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**Linking entrepreneurially-oriented students and faculty with Pennsylvania
Companies**

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Abstract

The IPD faculty team is requesting funding to support summer internships for undergraduates to work with PA companies involved in new product development through the IPD and Integrated Business and Engineering (IBE) programs. The PITA funding links students and faculty from the College of Business and Economics, Bioengineering and Integrated Product Development, and the PC Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Sciences with the Ben Franklin Technology Partners, the Small Business Development Center and the Life Sciences Greenhouse to support students working with PA companies as part of their capstone courses using the resources of Lehigh new student project center, the Wilbur Powerhouse.

In specific terms, this funding will affect ten undergraduates involved in the Year '04 IPD and IBE capstone courses. Ten undergraduates will work with start-up and existing technology firms, with the objective to have these students stay and invent in Pennsylvania after they graduate. Leveraged funding for this PITA project comes from the PA companies engaged in the Year '04 IPD capstone projects.