



## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1) Is the EBV program open to veterans with disabilities, who served prior to Sept, 2001?**

The "Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV)" was developed and privately funded as a response to the ever-growing number of American men and women disabled as a result of their service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Thus, the following eligibility criteria were established for this program:

- ✓ Have separated from active duty service within the last 6 years (or currently in the administrative process of separating);
- ✓ Identified as having a service connected disability as a result of service in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) or Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF);
- ✓ Demonstrate a strong interest in entrepreneurship & small business ownership;
- ✓ Are motivated to create and grow a sustainable venture.

### **2) You require two letters of recommendation: why? And who should these letters come from?**

Starting a business is hard. The EBV program was developed and designed as an intense, rigorous program positioned to help those individuals with a drive, determination, and passion for business ownership take the first steps toward that goal. As such, we are seeking applicants who have demonstrated such drive and determination in their approach to life and work. Letters of recommendation from current or former co-workers, commanders, supervisors, counselors, help us make such an assessment. Letters of recommendation from family members are discouraged.

### **3) Your application requires copies of my "(2) most recent active duty performance reports." Why? What if these are unavailable?**

Like letters of recommendation, these reports are used in the assessment our applicant's drive and determination in their approach to life and work. If, for some reason, these reports are not available to you at the present time, please indicate as such in your application.

#### **4) Your program information states that all costs will be assumed by Syracuse University. Does this include travel and lodging while attending the bootcamp?**

Yes. It is our position that through your service, you have already earned the price of admission. We have assumed the responsibility to raise the necessary funds to cover all costs associated with the bootcamp. Travel expenses, lodging, meals, and the cost of the program itself will be funded by the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University.

#### **5) How long is the program and where does it take place?**

The EBV program consists of two phases.

Phase One consists of a self-study curriculum, facilitated by an online discussion and assessment module, moderated by entrepreneurship faculty and graduate students from the Whitman School of Management. This phase of the program begins on 17 Jul, and runs through 5 August.

Phase Two is the residency portion of the bootcamp. During this 9-day residency, delegates will be exposed to the 'nuts and bolts' of business ownership. A typical day will run from 0830-1730, and be composed of experiential workshops, lesson, and lectures from world-class entrepreneurship faculty. This phase of the bootcamp begins on 11 August, and runs through the 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

#### **9) How will I get to and from the airport?**

Transportation will be provided throughout the bootcamp residency for our delegates.

#### **10) I have special dietary requirements, can these be accommodated?**

Yes, we will make every effort to accommodate these requests.