Women’s Innovation Network

The Women’s Innovation Network is a nine-month, cross-disciplinary program that helps UO faculty, researchers, students, and entrepreneurs in our community build skills that minimize gender-based barriers to success in innovation so that they can bring their research to market or launch and sustain their businesses.

Our monthly seminar series is free and open to the public. Seminars will be hosted at Onward Eugene, located at 942 Olive St. We hope you’ll join us! You can also visit us online at win.uoregon.edu to learn more.

**October 2021**  
#LadyBoss
*Panelists: Janis Weeks, Co-Founder & Chief Global Health Officer, InVivo Biosystems*  
*Wendy Morgan, CEO & Founder, Shift*
- Panel discussion with industry leaders sharing their experiences as women in innovation spaces  
- Meet cohort members and mentors

**November 2021**  
Taking Risks
*Presenter: Caroline Cummings, Founder & CEO, Varo Ventures*
- Know your strengths and get out of your comfort zone

**December 2021**  
Take a Deep Breath: Building a Business is a Process
*Presenter: Judy Giordan, Co-Founder Chemical Angel Network; Managing Director, ecosVC*
- Learn about the process of building a business

**January 2022**  
Telling Your Story
*Presenters: Charla Triplett, CEO, Spine by Design*  
*Kate Petcosky, Director of Strategic Research Initiatives, Research Development Services*
- How to tell a story about your work and your idea  
- Developing your business pitch, writing grants, and talking across domains
February 2022
Company Formation
*Presenter: Katherine Moyer, Hershner Hunter*
- Discussion of spin outs, startups

March 2022
Intellectual Property Landscape
*Presenter: Christine Gramer, Senior Technology Development Associate, Innovation Partnership Services*
- Maintaining collaborative spirit while protecting intellectual property
- Learn about patents, copyrights, trademarks, and other IP disclosures

April 2022
Making Connections
*Presenter: Julie Sykes, Director, CASLS*
- Making genuine, authentic connections
- How, when, and how often do you ask for help?

May 2022
Investment & Funding Options
*Presenter: Ariel Ruben, Rural Venture Catalyst, Oregon RAIN*
- Identify potential sources of capital
- Learn what inspires investors to fund you
- Practice mini-presentations on who you are, what your idea is, what you can offer, and what you need

June 2022
Next Steps & Engaging Investors
*Presenters: Caitlin Vargas, Startup Community Director, Onward Eugene
Brittany Quick-Warner, President & CEO, Eugene Chamber*
- Where do you go from here? What resources are available to you?
- Meet with local investors