



Wolves Den 2017 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- 1. Who can participate and present their invention(s) to the investor panel and the general audience?**

The following groups are eligible to submit an application (by March 17) to the Wolves Den selection committee:

- a. Students at any New Mexico college or university
- b. Any resident of Socorro County
- c. NMT alumni.

- 2. Can high-school students participate? No**

- 3. Can students present work they are doing with professors and others?**

Yes; this is encouraged. Students may present their own inventions or may present inventions they are working on with professors, researchers, and others.

All presenters should be sure that any intellectual property information that is included in Wolves Den applications and/or presentations as part of the event is protected or presented in a way that maintains confidentiality.

- 4. What are the criteria for application evaluation?**

You need to prove your concept/idea is novel and can be protected. It also needs to be something that will benefit the wellbeing of the society.

- 5. Who will ask questions of the inventors/presenters?**

While anyone attending the conference is welcome and encouraged to attend the Wolves Den event, only the designated Wolves (see workshop agenda) can ask questions and otherwise interact with presenters.



6. Is this a business-plan competition?

No. The workshop emphasis is intellectual property (IP). The Wolves Den is about presenting promising IP to the panel and the workshop audience in general. See the application form for details.

7. How do I get to present to the Wolves?

Fill out the online application form and submit it by March 17, 2017. A New Mexico Tech Wolves Den evaluation committee will review all applications and will select 5 presentations and 5 alternates who will have their information presented to the Wolves Den panel. Alternates will only present if one of the original 5 selected withdraws.

8. What are the workshops for?

We want to make sure the applications to present are focused and the participants have a deep understanding of what is required. Therefore, we are offering a series of workshops to help participants define their idea and its potential, as well as get them started on conceptualizing the application and the presentation.

9. What are the training sessions for?

We want to make sure that the 5-minute presentations are focused and professional. Therefore we are requiring selected applicants to attend training sessions presented by Professor Larry Udell. All selected inventor/presenters will also be required to submit a video of their 5-minute presentation to the NMT Wolves Den Committee by March 24, 2017. The Committee will provide comments and feedback so that the presenters are prepared to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

10. I am not in Socorro. How can I participate in the training session with Professor Udell and Ms Ispirescu?

The sessions will be available in an interactive distance-education format. Details will be provided to selected applicants. Attendance is required!



11. Does my idea have to be patented in order to present it in the Wolves Den?

No. But, your idea has to be novel and somehow protectable. And it's up to you to be careful about the information you reveal about the idea.

If you don't have a patent for your invention/idea, you need to describe your IP protection strategy on your Wolves Den application form.

Your description on the Wolves Den application needs to be sufficient, and you need to realize that if you make it through the NMT Wolves Den Committee screen that other people will see your description.

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