

COST

The EBV is free to eligible veterans who are selected for the program. Parking, meals, and all resource materials for the EBV are provided at no cost. The costs of the EBV are underwritten by the U.S. Small Business Administration, with operations and program development provided by the Veterans Business Outreach Center and the School of Business and Economics at FSU.

† Lodging and transportation costs are not included in the program.

ELIGIBILITY

The EBV targets candidates who meet the following criteria:

- Service Veteran
- Service Disabled Veteran
- Retired Veteran
- Guard
- Reserve
- Spouse of the Above

†All Candidates must demonstrate a strong interest in entrepreneurship and commitment to small business ownership.

HOW TO APPLY

The EBV has a selective application process that reflects the unique opportunity and valuable resources being offered to eligible veterans. All candidates who demonstrate a strong interest in entrepreneurship and venture creation and who have the motivation to own and operate a business will be considered.

Applications are online at www.fsuvboc.com

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FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Fayetteville State University is a public, comprehensive, regional university that promotes the educational, social, cultural, and economic transformation of southeastern North Carolina and beyond. The primary mission of FSU is to provide students with the highest quality learning experiences that will produce global citizens and leaders as change agents for shaping the future of the State. FSU is an institution of opportunity and diversity. Committed to excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, and service, the university extends its services and programs to the military community, the community at large, and other educational institutions throughout North Carolina, the nation, and the world.

VETERANS BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTER

The VBOC mission is to advance the growth and commercial competitiveness of veteran-owned small business enterprises through education and services. Working in concert with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the VBOC focuses on business development, technology deployment, and e-commerce. We operate in SBA Region IV and serve 8 states, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. Our goal is to assist you in every way to start your business and give it a sustaining competence for a successful future.



Veterans Business Outreach Center

Entrepreneur Boot Camp for Disabled Veterans

March 9 – March 13, 2015
Fayetteville State University
Fayetteville, North Carolina

“The EBV was extremely informative. It provided a road map to start and maintain a successful business. In addition, the Boot Camp provided a network of resources for financial and start up assistance. Everything from A-Z is covered in the workshops.”

– Sandra Trombley, 2013 EBV Graduate



UNIQUE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM FOR VETERANS, ACTIVE, GUARD, RESERVE, RETIRED & SPOUSES

To support men and women who have served our country and risked their lives for a world free from tyranny and terrorism, the EBV goal is to help make the transition from military life to the entrepreneurial world a successful one. The EBV provides a learning and development opportunity for all veterans who are interested in starting a business. While designed as a start-up initiative, the EBV is also open to veterans who have an existing business.

The mission of the EBV is to foster the creation of successful, profitable ventures. To that end, the EBV offers a unique training program built around hands-on learning and practical interaction with business professionals. A team of world-class faculty and resource professionals work closely with the EBV to provide a challenging, interactive and informative experience. The program provides the opportunity for students to develop entrepreneurial ideas while also learning leading edge concepts, tools, and frameworks. Most importantly, EBV participants will learn how to apply those principles to current or potential businesses.



– EBV Spring 2013 Class

EBV SPECIFICS

At the heart of the EBV is an intense, five day integrated training program. The program's curriculum modules will cover the critical success areas for new and early stage ventures. The five day training program is preceded by an introductory period of online self study designed primarily for review and idea generation. The third stage of the program is a ten month period of mentorship and business counseling. The integrated model is a three phase program covering the key elements of successful entrepreneurship. The program offers an innovative and effective combination of focused, practical training in business creation and growth, accompanied by a support structure for graduates of the program.

EBV Phase I: Concept Development and Self Study:

February 26, 2015 – March 5, 2015. Over the initial phase I period, delegates will participate in an online self-study curriculum designed to assist in reviewing basic business fundamentals while offering support for idea generation. This phase enables delegates to work on development of business concepts and prepare for the EBV. Those with existing businesses will work on understanding and shaping relevant business issues.

EBV Phase II: Boot Camp:

March 9, 2015 – March 13, 2015. The five day boot camp is designed to be diversified, interesting, and fast-moving. It is an opportunity for hands-on learning and interaction. The EBV exposes participants to the “nuts and bolts” of business ownership through experiential workshops and lessons with faculty, guest entrepreneurs, and business experts.

EBV Phase III: Mentoring and Venture Development:

April 2015 – February 2016. Delegates are provided ongoing mentorship from entrepreneurship experts at the Veterans Business Outreach Center at FSU. This phase of the EBV will enable delegates to receive specific feedback regarding their ventures while offering hands-on support.

EBV SCHEDULE

January 5, 2015 – February 24, 2015

Applications are accepted for the EBC through February 24, 2015.

February 25, 2015

Applicants are notified of admission with final notification to all applicants by this date. As we have limited spots, a commitment letter or email must be received by us within a week of your acceptance.

February 26, 2015 – March 5, 2015

Phase I - Online Business Fundamentals Review and Business Idea Development.

March 9, 2015 – March 13, 2015

Phase II - Entrepreneur Boot Camp - 8:30 am to 4 pm daily, Monday – Friday at Fayetteville State University.

April 2015 – February 2016

Phase III - Follow up Mentoring and Venture Development Support.



*– Entrepreneur Boot Camp for Disabled Veterans
Fall 2013 Class*