



FINANCIAL ECONOMICS INSTITUTE

CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

Fintech Incubator Program Application Summer 2022

The *Financial Economics Institute (FEI)* is excited to launch the *1st Fintech Incubator* program this summer for students looking to do their own technology startup in the field of finance. The *Incubator* will be run through FEI's partnership with a world-renowned pre-Seed incubator in Silicon Valley.

Here are some details to keep in mind, as you consider joining this inaugural FEI program:

1. The program will be delivered in real-time over Zoom (i.e., virtual, but not recorded lectures)
2. Program starts: Wednesday, June 1st, 2022
3. Program ends: Wednesday, August 24th, 2022
4. *Tentative* Zoom meeting times: a 3-hour block on every Wednesday evening (5-8pm, tentatively)
5. The *Incubator* will be open to students from across all five Claremont Colleges ("5Cs").
6. Teams must be 2-3 students each, and can include a mix of students from different 5C colleges.
7. At least one member in each team must have technical / coding skills.
8. In order to participate in this Summer'22 offering, you must be planning to return back to school at the 5Cs for Fall'22 semester (i.e., open to all classes except seniors graduating this summer).

To apply, please submit the following to Nancy Faust nfaust@cmc.edu by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8th, 2022:

1. **Answer all questions below, as directed – for each team member.**
2. **Include a resume – for each team member.**
3. **Provide an unofficial transcript – for each team member.**

NOTE: all documents must be submitted as one pdf file in the order given above.

The teams that are selected will be invited to create a company page and personal profile on the incubator's website, before the program starts.

If you have any questions, please email Prof. Nishant Dass at ndass@cmc.edu

Please supply the following information:

Your Name: _____

Your home College within the 5C's: _____

Name of all team members: _____

Preferred email address: _____

City & State Telecommuting from: _____

5C's Registration Status during Spring 2022: Enrolled On leave

5C's Registration Status during Fall 2022: Enrolled On leave

Class (indicate your graduation year): _____

Please answer the following questions:

At the high level, describe the intersection you are working at – which vertical (i.e., industry, e.g., payments, investments, insurance, equities, credit markets, etc.) and which horizontal (i.e., technology, e.g., machine learning, cryptocurrencies, artificial intelligence, big data, etc.). Please keep this very brief – literally tell us, as an example, “credit markets x big data”.

Below, please give a description of your startup idea in about 5 sentences:

Please briefly indicate the stage of your startup idea (ranging from “just dreamed up today” to “we have paying customers”)

Which is the biggest startup that you see as a direct competitor in this space (or a startup you would like to emulate / replace)?

Tell us about other summer plans you have, if any (e.g., paid internships)

NOTE we expect all team members to be available from June 1st through August 24th.