E(I) LAB COHORT 6

OVERVIEW

We delayed the start of E(I) Lab's Cohort 6 in the fall of 2020 due to spikes on campus with the presence of COVID-19. To ensure everyone's safety, we converted the in-person classes and meetings to virtual ones and shortened the timeline from 10 weeks over 6 months to a 6-week cohort in the spring of 2021.

OBJECTIVE

Our objective with E(I) Lab is to host an experiential program that brings together graduate students, professional students and postdocs from diverse disciplines across UNC to conceive, develop and test innovative solutions to unmet needs in healthcare.

Our strength lies in the diversity of our program.

APPROACH

We recruited students by word of mouth, reached out to previous applicants, and heard positive responses from students who wanted to proceed with the program. Partnering with previous speakers and educators helped us to source dynamic student for this cohort.

Launch Weekend: March 12, 13, and 14 via Zoom

Our Values
1. Think Differently
2. Fail Forward
3. Build Together

RESULTS

3 Teams of 14 Students representing 4 Graduate Schools:

- **Eshelman School of Pharmacy**
- **Gillings School of Global Public Health**
- **Kenan-Flagler Business School**
- **School of Medicine**

The challenges these teams undertook included

➢ the rising volume of medical waste due to the current global pandemic,
➢ addressing the management of chronic back pain, and
➢ matching people managing their mental health to trained practitioners in a way that is prompt, private, and affordable.

5 Guest Speakers joined us to speak on Design Thinking, Agile & Critical Thinking, Market Research, Venture Funding, and Patent Law

CONCLUSION

E(I) Lab's Cohort 6 held a successful final class and awards ceremony on Tuesday, April 20th with three judges in attendance:

Don Holzworth, GSGPH

Alex Abuin, EII

Andrew Kant, NC TraCS Institute