The Student Venture Fund (SVF) is a collaboration between SAF and the Conrad Business, Entrepreneurship and Technology Centre. The SVF provides an experiential learning opportunity in venture capital investing and will be open to students from both schools. A learning opportunity to invest in early stage companies with angel investors from the KW region and Toronto, the student team will be guided by experienced investors and faculty mentors.

“After hearing about this opportunity and seeing how the School of Accounting and Finance is placing an emphasis on venture capital investing, it goes to show where business is heading. It’s not just accounting and finance, there’s a future in entrepreneurship as well as investing in entrepreneurship. I’m really excited for this. This is a potential career path for me and having an accounting and finance background will help me in this innovative experience”

JACQUELINE SUE, Associate (AFM ‘19)
“Working on the deal allowed me to gain everything I had hoped for from the experience. Being exposed to the culture, operations and unique growth trajectories of a start-up company was very insightful, and evaluating the business from an investing standpoint allowed me to see what it truly takes to have success in venture capital and as an entrepreneur”

JOSEPH VACCARO, Analyst (AFM ’20)

Due Diligence Criteria for Determining if a Company is a Worthwhile Investment Opportunity or Not

- Management Potential
- Product and Intellectual Property
- Strategy and Business Model
- Market Validation and Traction
- Competitor Analysis
- Financial Analysis
- Investment Risks
- Deal Structure and Return Scenarios

Students Will Learn To:

- Complete market research
- Evaluate funding management
- Value companies
- Conduct thorough due diligence
- Make investment recommendations
- Work with other investors
- Manage a portfolio of companies

The Need: How You Can Help

To run this extra-curricular innovative program, we need support from our alumni and friends. We were thrilled to receive an anonymous donation of $500,000, which enabled us to kick start the SVF, and we are looking for support to match this amount.

By supporting this program, we can:

- Expand this experiential learning opportunity to give more students a chance to gain a major advantage in a competitive profession.
- Strengthen our region’s ecosystem by ensuring that we have a steady supply of well-trained venture capitalist investors for the future.
- Continue to be recognized as one of the top innovative universities in the world and build our reputation as a uniquely entrepreneurial university.

“It’s one thing to teach students in a classroom about how to look at deals, manage a portfolio, and invest. But it’s another to give them hands-on training in these activities. Students looking to go into venture capital investing are going to gain a huge advantage by participating in the SVF”

TIM JACKSON, President & CEO at SHAD Network, Lecturer at Conrad Business, Entrepreneurship and Technology Centre

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