Lean LaunchPad
Technology Entrepreneurship and Lean Startups (TE&LS)

Personal Introduction

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- PM in Telecom and GM in Metal Bashing
- Director of Experiential Learning
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- Oxford (Engineering and Economics) and University of Western Ontario (Business)
Projects

Research at a stage when . . .
1. Confirming commercial viability of the innovation, and
2. Developing a deeper understanding of the application ecosystem
   . . . will help shape the next steps of research or commercialization.
Teams

Technical Lead - A PhD student or graduate researcher intimately familiar with the research and innovation;

Entrepreneurial Lead - A science graduate student with a keen interest in entrepreneurship and technology commercialization, familiar with the relevant scientific domain; and

Business Lead - An MBA student with a keen interest in entrepreneurship and technology commercialization, familiar with industry, market, competitive analysis tools and resources.

What Are We Trying to Do?
We are **not** trying to pick winners.

We are trying to save years of potentially wasted time.

“Build it and they will come” is a recipe for heartbreak.

This entire course is about **avoiding**...

BUILDING SOMETHING THAT NO ONE CARES ABOUT!

…and finding something they **DO** care about
Some Cold Hard Facts

99.7% of all documented ideas fail

75% of all VC backed ideas fail

#1, #2, #3, and #4 are all the result of building the wrong thing.

79%

Increase your chances of success by 5x!
What Are We Trying to Do?

• Enable Impact Driven Research

• Provide a mindset, experience, and toolkit for innovation

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Build Marketable Skills

• Interdisciplinary Teamwork
• Communicating Value of Technology
• Business Model Development
• Market Assessment and Analysis
• Business Feasibility Analysis
• Start-up Experience
• Evidence-based Entrepreneurship
The World According to Vannevar Bush

From Angus Kingon

The World According to Donald Stokes

"Everything we call real is made up of things that can’t be regarded as real" - Bohr

"Anything that won’t sell, I don’t want to invent. Its sale is proof of utility, and utility is success" - Edison
Why is this course different?

Traditional approaches have focused either on reducing technology risk or execution risk.

Both are hugely important. *Just not right now.*

3 Questions for Any New Innovation

- What value are you delivering to whom?
  - Value Proposition and Customer Segment
  - Product-Market Fit
- Is there are viable business model for delivering that value?
  - Entire business model canvas
- Is there an appropriate return on investment for the project?
  - Market size
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MUST ANSWER IN THIS ORDER
The Past

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People assumed the previous two questions were correctly answered.

What about my technology?

NOBODY CARES (sorry 😞)

They only care about what it can do for them.
Course Methodology

• Flipped Classroom
• Customer Discovery
• Business Model Canvas
• Relentlessly Direct Feedback
• Office Hour Coaching (3 instructors)
Business Model Canvas

The Process

- Hypothesize
  *Guess*
- Test – Interviews
  *Ask*
- Assess & Analyze
  *Listen*
- Adjust – Pivot
  *Guess Again*
Bi-Weekly Classes

Part One
What did you learn from talking to your customers?

*Hypothesis: Here’s What We Thought*

*Experiments: So Here’s What We Did*

*Results: So Here’s What We Found*

*Iterate: So Here’s What We Are Going to Do Next*

Part Two
Lecture on each component of the business model canvas

Between Classes

- Get out of the building!
- Talk to 15+ customers and stakeholders
- Assess, analyze, adjust or pivot
- Prepare presentation for class