STUDENT STARTUP RESIDENCY GRANTS

Grant Award:

- Applications Open: February 16
- Application Deadline: March 22

- Students engage in an intensive 8-week program over the Summer of 2024. The Summer ‘Startup Bootcamp’ includes expert mentoring, notable guest speakers, and opportunities to pitch to a panel of actual investors
- All students receive a total of $4,000 upon completion of program milestones
- Graduate students receive an additional $1,600 to serve as leads and mentors
- Students who complete the summer program are invited to apply for paid FORGE Student Entrepreneur in Residence positions

Seeking Students who:

- Are enrolled University of Arizona undergraduate and graduate students in any major.
- Have venture concepts in Biomedical, Semiconductor Manufacturing, and/or AI industry areas
- Want to know how to develop their concepts and learn about angel and VC investing.
- Want to gain opportunities to support the Wildcat Philanthropic Seed Fund, serve as vertical analysts, and shadow actual startup founders.
- Have identified a specific problem and have a hypothesis for how to solve it.
- Graduating in May 2025 or later.
- Have attended a program information session

Sign up for an info session and apply at forge.arizona.edu/studentstartups

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FORGE - Finding Opportunities and Resources to Grow Entrepreneurs
It was incredible to see the changes from when the students first started, to their final presentations, in how they refined their business propositions, their comfort with presenting, and their ability to manage questions from industry professionals.

That ability to communicate your idea is what you need as a startup founder.

- John Achoukian, Mentor in Residence

Last year, a remarkable group of UA students seized the opportunity to cultivate entrepreneurial skills, and secure their academic futures. The students received Student Entrepreneur grants that enabled them to work on their startup concepts while helping with tuition. They took part in an intensive summer program that helped them take their startup concepts from idea to pitch ready. The students developed their ideas, researched market opportunities, crafted business plans, and refined their pitches under the guidance of experienced FORGE Mentors in Residence and staff.

They collaborated and exchanged ideas at FORGE at Roy Place, where they had opportunities to network with other startup founders. On completing the program, the students took center stage in front of their mentors, faculty, and professional venture investors to present their startup concepts.

Sign up now and learn about being part of this year’s cohort of student entrepreneurs!

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