Dear CPAESS Staff,

I wanted to let you know about a wonderful opportunity here at UCAR. It’s called the U-Innovate Competition’s Advance Training. Its purpose it to help you prepare to pitch your great ideas for the U-Innovate 2020 Competition.

YOU INNOVATE ALL THE TIME! So maybe it’s time to get ready to get your ideas out there. U-Innovate is UCAR's internal competition for new technology and innovations such as software, hardware and applications. This fun, friendly and fast-paced competition is open to all UCAR employees with the goal of promoting and fostering new ideas and progressing these ideas from research to potential commercial applications.

The U-INNOVATE 2020 COMPETITION is scheduled for May 1, and all staff are invited. Find out more here.

INTRIGUED? Come learn how to make an impactful pitch at the upcoming competition. Several of our event judges (all external, with entrepreneurial savvy) will be available at a pre-competition training to provide you with tips on what makes a great pitch. The first 30 minutes will be a general session *open to everyone,* followed by 15-minute sessions where you can meet one-on-one with a coach to brainstorm your idea or get specific pointers.

Come with just the idea in your head or a draft pitch and presentation. It’s up to you. **Pre-competition training: Friday, February 28, 1 - 2:30pm MST, FL2–1001.** The general session from 1-1:30pm will be webcast. For non-Boulder employees please attend this webcast, and then contact Wendy Anderson for individual or group brainstorming follow-up sessions.

**Sign up in advance for the individual coaching sessions** - first come, first served, and space is limited, so act quickly. To sign up, please email Wendy Anderson. **The sign-up deadline is this Wednesday at 5pm MST.**

This is a great opportunity, so sign up if you have an idea you’d like to learn how to pitch.

Good luck to you all!