



# TODAY'S AGENDA

- Share the mission and characteristics of a Wharton Leadership Venture
- Meet the WG25 Venture Fellows and our partners
- Preview the 2024-25 Venture offerings
- Review key dates and logistics (e.g., how to apply)
- Breakout for Q&A

All information in this session is subject to change



# **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**







- **Intensives** (FDNY, Quantico)
- Alaska

### **British Virgin Islands**



**Small Crew Sailing** 

### Antarctica



Runs once every 2 years **NOT OFFERED 2025-26** 

**Antarctica trekking** 

### Chile



- **Atacama Desert**
- **Andes Mountaineering**
- Avellano Valley Patagonia
- Vodudahue Patagonia

### **New Zealand**



- Mountain to Sea
- Tall Ship Sailing

### France

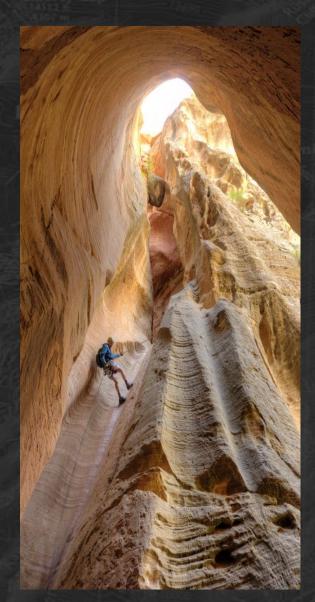


- Chamonix
- Corsica



# **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 to 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.



# 2024-2025 VENTURE FELLOWS & PARTNERS





August VF Training, '24

# WHO ARE THE VENTURE FELLOWS?



## Classmates:

o 36 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**



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S·E·A	Sea Education Association	• Small Crew Sailing • Tall Ships Sailing
VERTICAL	Vertical	<ul> <li>Andes Mountaineering</li> <li>Atacama Desert</li> <li>Antarctica</li> <li>Cerro Castillo - Patagonia</li> <li>Vodudahue - Patagonia</li> </ul>
MOUNTAINPATH	Mountain Path	<ul><li>Corsica, France</li><li>Chamonix, France</li></ul>
NOLS	NOLS	• Alaska
<b>FUSMC</b>	United States Marine Corps	• Quantico Military Simulation
FDNY	NYC Fire Department	• FDNY Simulation

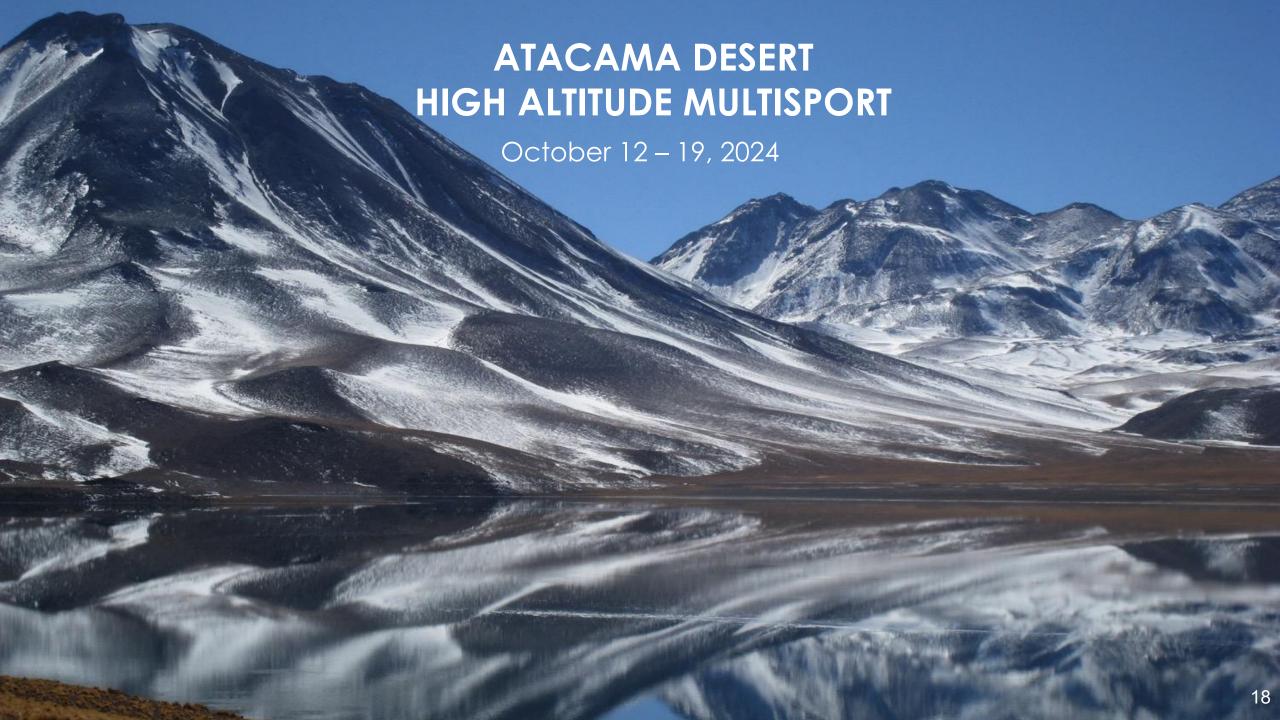
# The 2024/25 Leadership Ventures

# **SUMMARY OF WLV EXPEDITIONS**



	Venture	Date	Terrain	Physical Intensity	Camping/ Outdoor Living	High Altitude	Weather Exposure	Heavy Load Carrying	Endurance
	Atacama Desert	Fall 24	Desert		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		1
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	Corsica (France)	Fall 24	Mountain	$\Diamond$	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		1
	Andes Mountaineering	Winter 24	Mountain	$\Diamond$	<b>✓</b>	1	✓		<b>✓</b>
	Antarctica Trekking	Winter 24	lce		<b>✓</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>
	NZ Mt. to Sea (Aotearoa)	Winter 24	Mountain	$\Diamond$	<b>✓</b>		1	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
	Tall Ships Sailing	Winter 24	Ocean		<b>/</b>		1		William .
	Avellano Valley- Patagonia	Spring 25	Mountain	$\Diamond$			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
	Vodudahue - Patagonia	Spring 25	Mountain	$\Diamond$	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	1
	Small Crew Sailing	Spring 25	Ocean	Name of the second	<b>✓</b>	William III	1		0
	FDNY	Fall & Spring	Urban				12 O		No.
	Quantico	Spring	Forest		There are the			205 (8.6)	1





# **ATACAMA DESERT**



### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$3,900

Group Size:

18

October 12-19, 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



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### **Details** Activities: Difficulty / Rigor: Risks: Trekking • Pre-trip conditioning: High altitude Mountain Biking High (good physical Falling rocks condition recommended) • Extreme cold (frostbite Rock Climbing • During Venture: High and hypothermia) Mountaineering Navigation Sunburn/heatstroke Participants must pass Multi-day exposure bike test before landing



# **CHAMONIX - France**



### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$4,300

Group Size:

24

Oct 12 - 19, 2024

A week of trekking beginning in the village of Chamonix and then navigating through high alpine meadows filled with lakes, and high mountain plants.



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### **Details**

Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:
<ul><li>Backpacking</li><li>Trekking</li><li>Tent camping</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Highest physical conditioning recommended</li> <li>During Venture: High (10+ hours of hiking with full backpacks on some days)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unexpected weather</li> <li>Exhaustion</li> <li>Altitude Sickness</li> <li>Multi-day exposure</li> </ul>





# **CORSICA - France**



### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$4,600

Group Size:

12

Oct 12 - 19, 2024

A week of trekking the spine of mountains that divide the west and east coast of the island of Corsica.



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### **Details**

Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:
<ul><li>Backpacking</li><li>Trekking</li><li>Tent camping</li><li>Water works challenge</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Highest physical conditioning recommended</li> <li>During Venture: High (10+ hours of hiking with full backpacks on some days)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Multi-day exposure</li><li>Unexpected weather</li><li>Exhaustion</li></ul>



# FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY



### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$700

Group Size:

40

Nov 16, 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.



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### **Details**

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Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:	
<ul> <li>Extinguishing burning car</li> <li>Responding to the scene of a bombing</li> <li>Searching for casualties in a smoke-filled room</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Moderate difficulty and rigor. No pre-venture training required.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Normal physical risks, including bumps, bruises, sprains, falls.</li> </ul>	



# ANDES MOUNTAINEERING



### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$3,900

Group Size:

24

Dec. 28, 2024 - Jan. 4, 2025
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.



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### **Details**

Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:
<ul><li>High-altitude     Mountaineering</li><li>Glacier/Snow Travel</li><li>Backpacking</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Pre-Trip Conditioning:         High physical condition         is necessary</li> <li>During Venture: High         (long periods of         strenuous activity)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Altitude sickness, cold, sunburn, multi-day exposure, isolated travel, falling rock/rolling rock, and hypothermia</li> </ul>



# **ANTARCTICA**



### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$7,900

Group Size:

48



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Dec 27, 2024 - Jan 4, 2025
A week-long exploration of
Antarctica's King George island,
stressing decision-making, teamwork,
and leadership in a challenging
environment.



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### **Details**

Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:
<ul><li>Backpacking</li><li>Mountaineering</li><li>Winter tent camping</li><li>Glacier travel</li><li>Navigation</li></ul>	<ul> <li>High physical conditioning recommended</li> <li>During Venture: Moderate (hiking with full backpacks and sleds)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Multi-day exposure</li> <li>Unexpected weather</li> <li>Exhaustion</li> <li>Isolated travel</li> <li>Hypothermia</li> </ul>

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



# **NEW ZEALAND**



### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$4,600

Group Size:

18

**Dec. 29, 2024 - Jan. 6, 2025**Teams trekking the Southern Alps and rafting river gorges in the South Island of New Zealand.



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### **Details**

Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:
Trekking Ka Tiritiri o te	High (good physical	<ul><li>Cold / Hypothermia</li></ul>
Moana, the Southern Alps	condition recommended)	<ul><li>Sunburn / Heatstroke</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Rafting (moderate grade rapids, self</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Fast / Deep Water</li> </ul>
guided)		• Snow / Ice



# TALL SHIP SAILING



### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$4,100

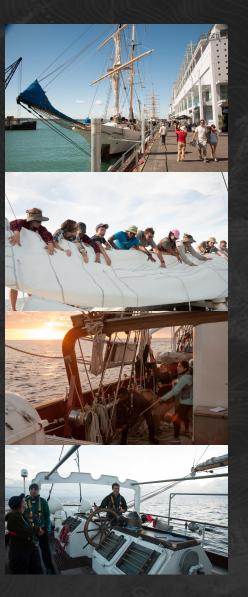
Group Size:

18

Dec. 28, 2024 - Jan. 4, 2025
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



### zha@ **Details** Activities: Difficulty / Rigor: Risks: Continuous navigation • Pre-trip conditioning: Low Sea Sickness • Critical oceanographic to moderate Sunburn/Heatstroke Expect moderate Deep Waters research Sailing physical challenges Dehydration • Ship management, Irregular sleep including ship watch Decision-making under unfamiliar circumstances





# **AVELLANO VALLEY - PATAGONIA**



### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$3,900

Group Size:

18

March 8 - 15, 2025 Week of trekking in Chile's Patagonia region on one of the world's most stunning mountain regions – the Avellano Valley



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### **Details**

Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:
<ul><li>Backpacking</li><li>Trekking</li><li>Tent camping</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Conditioning:         Moderate</li> <li>During Venture:         High/Moderate (Long trekking days with packs)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Multi-day exposure</li> <li>Unexpected weather</li> <li>Exhaustion</li> <li>Isolated travel</li> <li>Hypothermia</li> </ul>



# **VODUDAHUE - PATAGONIA ("CLOUD FOREST")**



#### Venture Fellows & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$4,000

Group Size:

24

March 8 - 15, 2025

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"



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#### **Details**

Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:
Backpacking/trekking	<ul><li>Conditioning: High</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Multi-day exposure</li> </ul>
Climbing/     scrambling/height     exposure	<ul> <li>During Venture: High (Long trekking days with packs)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Unexpected weather</li><li>Exhaustion</li><li>Isolated travel</li></ul>
<ul><li>Tent camping</li><li>Rafting/kayaking**</li></ul>		<ul><li>Isolatea Iravei</li><li>Hypothermia</li></ul>

<sup>\*</sup>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





## SMALL CREW SAILING



#### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$4,300

Group Size:

18

March 8 - 15, 2025

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



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#### **Details**

	Details		
Activities:	Difficulty / Rigor:	Risks:	
<ul> <li>Tactical sailing and racing tactics</li> <li>Navigation courses</li> <li>Close-quarter community living</li> <li>Active teamwork and communication</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pre-trip conditioning:     Low to moderate</li> <li>Expect moderate     physical challenges</li> <li>Prepare to function     as a team and     develop as a leader</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Sea sickness</li><li>Heat stroke</li><li>Exhaustion</li><li>Sunburn</li><li>Discomfort</li></ul>	



# QUANTICO, USMC





#### Venture Fellow & Basic Information

Landed Cost:\*

\$700\*

Group Size:

90

#### Spring 2025

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

Activities:

Adaptability Training

Leadership Reaction

Tarzan Confidence

Combat Obstacle

Course

Course

Course



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# Details Difficulty / Rigor: Moderate difficulty and rigor, but little pre-Venture physical training required. Risks: Bumps, bruises, sprains, fractures. Insect bites. Cold and heat related injuries.



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



# **IMPORTANT DATES**



#### **VF Coffee Chats**

- THIS WEEK: Tues 9/10-Thurs 9/12 & Mon 9/16 from 11am-2pm in the MBA café -- <u>SIGN UP HERE</u>
- MBA Café Drop-In: We will be running a drop-in booth from 12-1:30pm on the same days for any quick questions look for the Wharton Leadership Venture banner!

#### **TerraDotta**

- Opens: ALREADY OPEN!!
- Fall INTENSIVES & Winter EXPEDITIONS Closes: Monday, September 16th at 11:59 PM ET
- Seat offers and waitlist position notifications: Tuesday, September 24th
- Spring EXPEDITIONS: Opens 10/23, Closes 11/4, Decisions 11/12
- Spring Intensives: January, 2025, App Cycle tbd
- Payment always due within 48 hours of Seat Commitment

# Waitlist and Rolling Admissions

- Opens: September 24th
  - o 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 during application.
- 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 venture costs.

# TERRADOTTA REGISTRATION



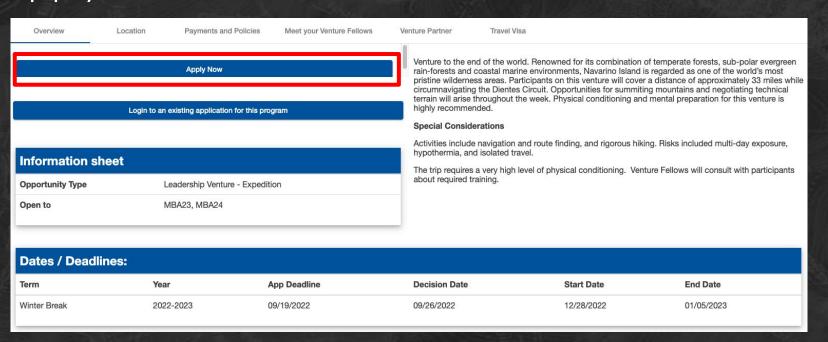
# Registration priority:

- Rank
- 2Y students who have not been on a venture
- 1Y students
- 2Y students with previous venture
- Randomization among those with common parameters

## TERRADOTTA REGISTRATION



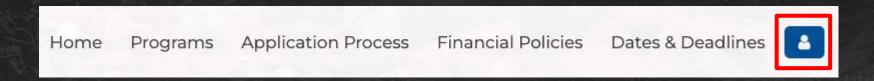
- Apply for programs on <u>TerraDotta</u>
- Utilize the <u>Program Search</u> function to locate the expedition or intensive of interest
- Program pages house additional information, as well as the link to apply



# 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 <u>must</u>
   <u>rank</u> the programs prior to the application deadline
- Full application instructions

# **PAYMENT & CANCELLATION**



## Payment:

- o Visa, MasterCard, or American Express via online payment portal. Missed payment deadlines can result in Venture removal.
- o Communicate payment issues with VFs or WLV Staff as soon as possible.

# WLV Sponsored Travel Insurance: TBD

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



#### No Academic Conflicts

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

## Focused Recruiting Period

- o FALL Ventures **DO** conflict with focused recruiting period (Oct 12-19, 2024)
- o WINTER Ventures **DO NOT** conflict with focused recruiting period (Jan 13-18, 2025)

#### Travel Dates

o Dates as shown do not include travel days to/from Venture – confirm travel expectations with VFs

#### Costs

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

## Cancelling Ventures

o 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!









































































**SMALL CREW** 



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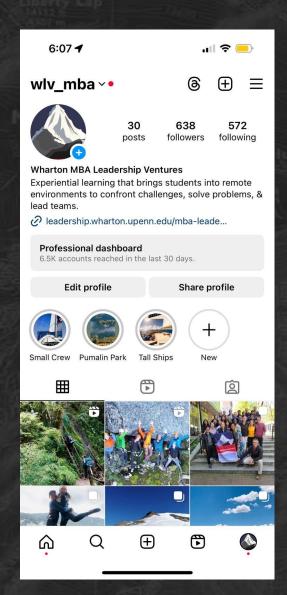
**HAOSHU XU** 

FRANK GAO

**COREY WALLACE** 

# Follow us on Instagram for a chance to win!





Follow us by Friday 9/20 for a chance to win a Wharton Leadership Venture Nalgene Water Bottle!

Only 1 step to enter! Couldn't be easier!

- Follow <u>@wlv mba</u> on Instagram
  - o Note: @wlvexpeditions is the undergraduate account which will NOT be considered for the lottery entry



The Famous "Small Print": You must be Wharton MBA Class of 2025 or 2026 to win. We will contact winners via Instagram DM by the end of the month.

# **Q&A Breakout**



#### Fall Break Ventures

- Ventures include: Corsica, Chamonix, Atacama Desert,
   FDNY
- Location: Meet at front of room

#### Winter Break Ventures

- Ventures include: Antarctica, Andes Mountaineering, Tall Ships Sailing, Aotearoa Southern Traverse (New Zealand Backpacking)
- Location: Meet on right side of room  $\rightarrow$

## Spring Break Ventures

- Ventures include: Cerro Castillo (Patagonia), Vodudahue (Patagonia Cloud Forest), Small Crew Sailing (British Virgin Islands), Quantico
- Location: Meet on left side of the room ←

#### VF coffee chats this week



Scan the QR code or follow THIS LINK to sign up for a coffee chat with VFs

We will also have a drop-in table in the MBA cafe from 12-1:30pm every day!

