

Journal -1

1. Am I an entrepreneur?

Based on the explanation given by Nancy Grden(from the video in the first module), entrepreneurship can be for everyone. If one's ability to generate solutions or a way of thinking for problems of many kinds defines an entrepreneur, then I can be one member of this group. Majoring in Cybersecurity with an intent and desire of making some difference for the problems that can arise from vulnerable and insecure networks and systems can by definition categorize me as an entrepreneur. Cybersecurity by its nature is interdisciplinary, touching many facets of problems and providing solutions accordingly. However, the practical and taking an action distinction of entrepreneur from the theoretical or informationally understanding level- as a student can sometimes be daunting to consider oneself as an entrepreneur.

2. What is success?

In entrepreneurship, success can be defined as the achievement of desired outcomes and goals in the context of starting and running a business or mission ventures. It can include several success parameters such as innovation, financial performance, market recognition and customer and mission satisfaction. Business and Mission-driven entrepreneurship can succeed to achieve both financial and social impact goals. It can mean to create a sustainable business model that generates profits while simultaneously addressing a specific social or environmental challenge. When it does center only not to financially perform and profit but also to positively impact social or environmental outcomes we can call that a success. Because, ultimate success is the ability to create a positive impact that contributes to solving societal problems, and create a sustainable and profitable business at the same time.

3. Am I a self-starter? How well do I follow through on my ideas?

Some qualities seen on self starters are self motivations, proactivity, and taking initiatives without relying on external directions. It can sometimes be a natural inclination, for example a courageous action to change your ideas to practicality. It can also be the capability and gift of identifying opportunity, setting goals and working on achieving them. Based on these definitions anyone with these qualities can be a self-starter. Combining some natural given gifts with designing goals, plans, actions and disciplines on once ideas can help a self starter hit their goal.

4. How does ODU view entrepreneurship?

Students at ODU are trained and involved in entrepreneurship to solve problems or fill a void that exists in the society. ODU views its entrepreneurship program as an idea learned in classrooms that need to be translated into a real world solution. It consists of many areas of innovation. Technology, culinary, clothing designs etc. Based on the students' account, the model and resources provided by ODU entrepreneurship program are helpful in bringing different people with different ideas together. After all, the idea of entrepreneurship is to be self-employed. By creating this program I think ODU is handing a job to the students.

5. What is my role in this ecosystem?

The role of anyone in maintaining an entrepreneurial ecosystem must be anything to do with enhancing businesses and missions that solves societal issues and problems. As a student participating in identifying problems, generating ideas, driving innovations and finding solutions are essential for a healthy entrepreneurial ecosystem. As an entrepreneur, one with a senior entrepreneurial position can also participate in funding capitals and sharing their network and mentorship experiences.