

**INNOVATORS OF
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Up to \$30,000 per
student to bring their
bright ideas to life

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**5
TOP
SCHOLARSHIPS**

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Our Vision

To nurture and empower students to become
the innovators of the future



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Program Overview

- Competitive scholarship opportunity
- Tuition assistance and seed capital every semester
- Primarily focused on Customer Discovery
- Students are organized into annual cohorts that work together and hold each other accountable
- Core outcomes:
 - Gainful employment as an innovator in their field
 - Placement in an accelerator, incubation, or apprenticeship program
 - Raise capital to work on their ideas as Founders

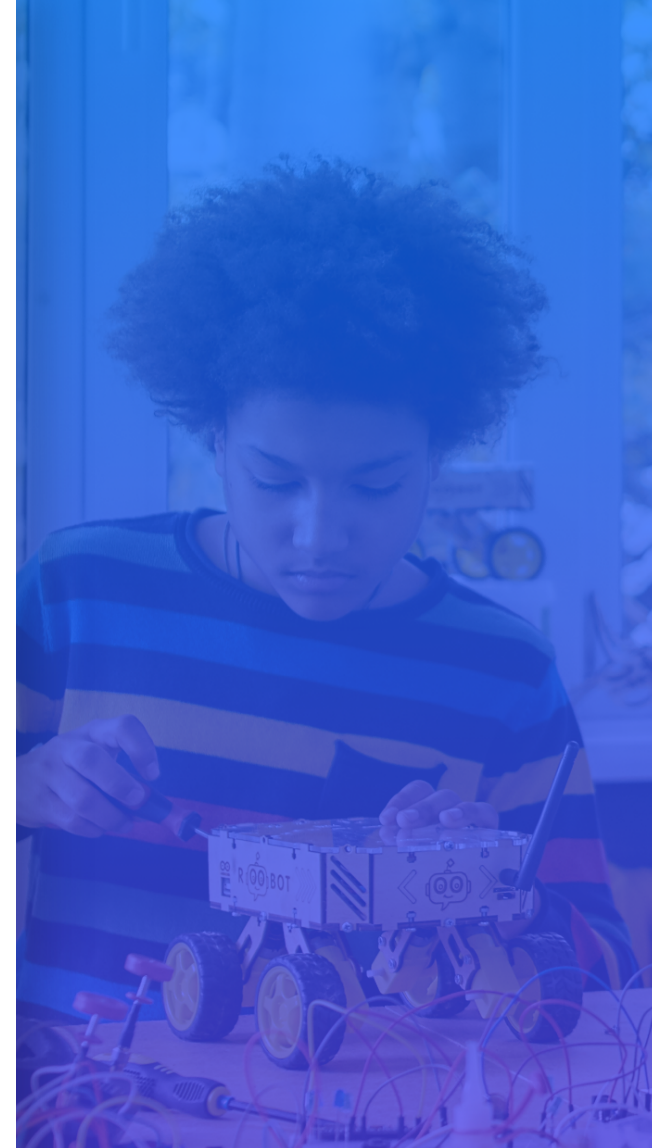


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Award Package Breakdown

- Up to \$12,000:
 - \$1,000* in seed capital per semester
 - \$1,000* in tuition assistance per semester
- Up to \$18,000:
 - paid summer internships with local startups
- Fine Print:
 - Total \$30,000 award package is contingent on completing six semesters in the program and three paid summer internships.

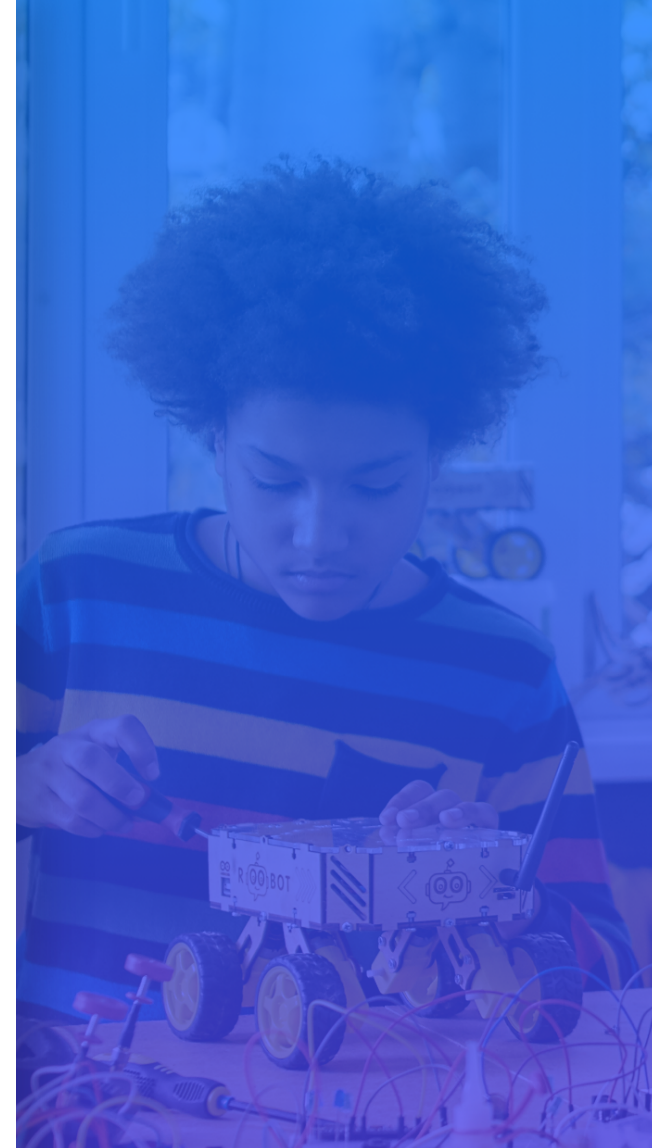
*Subject to change between semesters



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What We Look For

- Empathy, passion, curiosity, coachability, and ingenuity
- Full-time students in post-high-school institutions in the Washington D.C. & Baltimore Metro Areas or any [University System of Maryland institution](#)
 - Includes community colleges and trade schools
- Novel, technology-enabled ideas in science, technology, engineering, math, healthcare, finance, infrastructure/civil, education/literacy, and business
- Strong history of academic achievement
- Students that are in the early stages of their entrepreneurial journey



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Application Process

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Submit the following by the deadline:

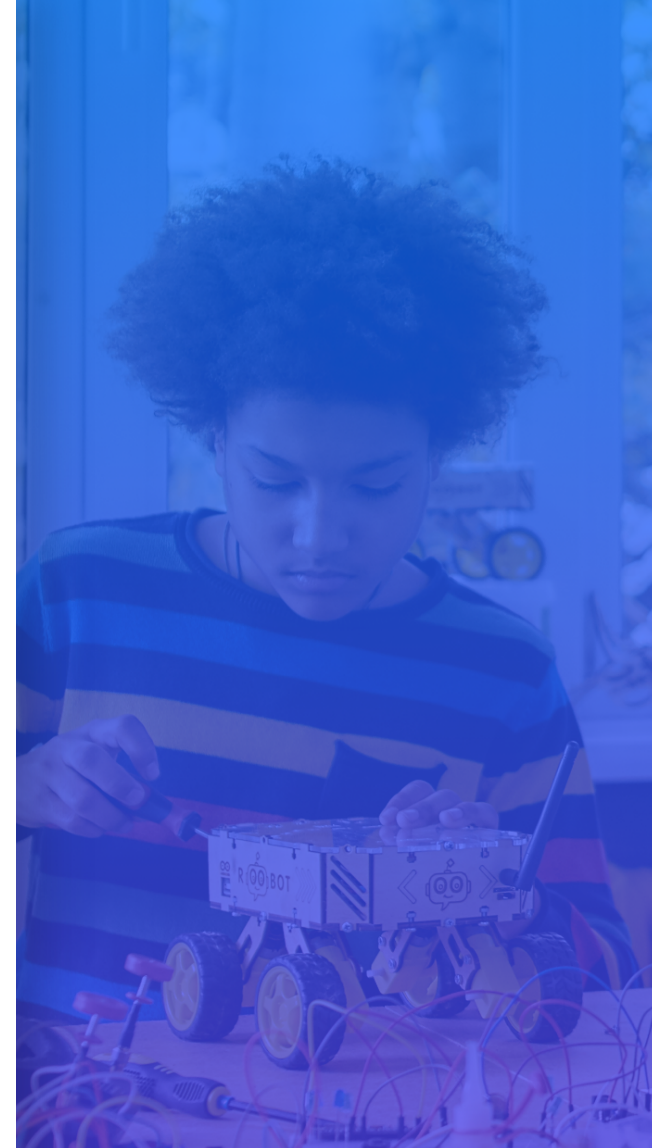
- Start-up proposal that outlines their bright idea
- Cover letter
- Official transcript
- Letters of support from at least one mentor and stakeholder

2

The selection committee deliberates on the top applicants that become semi-finalists

3

The finalists are selected and admitted into the next cohort.



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Additional Program Benefits

- On-demand office hours with program staff
- One-on-One advising and coaching for career and success planning
- Network expansion
- Pitch and demo opportunities to improve their presentation skills
- Direct, constructive feedback from local entrepreneurs and investors



Current Selection Committee



A. Jay Nwachu
President
Innovation Works



Sheila Kasasa
CEO
FutureFirst



Alec Ross
Entrepreneur, Investor, Author
Amplo



Chris Moad
Principal
Early Charm Ventures



Holly DeArmond
Managing Director
Dingman Center for
Entrepreneurship at UMD



Stephanie Chin
Hutch Program Manager
Fearless



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