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## Entrepreneurial Fellows Center Recruiting for Class of 2009

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – September 23, 2008** – Recent statistics reveal that the outlook for entrepreneurial businesses is brighter than ever, with many gearing up for growth and focusing on the competition. Pittsburgh entrepreneurs will soon have the choice to elevate their businesses to the next level, as the Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence has opened recruitment for the Entrepreneurial Fellows Center Class of 2009.

Leaders with strategic responsibility for their businesses know that facilitating growth in these competitive and tough economic times requires innovative strategies. The Entrepreneurial Fellows Center of the University of Pittsburgh's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence helps entrepreneurs gain the skills needed to address the critical issues that impact their businesses' short- and long-term success.

The Entrepreneurial Fellows Center (EFC) program provides entrepreneurial business leaders with the opportunity to continue their education, network and formulate strategic plans to enhance their company's success. The program has been customized to deliver the highest quality information in the shortest amount of time. The monthly half-day sessions are taught by successful, seasoned entrepreneurs and Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business faculty.

Recent survey results have demonstrated that EFC graduates are **exceeding national industry averages** in expanding their market research, increasing employment, and growing sales and assets. The many benefits of the program include:

- One-on-one mentoring with a mutually acceptable established business leader
- Dynamic curriculum covering topics such as strategic and operational planning, finance and accounting, human resources management, organizational processes, and marketing
- One-year membership to the EFC Alumni Association
- Discounts at future Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business education programs

The Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence is committed to providing entrepreneurs with key strategies ready to be put into operation and an environment conducive to making advantageous business connections. Contact us at 412.648.1544 or [ieeinfo@katz.pitt.edu](mailto:ieeinfo@katz.pitt.edu) to learn more, or visit [http://www.pittentrepreneur.com/entrepreneurial\\_fellows\\_center/2009\\_application.php](http://www.pittentrepreneur.com/entrepreneurial_fellows_center/2009_application.php) to apply today!

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*The Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence (IEE) at the University of Pittsburgh's Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business helps businesses grow and prosper in all stages of their lifecycle. From conceiving an idea to creating a legacy for future generations, the IEE provides education, advice, and innovative services to entrepreneurs through PantherlabWorks, Small Business Development Center, Agricultural Entrepreneurship Program, Entrepreneurial Fellows Center and Family Enterprise Center.*

**Our mission is to be the innovative leader of economic renewal and growth serving enterprising people and businesses in the Region.**