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## **Tech Park U Accepting Applications for Second Class**

BATON ROUGE -- Louisiana Technology Park's class for rising entrepreneurs, Tech Park U, is now accepting applications to fill the ten open slots for its class of 2008. Created last year, in association with Baton Rouge Business Report, the nine-month program provides promising technology entrepreneurs the education and facilities to jump start their ideas into a business.

Applicants must show their willingness and desire to turn their tech dream into a reality. Once accepted, each member will pay only \$99 a month for office space, support services, and office resources including their own cubicle with phone (including long distance services, voice mail and call forwarding), high-speed Internet access, email, secretarial support, free use of fax, printers and copy machines, office and meeting space, and 24-hour, seven-days-a-week, secured office access.

The nine-month program will use the FastTrac Tech Venture Curriculum to focus on the importance of business plans. During the first three months, the class will meet every Wednesday evening from 6-9 pm to discuss their progress, focus on writing a business plan, and listen to guest speakers from the Baton Rouge area. At the end of the program, the members will compete in a business plan writing competition, where the winner will receive a \$2,000 grant and possible acceptance into the Louisiana Technology Park's business incubator.

Applications can be obtained at [www.TechParkU.com](http://www.TechParkU.com) and must be submitted by October 22, 2007. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by October 31, 2007.

The 2007 class is putting the final touches into their business plans in anticipation of the business plan competition at the end of September. Several of the TPU members will be using the business plans that they wrote in Tech Park U to apply to the Louisiana Purchase Venture Capital Forum and another member's business plan was chosen to be part of Tulane University's business plan competition.

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