

The 2022 UT Dallas Executive MBA cohort spent the day at the Capital Factory in Austin, TX; it's a shared work space that's a center of gravity for Texas startup entrepreneurs. The Capital Factory hosted our class where several founders and organizations shared their experiences and opportunities.

Ms. Gayna Malcom-Packnett , director of the Small Business Office of Army Futures Command (AFC) led the afternoon by presenting funding opportunities available to entrepreneurs. We explored how entrepreneurs can utilize government Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant programs through Army Futures to resolve capability gaps for Soldiers.

Initial grants can be up to \$110k for proofs of concept and over \$1.5M to reach commercialization for concepts that show technical merit.

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