

# **Entrepreneurial Behaviors**



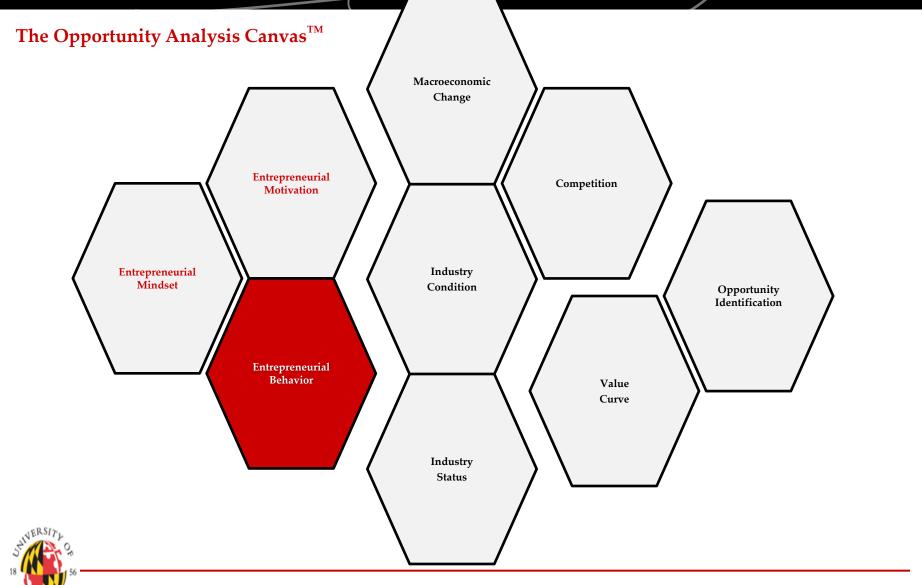


# **Objectives**

- Understand how *entrepreneurial behavior* results from the entrepreneurial mindset and motivation
  - Confidence
  - Interpersonal relationship skills
  - Social capital
  - Risk tolerance









#### **Confidence**

- Important for entrepreneurs to believe in themselves and their abilities
  - Balanced by the reality of the tasks at hand
- May require going against the norm
  - Popular opinion
  - Advice of friends and family
- Self doubt can result in doubts from your team, partners, investors, customers, etc.





### Interpersonal relationship skills

- Driven by your likeability and communication skills
- Influences you ability to connect with individuals...
  - and to connect with their connections
- May be a natural skill for you...
  - or require a level effort ...
  - and/or personal study and development





# Social capital

- Refers to the resources available in and through personal and professional networks
  - Who you know, and who they know
- Richness depends on the size, quality, and diversity of your networks





## Why build social capital?

- People with rich social capital are:
  - Better informed
  - More creative
  - More efficient
  - Better problem solvers
- With the right networks, people:
  - Save time because they know where to get the information they need
  - Foster cooperation and collaboration





#### Risk tolerance

- Addresses your willingness to accept risk
  - Which is different than a desire for risk
- Entrepreneurs are no more likely to take risks than non-entrepreneurs
  - But entrepreneurs do *perceive* risk differently
  - Risk is in the eye of the beholder
- Consider the risk-reward balance, and your potential to return to the status quo

