

Checklist.

for Emerging Entrepreneurs



Develop an entrepreneurial mindset

Being an entrepreneur is not just about starting a business, it's a mindset. It requires creativity, risk-taking, problem-solving, and a willingness to learn from failure. Start developing this mindset by identifying problems or opportunities in your community or daily life, and brainstorming solutions.



Gain relevant experience

To be a successful entrepreneur, you need to have some relevant experience. Consider getting involved in extracurricular activities, volunteering, or even starting a small business in high school. This will give you hands-on experience and teach you valuable skills such as marketing, sales, and product management.



Research entrepreneurship programs

Look for colleges with strong entrepreneurship programs. Consider factors such as the curriculum, faculty, resources available, and opportunities for internships or experiential learning. Look for faculty members with experience starting or running businesses, and consider whether they are accessible and willing to provide mentorship.



Location

Consider attending college in a city or area with a strong startup community. This will give you opportunities to network with entrepreneurs, attend events, and gain hands-on experience.



Extracurricular activities

Look for colleges with entrepreneurship-focused extracurricular activities, such as clubs or competitions. These can provide valuable opportunities for networking, learning, and gaining experience.



Network with entrepreneurs

Attend events, join entrepreneurship clubs or groups, and connect with entrepreneurs in your community.