NIH is accepting applications for its inaugural Entrepreneurship Bootcamp

The NIH is now accepting applications from *pre*-SBIR/STTR teams to participate in their inaugural Entrepreneurship Bootcamp. The NIH Entrepreneurship Bootcamp is designed to train teams of innovators and investigators in academia or small business on how to conduct customer discovery, develop strong business models and market strategies, and validate their commercialization plans, in advance of forming a startup and pursuing a SBIR or STTR. Teams accepted into the program will be trained by instructors with decades of life science innovation and entrepreneurial experience. The program itself will span eight weeks, starting with a Kickoff meeting on July 25, 2024, and wrapping up on September 10, 2024, with an all-day virtual event where each team gives a final presentation.

Eligibility:
Eligible teams have not yet been awarded a SBIR or STTR and may not have formed a company yet. Teams are required to have an assigned Technical Lead with expertise in the proposed technology and an assigned Business Lead who is interested in learning how to assess the commercial potential of the innovation. Team members are not required to have any product development or commercialization experience. Only teams who can commit the time and effort required to participate in the full eight-week program will be accepted. There is no cost for teams to participate. Because this program is designed for those just learning about entrepreneurship and customer discovery in advance of a SBIR/STTR, applicants with an SBIR/STTR award that will be active during the duration of the course (including those in no-cost extension) are not eligible.

Key Dates:
Deadline to apply: May 13, 2024
Notification of acceptance: June 3-5, 2024
Kickoff Meeting: July 25, 2024

For more information, click on the following links:
NOT-OD-24-103 NIH Entrepreneurship Boot Camp for pre-SBIR/STTR Innovators
NIH Entrepreneurship Bootcamp on the SEED website
Program Registration website

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