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Conductor, UAMS and BioVentures to Host Health Sciences Entrepreneurship Boot Camp in 2018

CONWAY--The Conductor, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and BioVentures today announced plans to host the Health Sciences Entrepreneurship Boot Camp, a camp for undergraduate students around the state. In its second year, the camp creates entrepreneurial and interactive learning opportunities for students, and guides them through entrepreneurial processes of starting and funding a health sciences venture with their peers.

"We're thrilled to partner with the Conductor to offer this camp for the second year," said Nancy Gray, President of BioVentures. "This camp is integral in creating a statewide, biomedical research infrastructure in Arkansas, and expands the state's health sciences entrepreneurial network."

The Boot Camp is an intensive, weeklong program during which students identify problems or opportunities in healthcare, and then work in interdisciplinary student teams to formulate new venture ideas, talk to potential customers, meet with influential faculty and work closely with mentors from the healthcare industry. The boot camp coaches the teams through everything from entity filing and intellectual property to creating a sustainable entrepreneurial team.

"This camp is emblematic of the Conductor's mission to foster and nourish entrepreneurial talent within our state," said Jeff Standridge, Chief Catalyst for the Conductor. "This camp creates opportunities to show students that there are viable career paths to entrepreneurship, and to introduce them to the vast experts and resources in the state's health sciences."

In 2017, the camp's inaugural cohort had representation from 10 colleges and universities, empowering students from around the state with the knowledge and tools they need to think critically, learn entrepreneurial principles and launch innovative ventures. Additionally, the camp offers leadership, team-building and other recreational experiences in Conway.

"One of the outstanding outcomes of this camp is the opportunity it gives students to push their limits in a deep, meaningful way," said Kim Lane, Chief Operating Officer of the Conductor. "Not only are they building their social networks with other college students, they are creating a framework that reaches all corners of the state, and taking their entrepreneurial knowledge and skills back to their hometowns -- from north Arkansas to the Delta."

The residential boot camp will be held May 20-25 at the University of Central Arkansas. The camp is all-expenses-paid for accepted students, and is funded through UAMS, BioVentures

and the Conductor. Eligible students must have completed their sophomore year of college. Space permitting, there will spots available for immediate graduates and graduate students.

The application period begins on November 19, 2017, and candidates may apply at <https://goo.gl/forms/6lqHQUeCTe25991b2>. The early consideration deadline for the Camp is Friday, February 23, 2018. All other applications are due by Friday, March 23, 2018.

To learn more about the Health Sciences Entrepreneurship Boot Camp, [watch this video](#), and hear the student testimonies from the 2017 Camp [here](#).

About the Conductor

The [Conductor](#), a public-private partnership with the University of Central Arkansas and Startup Junkie Consulting, drives innovation, entrepreneurship and economic development in central Arkansas through high-impact programming, one-on-one consulting, commercialization support, talent development and collaboration.

About BioVentures

BioVentures is a technology commercialization organization and startup incubator focused on promoting a biomedical technology industry for Arkansas and translating research into products that benefit human health. BioVentures links the healthcare research minds to global markets in order to advance Arkansas' scientific and economic development.

About UAMS

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a northwest Arkansas regional campus; a statewide network of regional centers; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, the Myeloma Institute, the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, the Psychiatric Research Institute, the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging and the Translational Research Institute. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 2,834 students, 822 medical residents and six dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including about 1,200 physicians and other professionals who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses throughout the state, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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