



AM I ELIGIBLE TO BE A PIPELINE FELLOW?

Pipeline Entrepreneurs will be offering an additional, new Fellowship Program beginning in 2022. The new program, Pipeline Pathfinder, will be for earlier stage entrepreneurs from underserved communities (defined for this program as women, minority or rural entrepreneurs), who are still working a full-time job in addition to having their own startup. Pipeline will continue to offer our keystone Fellowship Program for those individuals who are working 100% full-time on their current startup. Please read the following eligibility requirements to determine if you are eligible for either of our two Fellowship Programs.



PIPELINE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

LEADERSHIP

Participants in the Pipeline Fellowship Program must be CEO/President, founder or co-founder of the company they are working within at the time they apply for the Fellowship. They must be working 100% full-time for their own startup company. They must be able to define the direction of the company and be in a position to scale their company for growth.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

At time of application, entrepreneurs must own, control and/or license any property forming the basis of, and in connection with commercialization of, the Fellow's product or service, including but not limited to the associated Intellectual property, patent, trademark, copyright or rights (the "Intellectual property"). If there is Intellectual property involved in the venture, the Fellow must represent that the development, use and commercialization of such Intellectual property will not infringe, misappropriate or otherwise violate the Intellectual property rights of any person.

LOCATION

We accept applicants who reside, or have their principal place of business within our partner regional boundaries. Our region includes the state of Kansas, the state of Nebraska, the Kansas City Metropolitan area (Kansas and Missouri sides of KC Metro) and those in St. Louis. It is important that each Fellow continue this regional connection during the course of their Fellowship year.

PARTICIPATION

As long as it remains safe for individuals to be together, you will be expected to travel and attend in person. In the event that there are changes due to COVID-19, we will hold our modules virtually. Please mark all 2022 modules with the ability to travel until otherwise directed.

ORIENTATION – JANUARY 26, 2022

THE INNOVATORS DAYTIME – JANUARY 27, 2022

MODULE 1 – FEBRUARY 16-18, 2022

MODULE 2 – JUNE 1-3, 2022

MODULE 3 – SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2022

MODULE 4 – NOVEMBER 2-4, 2022

THE INNOVATORS GALA – EITHER APRIL 29 OR MAY 20

REACH

To allow for the most impact to companies in our region, Pipeline generally accepts only one entrepreneur from each company. However, over time and as the company evolves, we may later accept an entrepreneur from former Pipeline Member led companies.



PIPELINE PATHFINDER PROGRAM: **NEW**

LEADERSHIP

Participants in the Pipeline Pathfinder Fellowship Program must be CEO/President, founder or co-founder of the company they are working within at the time they apply for the Fellowship.

ELIGIBILITY

The Pipeline Pathfinder Program is for underserved communities (defined for this program as women, minority or rural entrepreneurs) who are still working a full-time job in addition to having their own startup. Applicants do not have to be working 100% full-time for their startup company at the time of application. The Pipeline Pathfinder Program is for earlier stage entrepreneurs who are still working at a traditional job and have a goal to become full-time in their startup in the next one to two years. Applicants must have started a company that is past the idea stage and be able to clearly define the trajectory of the company.

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CONFIDENTIALITY NOTE

Since application materials will be used to screen and judge applicants, material submitted will not be held in confidence and will be shared to facilitate judging. Pipeline will not guarantee confidentiality of such application materials.

PARTICIPATION

In order to accommodate the needs of this new class who are working full-time outside of their startup, the new programming will be a hybrid of virtual and in-person programming. As long as it remains safe for individuals to be together, you will be expected to travel and attend in-person events when scheduled. The events below will take place from 4:30-7:30 p.m. except for The Innovators Daytime which will be a half-day event (timing to come).

ORIENTATION – JANUARY 26, 2022 (IN-PERSON)

THE INNOVATORS DAYTIME – JANUARY 27, 2022 (VIRTUAL)

MODULE 1 – FEBRUARY 23-25, 2022

MODULE 2 – JUNE 8-10, 2022

MODULE 3 – SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2022

MODULE 4 – NOVEMBER 9-11, 2022

THE INNOVATORS GALA – EITHER APRIL 29 OR MAY 20

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