

Journals Week 1

1. Am I an entrepreneur?

First, we have to understand what an entrepreneur is. An entrepreneur according to oxford language is a “person who organizes and operates a business or businesses, taking on greater than normal financial risks in order to do so.” So, with that being said I do believe that I am an entrepreneur, because I am looking for ways to create my own career path. I am also looking to build something new and have the determination to make this happen. Lastly it is all about how much you want it and I want it.

2. What is success?

Success is a deeply personal and subjective concept that encompasses the achievement of one's goals, fulfillment of aspirations, and attainment of a state of contentment and happiness. It is not solely measured by external markers such as wealth, power, or fame, but rather by the extent to which an individual feels a sense of purpose, growth, and self-actualization in their chosen endeavors. True success emerges when one aligns their actions with their values and passions, experiences personal growth and learning, maintains meaningful relationships, and contributes positively to the world around them, ultimately leading to a sense of fulfillment and a life well-lived.

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

A self-starter exhibits high levels of motivation, initiative-taking capabilities coupled with unwavering determination to attain their dreams autonomously. They possess an ability to take prompt action towards their objectives while persisting tenaciously amidst adversities that come their way. Based on this definition, without reservation or hesitation; I can attest that I am naturally wired as a self-starter - always brimming with novel concepts aimed at facilitating attainment of personal goals expeditiously. Moreover, whenever I set out to achieve any specific target or task; rest assured that it will be carried out proficiently.

4. How does ODU view entrepreneurship?

The university fosters an entrepreneurial ethos, actively committed to facilitating the establishment and growth of new businesses both on campus and beyond. With a proven history of providing extensive support and nurturing to startups, our institution takes pride in the accomplishments of our alumni who have played integral roles in numerous successful companies. We strive to create an environment where entrepreneurs can thrive and feel a strong sense of belonging, offering a welcoming space that encourages innovation and fosters the development of entrepreneurial ventures.

5. What is my role in this ecosystem?

My role in this ecosystem is many things, for an example as the founder, I am the driving force behind starting a new venture or business. I come up with the innovative ideas, identify opportunities, and take the initiative to bring the ideas to life. Another example would be how I am the investor, as the investor I play a crucial role in the in the ecosystem by providing funding and resources to businesses and startups. I evaluate business ideas and invest capital in exchange for equity or other forms of return.