Top Entrepreneurship Scheme

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The conditions
Any student who wishes to make use of the Top Entrepreneurship Scheme must meet the following conditions.

1. Enrolment as student at Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen.
2. Registration of company with the Chamber of Commerce.
3. A Dutch VAT-registration at one’s disposal.
4. A business model approved by the Hanze University of Applied Sciences Committee Top Entrepreneurship Scheme (HCT).
5. A business plan agreed upon by the HCT. In case of takeover of a family business: a takeover plan agreed upon by the HCT.
6. A long-range P&L prognosis which demonstrates that achieving positive operating profit within three years is possible.
7. A positive assessment from the exam committee and the dean of the School for relevance and level of the entrepreneurial activities, in relation to the requirements that the student’s study programme poses on work placements and graduation programmes.
8. A positive assessment of the level of innovation and the growth potential of the company from the Hanze University of Applied Sciences Committee Top Entrepreneurship Scheme. If so desired, the committee can consult with external experts.

The Hanze University of Applied Sciences Committee Top Entrepreneurship Scheme is appointed by the university’s Executive Board. Any approvals and assessments by the HCT can be appealed through the Student Appeals Board.

The facilities
When a student is accepted for the Top Entrepreneurship Scheme, he or she will be provided with the following facilities.

1. An external coach (CVO/VNO/JNO) who supervises the student/entrepreneur. This coach is appointed by the HCT.
2. An internal coach (HG/SLB) who supervises the student/entrepreneur. This coach is appointed by the dean of the School.
3. The possibility to spend the study programme’s placement on one’s own company for the duration of 1 semester at most under (extra) supervision of the coaches. This facility should be assessed and approved by the dean of the School.
4. A preferential position in the selection of candidates for the top minor De Noorderlingen and the honours minors Da Vinci and Ondernemingsplan Op Maat (Tailor-made Business Plan).
5. The possibility to fill the study programme’s graduation track with research for one’s own company for the duration of 1 semester at most under (extra) supervision of the coaches. This facility should be assessed and approved by the dean of the School.
6. An extra resit for 3 exams at most. This facility should be assessed and approved by the dean of the School.

Conditions and facilities of the Hanze University of Applied Sciences Top Entrepreneurship Scheme have been included in the university’s Student Charter and in the study programme’s course regulations (CER).