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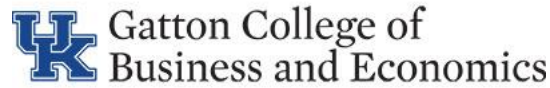
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Governor's School for Entrepreneurs and UK Gatton College Extend Partnership Through 2027

Young Entrepreneurs will call campus home for the next three years of Summer Startup

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) and the University of Kentucky (UK) Gatton College of Business and Economics have announced a three-year extension of their partnership, securing the GSE Summer Startup program on the UK campus through 2027.

Following a highly successful inaugural summer session at UK in 2024, this collaboration marks a continued investment in Kentucky's next generation of business leaders and innovators. The 2025 GSE Summer Startup will be the largest single session in program history, with 160 high school students on UK's campus June 22 to July 13 as they build personal and professional skills to nurture new business ideas and their entrepreneurial talents.

"This program gives Kentucky students the support they need to become tomorrow's business leaders," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "Last year, UK proved to be a great partner in helping our young entrepreneurs succeed and we're pleased to extend this partnership with the University of Kentucky Gatton College of Business and Economics through 2027."

"GSE and UK Gatton College's missions align beautifully in helping Kentucky's young people develop into confident, successful entrepreneurs," said Anne Jewell, president & CEO of GSE. "UK Gatton College offers world-class facilities and a devoted, talented team that has embraced our program and our students. We're thrilled to build on the momentum from last year's success and continue our work together."

GSE selected the University of Kentucky's Gatton College for its shared commitment to cultivating the entrepreneurial spirit across the commonwealth. Gatton College features state-of-the-art classrooms and collaboration spaces, a vibrant alumni network, and a passionate team focused on student success. In addition to premier academic resources, UK's top-tier dormitories and recreational facilities offer high school students a rich and supportive campus experience.

"We're proud to welcome GSE Summer Startup back to UK Gatton," said Simon Sheather, dean of the Gatton College of Business and Economics. "This partnership is a natural fit with our mission to prepare the next generation of business leaders. Together, we are creating lasting impact by reaching students from every corner of the state and encouraging their aspirations."

Since its founding in 2013, GSE has empowered more than 1,000 Kentucky high school students to pursue their business dreams while developing the entrepreneurial skills needed to lead in any field. The extended partnership with UK ensures this important work continues to thrive in an environment that mirrors the entrepreneurial energy and innovation championed by GSE.

Governor's School for Entrepreneurs

The Governor's School for Entrepreneurs identifies, inspires, and empowers Kentucky's future innovators. GSE's Summer Startup program develops entrepreneurial skills in high school students and qualifies them for college scholarships. GSE's Collegiate Pitch program is Kentucky's largest intercollegiate pitch competition, offering thousands of dollars in prizes. Because of strong partnerships with entities like the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet and the Cabinet for Economic Development, along with private and public supporters, GSE programs are free for selected student entrepreneurs. For more information, visit kentuckygse.com.

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