QUICK FACTS: Summer Startup Track

Program Details

• Columbia Business School students who have completed at least one term of MBA courses and will return to CBS after the summer can apply for the Summer Startup Track.

Program Description

• Through exciting programming with industry leaders, tailored advisory support and a network of peers, the Summer Startup Track fosters a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship for students.
• Participants will be expected to meet with an advisor, define and report on milestones, make progress on their ventures, and give back to the other teams in the program.
• There is no cost to participate.

Eligibility

• Current MBA or EMBA student who will be enrolled at Columbia Business School through the fall semester and are committed to advancing their ventures.
• All teams must include at least one currently enrolled CBS student.
• Applicants may apply as individuals or as formed teams.

Application Requirements

• An application is required to participate.
• Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until space is filled (up to 30 ventures are able to participate).

Selection Process

• The application will be evaluated on the criteria below.

Evaluation Criteria

• Applications must be completed in full.
• Applicants must have a defined venture idea, as indicated through the application questions.
• Applicants must be committed to working on their venture in June and July. Those with internships/jobs or taking courses may apply if they plan to work on their venture concurrently.
• Applicants must be available and committed to attending several program events throughout the summer, as well as two coaching sessions.

Admission Decisions

• Announced within two weeks of submitting application.
• One 30 teams are accepted, new eligible applicants will be added to a waitlist.

Questions?

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