QUICK FACTS: Columbia Startup Lab

Program Details

• Columbia Startup Lab (CSL) is Columbia University’s young-alumni co-working space located on the ground floor of WeWork - Soho West.

Program Description

• Admitted teams may spend up to one year in the space, and are required to commit to a minimum of four months.
• The space is administered by WeWork and includes furnishings (desk/chair/small cabinet), WiFi, water/coffee, cleaning/maintenance and access to common facilities across the global WeWork network.
• CSL provides ongoing workshops, office hours, networking events, and community building activities to help resident ventures advance their businesses.
• Columbia University affiliated tenants are required to commit to a four-month term in the space at a highly subsidized rate. Non-Columbia University team members will be required to make a market-rate contribution per month/per seat.

Eligibility

• Columbia Business School students graduating in 2016, with a team of five people or less, who demonstrate their commitment to working on their venture full-time after graduation are encouraged to apply.

Application Requirements

• An application is required for consideration: https://custartuplab.wufoo.com/forms/columbia-startup-lab-application/.

Selection Process

• The selection committee reviews applications. All eligible teams are required to interview with members of the selection committee for consideration.

Evaluation Criteria

• Teams are evaluated based on the following:
  o Commitment to launching venture and working on it full-time
  o Involvement in entrepreneurial community at Columbia and in NYC
  o Demonstration of community involvement overall

Admission Decisions

• Announced in early-April. A waitlist is used to fill seats that become vacant throughout the term.

Questions?

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