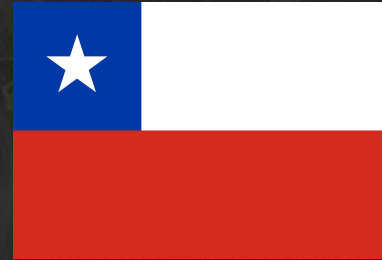


## USA



- Intensives

## Chile



- Atacama Desert
- Andes Mountaineering
- Cerro Castillo - Patagonia
- Isla Navarino - Patagonia
- Vodudahue - Patagonia

## British Virgin Islands



- Small Crew Sailing

## New Zealand



- Mountain to Sea
- Tall Ship Sailing

## Antarctica



- Antarctica trekking



# Risks and Preparedness



# EXPEDITION RISKS & ACTIVITIES



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.



# PHYSICAL FITNESS



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** will make the experience **a lot more fun!**

# PHYSICAL PREPARATION

**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.

## Venture-specific



Your VFs and WLV staff can suggest 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)

## Consistency



We suggest that you develop a routine prior to your venture. Allow for regular workouts and adequate recovery time.

## Individual



It is your individual responsibility to prepare physically for the venture you are attending. Consider this your first contribution to the team you will be part of for a week in the wild.



# Venture Fellows & Partners





# 2023-2024 VENTURE FELLOWS (& PARTNERS)



August VF Training, '23



# WHO ARE THE VENTURE FELLOWS?



- **Classmates:**

- 30 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

## BEFORE

- Meet with each participant
- Support logistics (gear, travel, ...)

## DURING

- Facilitate and deliver educational content

## AFTER

- Reflect with the group

# EXPERIENCED EXPEDITION PARTNERS



**NIVATION**

- New Zealand Mt. to Sea



**Sea Education Association**

- Small Crew Sailing
- Tall Ships Sailing



**Vertical**

- Andes Mountaineering
- Atacama Desert
- Antarctica
- Cerro Castillo - Patagonia
- Isla Navarino - Patagonia
- Vodudahue - Patagonia



**United States Marine Corps**

- Quantico Military Simulation



**NYC Fire Department**

- FDNY Simulation



# The 2023/24 Leadership Ventures



# SUMMARY OF WLTV EXPEDITIONS



Venture	Date	Terrain	Physical Intensity	Camping/ Outdoor Living	High Altitude	Weather Exposure	Heavy Load Carrying	Endurance
Atacama	Fall 23	Desert	■	✓	✓	✓		✓
Andes Mountaineering	Spring 24	Mountain	◆	✓	✓	✓		✓
FDNY	Fall & Spring	Urban	■					
Antarctica Trekking	Winter 23	Ice	■	✓		✓	✓	✓
Isla Navarino - Patagonia	Winter 23	Mountain	◆	✓		✓	✓	✓
Cerro Castillo - Patagonia	Spring 24	Mountain	■	✓		✓	✓	✓
Vodudahue - Patagonia	Spring 24	Mountain	◆	✓		✓	✓	✓
Small Crew Sailing	Spring 24	Ocean	■	✓		✓		
Tall Ships Sailing	Winter 23	Ocean	■	✓		✓		
Quantico	Fall & Spring	Forest	■			✓		✓
NZ Mt. to Sea	Winter 23	Mountain	◆	✓		✓	✓	✓

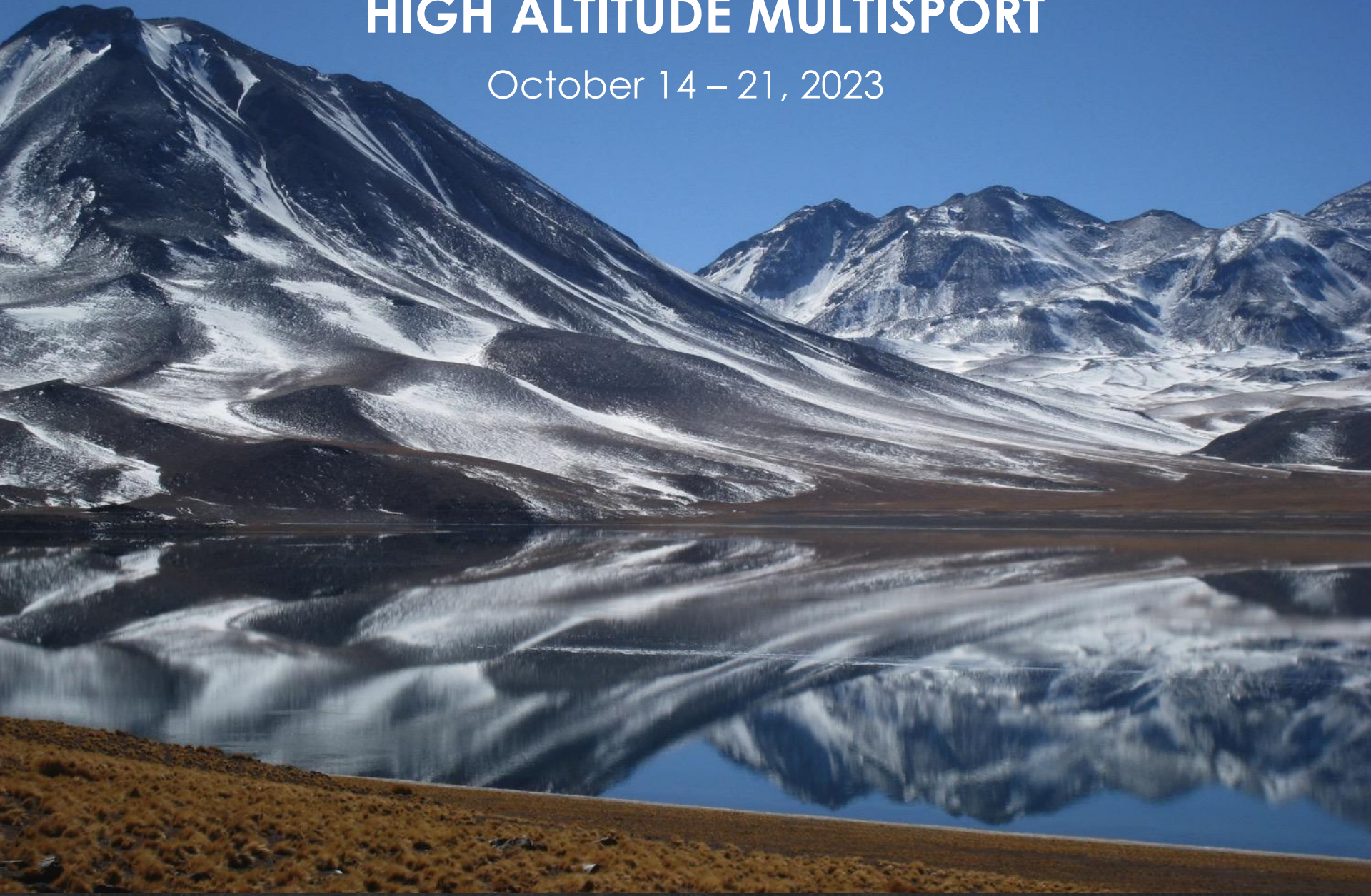
◆ Very Difficult – High Level of Training Required

■ Difficult – Moderate Level of Training Required



# ATACAMA DESERT HIGH ALTITUDE MULTISPORT

October 14 – 21, 2023





# ATACAMA DESERT (very soon...)



## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed  
Cost:\*

\$3,900

Group  
Size:

Limited spots  
left...

**October 14-21, 2023**

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



Sage Vallabh



Devin Lindley



Nick Skerritt

## Details

Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Trekking</li><li>Mountain Biking</li><li>Rock Climbing</li><li>Mountaineering</li><li>Navigation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pre-trip conditioning: High (good physical condition recommended)</li><li>During Venture: High</li><li>Participants must pass bike test before landing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>High altitude</li><li>Falling rocks</li><li>Extreme cold (frostbite and hypothermia)</li><li>Sunburn/heatstroke</li><li>Multi-day exposure</li></ul>

\*Prices do not include any personal equipment, spending money, clothing, airfare, or non-expedition land travel or meals







**FDNY**

**Fall Date: Oct 28th, 2023**

**Spring Date: TBD**

# FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY



## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed  
Cost:\*

\$700

Group  
Size:

40

**Oct 28, 2023**  
**Spring TBD**

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



Hannah Zhang



## Details

### Activities:

- Extinguishing burning car
- Responding to the scene of a bombing
- Searching for casualties in a smoke-filled room

### Difficulty / Rigor:

- Moderate difficulty and rigor. No pre-venture training required.

### Risks:

- Normal physical risks, including bumps, bruises, sprains, falls.

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**Fall Dates: December 7-8, 2023**

**Spring Dates: April 4-5, 2024**

**QUANTICO, USMC**

# QUANTICO, USMC



## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\* \$700\*

Group Size: 120

**December 2023**  
**April 2024**

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

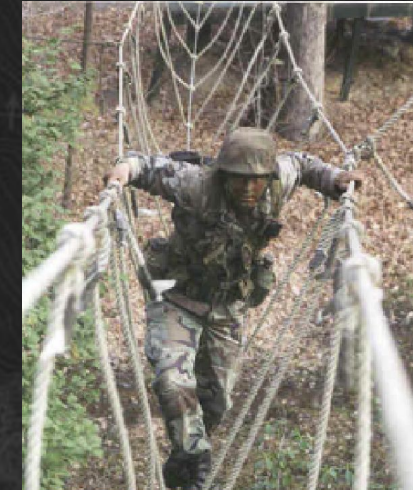


Jake van Arkel

## Details

Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adaptability Training</li> <li>Leadership Reaction Course</li> <li>Tarzan Confidence Course</li> <li>Combat Obstacle Course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate difficulty and rigor, but little pre-Venture physical training required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bumps, bruises, sprains, fractures. Insect bites. Cold and heat related injuries.</li> </ul>

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**TALL SHIPS SAILING**

**NAVIGATION & OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPLORATION**

December 29, 2023 – January 5, 2024

# TALL SHIP SAILING



## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed  
Cost:\*

\$4,300

Group  
Size:

21

**Dec. 29, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024**

Teams of participants navigating and managing a 134 foot-long Brigantine ship for 8 days in open sea, in the waters surrounding the north island of New Zealand



Megan Shea



Rodolfo Fumero



Romel Singleton



## Details

### Activities:

- Continuous navigation
- Critical oceanographic research
- Sailing
- Ship management, including ship watch

### Difficulty / Rigor:

- Pre-trip conditioning: Low to moderate
- Expect moderate physical challenges
- Irregular sleep
- Decision-making under unfamiliar circumstances

### Risks:

- Sea Sickness
- Sunburn/Heatstroke
- Deep Waters
- Dehydration

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# Andes Mountaineering

Spring: March 2 – 9, 2024



# ANDES MOUNTAINEERING



## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$3,900

Group Size:

24



Connie Nie



Henry Senkfor

**March 2-9, 2024**

Alpine climb of a major peak in the Central Chilean Andes. This venture will provide both physical and mental challenge exercising leadership, teamwork, and self-discipline.

## Details

### Activities:

- High-altitude Mountaineering
- Glacier/Snow Travel
- Backpacking

### Difficulty / Rigor:

- Pre-Trip Conditioning: High physical condition is necessary
- During Venture: High (long periods of strenuous activity)

### Risks:

- Altitude sickness, cold, sunburn, multi-day exposure, isolated travel, falling rock/rolling rock, and hypothermia



\*Prices do not include any personal equipment, spending money, clothing, airfare, or non-expedition land travel or meals



# **New Zealand**

## **Aotearoa Southern Traverse | NZ's Southern Alps**

Winter: December 29, 2023 – January 6, 2024



# NEW ZEALAND



## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$4,800

Group Size:

24



AJ Zuttah



Anna Breu



Alyssa Sohn



Megan Burke

**Dec. 29, 2023 - Jan. 6, 2024**

Four teams trekking the Southern Alps and rafting river gorges in the South Island of New Zealand.



## Details

Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trekking Ka Tiritiri o te Moana, the Southern Alps</li> <li>Rafting (moderate grade rapids, self guided)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High (good physical condition recommended)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cold / Hypothermia</li> <li>Sunburn / Heatstroke</li> <li>Fast / Deep Water</li> <li>Snow / Ice</li> </ul>

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A photograph of a sailboat with a red sail sailing on the ocean at sunset. The sky is filled with orange and pink clouds, and the water is dark blue. The boat's mast and rigging are visible in the foreground.

# **SMALL CREW SAILING TACTICS, NAVIGATION, CREW MANAGEMENT**

March 2 – 9, 2024

# SMALL CREW SAILING



## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed  
Cost:\*

\$4,300

Group  
Size:

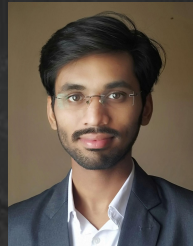
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**March 2 - 9, 2024**

8-day intense experience in British Virgin Islands on a 45-ft. modern sailboat learning about sailing, navigation, steering, tactics, and racing in a dynamic, small team environment



Amy Park



Harshal Nimawat



Philip Morgan

## Details

### Activities:

- Tactical sailing and racing tactics
- Navigation courses
- Close-quarter community living
- Active teamwork and communication

### Difficulty / Rigor:

- Pre-trip conditioning: Low to moderate
- Expect moderate physical challenges
- Prepare to function as a team and develop as a leader

### Risks:

- Sea sickness
- Heat stroke
- Exhaustion
- Sunburn
- Discomfort



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# Cerro Castillo - Patagonia

March 2 – 9, 2024



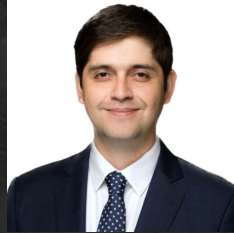
# CERRO CASTILLO - PATAGONIA



## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed  
Cost:\*

\$3,900



Ignacio Osorio

Group  
Size:

28



Cezar Gherghel



Gustell Preston

**March 2 - 9, 2024**

Week of trekking in Chile's Patagonia region on one of the world's most stunning mountain trails – the Cerro Castillo circuit

## Details

### Activities:

- Backpacking
- Trekking
- Tent camping
- Rafting

### Difficulty / Rigor:

- Conditioning: High
- During Venture: High (10+ hours of hiking with full backpacks on some days)

### Risks:

- Multi-day exposure
- Unexpected weather
- Exhaustion
- Isolated travel
- Hypothermia



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# Vodudahue - Patagonia (“Cloud Forest”)

March 2 – 9, 2024



# VODUDAHUE - PATAGONIA (“CLOUD FOREST”)



## Venture Fellows & Basic Information

Landed  
Cost:\*

\$4,100

Group Size:

28

**March 2 - 9, 2024**

Week of trekking in Chile's northern Patagonia region (Pumalin National Park) with rainforest, fjords, mountains, & SA's longest Via Ferrata

How to pronounce it: “Vo Du Da Way”



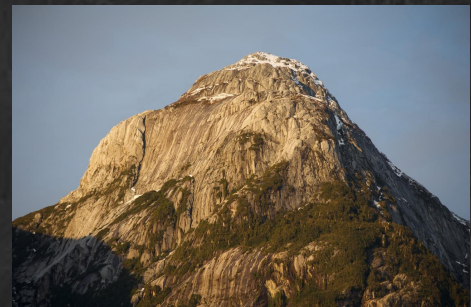
Nina Jin



Rachita Kumar



Jimmy Gillespie



## Details

### Activities:

- Backpacking/trekking
- Climbing/  
scrambling/height  
exposure
- Tent camping
- Rafting/kayaking\*\*

### Difficulty / Rigor:

- Conditioning:  
Moderate
- During Venture:  
Moderate (Long  
trekking days with  
packs)

### Risks:

- Multi-day exposure
- Unexpected weather
- Exhaustion
- Isolated travel
- Hypothermia

\*Prices do not include any personal equipment, spending money, clothing, airfare, or non-expedition land travel or meals

\*\*May change due to weather and other factors





# **Isla Navarino - Patagonia**

December 28, 2023 - January 4, 2024

# ISLA NAVARINO - PATAGONIA



## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed  
Cost:\*

\$4,100

Group  
Size:

28

**Dec 28, 2023 - Jan 4, 2024**

A week of trekking in Chile's southernmost Patagonia region with views of the Cape Horn archipelago.



Beom Shin



Rachel Denenberg



Peter Sunderland

## Details

### Activities:

- Backpacking
- Trekking
- Tent camping
- Water works challenge

### Difficulty / Rigor:

- Highest physical conditioning recommended
- During Venture: High (10+ hours of hiking with full backpacks on some days)

### Risks:

- Multi-day exposure
- Unexpected weather
- Exhaustion
- Isolated travel
- Hypothermia



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# ANTARCTICA



## Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$7,900

Group Size:

48



Dan Quilty



Jake van Arkel



Russell Matambo

**Dec 29, 2023 - Jan 6, 2024**

A week-long exploration of Antarctica's King George island, stressing decision-making, teamwork, and leadership in a challenging environment.



JingJing Wu



Hannah Zhang



Eliza Bara

## Details

### Activities:

- Backpacking
- Mountaineering
- Winter tent camping
- Glacier travel
- Navigation

### Difficulty / Rigor:

- High physical conditioning recommended
- During Venture: Moderate (hiking with full backpacks and sleds)

### Risks:

- Multi-day exposure
- Unexpected weather
- Exhaustion
- Isolated travel
- Hypothermia



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# So what next?





# IMPORTANT DATES

## VF Coffee Chats

- Week of 9/11, Monday-Thursday 11am-2pm in the MBA cafe and Thursday 9/14 7pm-9am on zoom

## TerraDotta

- **Opens:** Monday, September 11th
- **Fall INTENSIVES & Winter EXPEDITIONS Closes:** Monday, September 18th at 11:59 PM ET
- **Seat offers and waitlist position notifications:** Monday, September 25th
- **Spring EXPEDITIONS:** Enrollment will run later in the semester
- *Payment always due within 48 hours of notification from VF*

## Waitlist and Rolling Admissions

- **Opens: September 25th**
  - *If you are taken off a waitlist you have:*
    - 24-hours to accept the seat
    - 48-hours to pay your fee to reserve your spot
  - You can add yourself to a waitlist during rolling admissions

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS



## *1 scholarship seat per Expedition*

### ▪ **The Application for an Expedition Scholarship**

- You must apply for a venture just as everyone else.
- Indicate your desire to be considered for a scholarship within the Terra Dotta enrollment site.
- All scholarship applicants will be submitted to the Wharton Financial aid for determination of eligibility.
- One eligible scholarship applicant for each venture will be randomly selected to receive a scholarship.
- All applicants will be notified of their scholarship status.
- Scholarship applicants who did not qualify or win a scholarship **may remain on the venture or waitlist** in a full paying participant capacity.

*You can also utilize Student Experience Funds to help with costs.*



# TERRADOTTA REGISTRATION



## Registration priority:

- Second-year students who have not been on a venture
- First-year students
- Second-year students with previous venture
- Randomization among those with common parameters

# TERRADOTTA REGISTRATION

- Apply for programs on [TerraDotta](#)
- Utilize the [Program Search](#) function to locate the expedition or intensive of interest
- Program pages house additional information, as well as the link to apply

Overview
Location
Payments and Policies
Meet your Venture Fellows
Venture Partner
Travel Visa

Apply Now

Login to an existing application for this program

Information sheet

Opportunity Type	Leadership Venture - Expedition
Open to	MBA23, MBA24

Dates / Deadlines:

Term	Year	App Deadline	Decision Date	Start Date	End Date
Winter Break	2022-2023	09/19/2022	09/26/2022	12/28/2022	01/05/2023

Venture to the end of the world. Renowned for its combination of temperate forests, sub-polar evergreen rain-forests and coastal marine environments, Navarino Island is regarded as one of the world's most pristine wilderness areas. Participants on this venture will cover a distance of approximately 33 miles while circumnavigating the Dientes Circuit. Opportunities for summiting mountains and negotiating technical terrain will arise throughout the week. Physical conditioning and mental preparation for this venture is highly recommended.

**Special Considerations**

Activities include navigation and route finding, and rigorous hiking. Risks included multi-day exposure, hypothermia, and isolated travel.

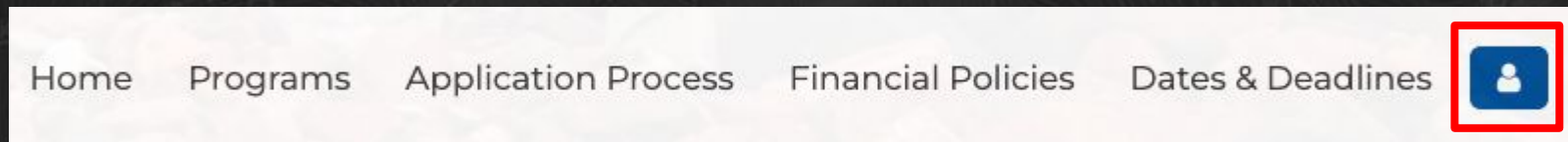
The trip requires a very high level of physical conditioning. Venture Fellows will consult with participants about required training.



# TERRADOTTA REGISTRATION



- Login to the system return to an application you've already started (do not click 'apply now' again)



- Submit your application once all app requirements are met
- If you are applying to more than one program, you **must rank** the programs prior to the application deadline
- [Full application instructions](#)

# PAYMENT & CANCELLATION

## ■ Payment:

- Visa, MasterCard, or American Express via online payment portal.  
Missed payment deadlines can result in Venture removal.

## ■ WLW Sponsored Travel Insurance:

- Pre-purchased for you by the university
- Reimburses 75% of the “Landing Cost” of the venture (the amount paid to WLW directly) and other qualifying costs.
  - Trip “Interruption” and “Delay” coverage varies
- The Wharton School and the Wharton Leadership Venture Program will not administer refunds directly.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **No Academic Conflicts**

- Ventures do not conflict with the academic calendar and are not an acceptable excuse for missing classes or coursework

- **Focused Recruiting Period**

- January 5 - 13, 2023; does conflict with Ventures

- **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

# Questions? Ask your Venture Fellows!



## ANDES



CONNIE NIE



HENRY SENKFOR



DEVIN LINDLEY



NICK SKERRITT



SAGE VALLABH



CEZAR GHERGHEL



GUSTELL PRESTON



IGNACIO OSORIO

## ANTARCTICA



DAN QUILTY



ELIZA BARA



JINGJING WU



RUSSELL MATAMBO

## ISLA NAVARINO



BEOM SHIN



PETER SUNDERLAND



RACHEL DENENBERG

## NEW ZEALAND



AJ ZUTTAH



ALYSSA SOHN



ANNA BREU



MEGAN BURKE

## SMALL CREW



AMY PARK



HARSHAL NIMAWAT



PHILIP MORGAN



HANNAH ZHANG

## FDNY/ANTARCTICA

## TALL SHIPS



MEGAN SHEA



RODOLFO FUMERO



ROMEL SINGLETON

## VODUDAHUE



JIMMY GILLESPIE



NINA JIN



RACHITA KUMAR

## QUANTICO/ANTARCTICA



JAKE VAN ARKEL



