

Entrepreneurship



AS A
**CAREER
PATH**

WORKSHOP

April 25, 2025, 12-4:30pm

Lunch provided, IPB Room 317

Join us for an engaging Entrepreneurship Workshop designed to introduce undergraduate and graduate students, and early career researchers to the opportunities and challenges of pursuing entrepreneurship as a career.

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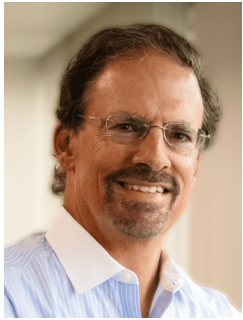
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: AL SUBBLOIE

As founder and CEO of Budderfly, Al Subbloie has led the Energy-Efficiency-as-a-Service startup to become one of the fastest growing companies in the cleantech sector in the United States, as well as



a national role model for firms seeking to leverage private sector practices to address issues of climate change. Under his leadership, Budderfly's revenue has grown at a CAGR of 250% since its founding in 2017 and has ranked on the Inc. 5000 Fastest Growing Private Companies list for three consecutive years. Subbloie was ranked in the 2021 Worthy 100 by Worth Magazine for his entrepreneurship around environmental benefit. Previously, Subbloie

founded and served as CEO of Tangoe, an industry-leading telecommunications expense management solutions company. Between 1999-2015, Subbloie generated over \$200M in revenue and hired and managed over 2,000 employees. Prior to Tangoe, Al co-founded Information Management Associates, which focused on modernizing the call center industry. He also co-founded Buyersedge.com, an internet-based reverse auction company, and Freefire, a customer interaction software company, which was acquired by Teletech Holdings. Subbloie is often featured in leading national and global media publications including CNBC, Fortune, and WSJ, sharing his unique perspective and experience on various topics such as business challenges, leadership, and management approaches, and taking companies public.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS WITH EMERGING ENTREPRENEURS

Gain first-hand perspectives from startup founders navigating the challenges of entrepreneurship:

- **CLIMATE & ENERGY PANEL**

Entrepreneurs driving innovation in sustainability and energy solutions.

- **MANUFACTURING & AI PANEL**

Founders leveraging cutting-edge technology to shape the future of industry.

**"I HAVE NOT FAILED.
I'VE JUST FOUND 10,000
WAYS THAT WON'T WORK."**

Thomas Edison

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Undergraduate and Graduate students and researchers from engineering and relevant disciplines who are interested in exploring entrepreneurship, whether they have an idea already or are simply curious about the journey. This is an opportunity to gain insights, network with fellow innovators, and connect with the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Connecticut.

RESOURCES & SUPPORT FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Learn about funding opportunities, incubators, mentorship programs, and other resources available to help launch and grow your venture.

The eHub was created as a space to promote the exchange of ideas, and facilitate collaborations and partnerships among UConn's Tech community. Our focus is on technological innovations and advancements in a range of sectors including HealthTech, GreenTech, Advanced Materials, Electronics, EdTech, Software, and AI. We support entrepreneurship, beginning from ideation and conceptualization to fully launching startups and scaling businesses.

We offer courses, programs, and activities that provide training and support in the skills, tools, and mindset of what it takes to be an entrepreneur. Our programs are open to anyone with a technology-based idea, and we provide support at all stages, from ideation to exit. We'll help connect you to available resources, facilities, and business support services to help your startup excel and accelerate in growth.

AVAILABLE EHUB COURSES:

- Technology innovation and Entrepreneurship I
- Technology innovation and Entrepreneurship II
- Innovation Entrepreneurship
- Startup Consulting
- Technology Entrepreneurship: Startup Strategy
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Innovation for Defense

APPLY NOW TO THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This program is supported by a 3-year project, titled "Creating Bold STEM Leaders Through Graduate Entrepreneurial Training," grant #2325444 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) program.

