

Immersion in Venture Capital

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New Mexico Tech and Verge Fund have teamed up to provide Tech management students a chance to work in the venture capital industry for a semester or more of school credit.

Tech students who work with Verge, an Albuquerque venture capital firm with investments in 10 start-up companies, will:

- Perform market research for the start-ups.
- Review business plans submitted by companies looking for funding.
- Learn how new companies repay investors through the sale of the business and other exit strategies.
- Help the firm's partners as they raise capital for a new investment fund.

Tech management department chairman Peter Anselmo said the program will give students real-world experience in the venture capital world and a chance to learn about how new companies are formed and run.

"Tech students are uniquely qualified because our emphasis in the management department is at the intersection of engineering, technology and business," Anselmo said.

Verge also sponsors a speakers series at Tech, featuring leaders of high-tech companies and venture capitalists. Anselmo credits the speakers series with providing Tech "the means to market ourselves to the business community."

Among the speakers in the series were Tom Stephenson of the Verge Fund, Gavin Christensen of venture capital firm VSpring, Belinda Padilla of Los Alamos National Laboratory's technology transfer program, and John Chavez of New Mexico Angels.

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