

InnovAGE Fall Application 2026

Survey Flow

The UMass Lowell InnovAGE Program is an experiential biotech and medtech learning opportunity for graduate students and post-doctoral researchers working in the fields of aging and aging-related diseases, including Alzheimer's disease. InnovAGE aims to provide more diverse career opportunities for early-career scientists working in the aging space who are interested in entrepreneurship. The program is a paid, semester-long commitment (in addition to academic research responsibilities). InnovAGE fellows will gain business skills including competitive analysis, analytical marketing, regulatory strategy, reimbursement strategy, intellectual property and other legal matters, and financing a venture.

Program details:

- **12 sessions** during the UMass Lowell Fall 2026 academic semester (**September 10, 2026 – December 3, 2026**).
- **Time commitment:** Approximately **2 hours per week** (Thursdays), plus **6–8 hours** for the final pitch event (travel time not included). Weekly seminar dates and times will be determined based on the availability of accepted fellows.
- **Mentorship and networking** opportunities with biotech and medtech companies, industry experts, and entrepreneurs.
- **Travel to Lowell, Massachusetts** is required for the final pitch event. Fellows will receive **up to \$1,000 in travel reimbursement**.
- **Fellowship stipend: \$2,016** per fellow upon successful completion of the program.

Requirements/Instructions

We welcome applications from graduate students who are within one year of graduation, including Master's students, PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, MDs, and students pursuing dual degrees (e.g., MD/PhD, MD/MBA). Master's students with research experience are especially encouraged to apply.

Tentative Workshop Topics

- Building a Pitch Deck and Telling Your Story.
- Pitch Coaching
- Technical Risk and Scientific Planning.
- Market Analysis and Commercialization Strategies
- Regulatory Strategy
- Fundraising
- Career Planning and Team Building
- Inclusive Leadership and Unconscious Bias

How to Apply

Interested applicants should complete and submit this application. In addition, a letter of support from your Principal Investigator (PI) or Department Chair must be emailed to LIFT@uml.edu.

Application Deadline: Thursday, July 16, 2026

To preview the application questions before submitting, please refer to the InnovAGE Application 2026 Preview document. If you have any questions, please contact ritika_lnu@uml.edu.

Q1 First Name

Q2 Last Name

Q3 Email

Q4 Phone Number

Q5 Name of your current Academic Institution.

Q6 Current Mailing Address

- ☐ Street (1) _____
- ☐ City (2) _____
- ☐ State (3) _____
- ☐ Country (4) _____
- ☐ Zip Code (5) _____

Q7 Current Position

- ☐ Masters Student or Graduate (1)
- ☐ PhD Candidate (2)
- ☐ Post Doctoral Researcher (3)
- ☐ Other (4) _____

Q8 Year of highest degree completed or anticipated completion.

Q9 Please upload a copy of your CV

Q10 Professional Profile Provide one of the following (if available): LinkedIn, ORCID, Google Scholar, personal website, lab website, or other professional profile.

Q11 Please upload a headshot (file should be jpeg or png format).

Q12 Please provide a brief bio summarizing your academic background and research interests. (100 words maximum)

Q13 Please describe your current research and how it relates to aging. (This may include genetic, biological, behavioral, social, or economic research, and should address the challenges or needs of older adults.)(300 words maximum)

Q14 Would you be interested in translating your research beyond academia (e.g., entrepreneurship, industry, consulting, licensing, commercialization)? Please explain why or why not. (300 words maximum)

Q15 Looking ahead, what do you see yourself doing in the next 2 years? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Launching a startup based on my research (1)
- ☐ Licensing my innovation to an existing company (2)
- ☐ Joining an early-stage company or startup (3)
- ☐ Continuing my academic or research role (4)
- ☐ Completing my graduate degree (5)
- ☐ Continuing my postdoctoral research (6)
- ☐ Exploring opportunities in industry or consulting (7)
- ☐ Still figuring it out (8)
- ☐ Other (9) _____

16 Tell us about your very first paid job. What did you enjoy about it, and what did you learn?
(100 words maximum)

Q17 What do you hope to gain from participating in InnovAGE? (100 words maximum)

Q18 How did you hear about this opportunity?

- ☐ Conference (1)
- ☐ Newsletter (2) _____
- ☐ Friend or Colleague (3)
- ☐ Social Media (4) _____
- ☐ Other (5)

The following are demographics questions used for program evaluation purposes and will not influence your application in anyway.

Q19 How do you describe your gender identity?

- ☐ Woman (1)
- ☐ Man (2)
- ☐ Non-binary/ third gender (3)
- ☐ Transgender Woman (4)
- ☐ Transgender Man (5)
- ☐ Gender Variant/Non-Conforming (6)
- ☐ Not Listed (7) _____
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (8)

Q20 How would you describe yourself? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native (1)
- ☐ East Asian (2)
- ☐ Southeast Asian (3)

- ☐ South Asian (4)
 - ☐ Black (5)
 - ☐ African American (6)
 - ☐ Hispanic or Latina/o (7)
 - ☐ Middle Eastern or North African (8)
 - ☐ Native Hawaiian and/or Pacific Islander (9)
 - ☐ White (10)
 - ☐ Another race or ethnicity (11)
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- ☐ Prefer not to answer (12)

Q21 UMass Lowell identifies a student as being a first generation college student if neither of their parents/guardians completed a four-year college degree. First generation identity, however, is often much more complicated than that, and when more inclusively defined, it refers to anyone who feels like, for whatever reasons, that they are not able to draw on the college-related expertise of someone within their family network who has direct and relevant experience in the U.S. higher education system. Based on this definition, please select the statement that most aligns with your identity:

- ☐ I am/was a first generation student (1)
- ☐ I am/was not a first generation student (2)
- ☐ Unsure (3)

Q22 Are you now on full-time active duty with the Armed Forces and/or Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard?

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

☐ Unsure (3)

Q23 Do you identify as a person with a disability?

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

☐ Unsure/Prefer not to answer (3)