

The Philip E. and Carole R. Ratcliffe Foundation Shore Hatchery Program at Salisbury University

April 24, 2026

Attention Aspiring Entrepreneurs!



The Ratcliffe Shore Hatchery program started in 2013 and is a

\$3.8 million

16 year initiative to assist entrepreneurs and help them create new jobs in the community. It is administered through SU's Franklin P. Perdue School of Business.

FRANKLIN P. PERDUE
SCHOOL OF
Business



Program Details:

- Applications will be accepted February 2 - March 9, 2026, for the 26th round of funding.
- Business startups throughout the mid-Atlantic region are eligible to apply for their share of an annual award of \$200,000. (Maximum award \$50,000)
- Participants will pitch their business ideas to the board during a competition similar to the hit ABC-TV show, *Shark Tank* and participate in an exhibit tradeshow showcasing their business.

Application Details:

- For application materials and more information visit: shorehatchery.salisbury.edu or contact hmbrooks@salisbury.edu or 410-546-4325

Registration Opens:

Monday, February 2, 2026, 12:01 a.m.

Submission Deadline:

Monday, March 9, 2026, 11:59 p.m.

About Salisbury University

Home to 8,600 students, SU's beautiful campus is situated between the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay. The University consistently ranks among the nation's best in U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review. SU's Perdue School of Business is AACSB accredited, placing its programs among the top business schools in the world.

SU is an Equal Opportunity/AA/Title IX university and provides reasonable accommodation given sufficient notice to the University office or staff sponsoring the event or program. For more information regarding SU's policies and procedures, please visit www.salisbury.edu/equity.

Salisbury
UNIVERSITY