Syracuse University features a wide array of entrepreneurial curricula, incubators, business launchpads, & competitions. Still, our entrepreneurial ecosystem has lacked hands-on opportunities for students to design and prototype “device inventions.” Now, the College of Engineering & Computer Science is filling this gap with the Invent@SU invention accelerator program.

Invent@SU follows the successful Invention Factory™ model, in which undergraduates increase their self-confidence as well as their ability to innovate, build, and communicate.

A collaboration between Engineering & Computer Science and the College of Visual and Performing Arts School of Design, Invent@SU serves 40 students annually between the Syracuse University campus and the Fisher Center in NYC. It is open to all SU undergraduates.

Design, Prototype, Pitch
In Summer 2017, the College of Engineering & Computer Science launched Invent@SU, an intensive, six-week summer experience focused on an iterative process of “design, prototype, pitch.”

During the program, students conceive of a patentable device invention, prototype the invention, and present it to an audience of guest evaluators in a Shark-Tank-style format every week over the course of six weeks.

The final week of the program includes a competition and a chance for teams to win up to $5,000. Students can also write and file a provisional patent application.

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Invent@SU offers engagement opportunities for alumni. Guest evaluators are needed throughout the six-week experience to provide insight and critiques on the students’ inventions. The commitment for a single evening is about two hours.

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Help provide a transformational experience for student inventors at SU. Every gift helps!
- $100 supports the filing fee for a provisional patent application
- $1,000 covers the project budget for a two-student Invent@SU team
- $10,000 funds the awards for the student competition and more!

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