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### Washington Technology Industry Association (WTIA) Selects 30 Tech Startups for Sixth Founder Cohort

*Virtual program helps startups grow and scale as they navigate increasing revenue, securing investment and growing teams*

SEATTLE, August 4, 2021 -- [Washington Technology Industry Association](#) (WTIA), a non-profit organization dedicated to building a strong, sustainable technology sector in a thriving community, today announced the 30 Washington tech startups that have been selected for the organization's [Founder Cohort Program](#). The virtual program — part of the WTIA Startup Program — helps seed-stage startups grow and scale over the course of six months by following a roadmap designed to guide them through their next milestones as they navigate increasing revenue, securing investment and growing the team.

Each startup participating in Founder Cohort is headquartered in Washington State, features at least one product in development, an annual revenue of less than \$1 million, and passed a rigorous application process. Led by a [committee](#) of seasoned tech founders and entrepreneurs — including five-time founder and author Dave Parker, Susan Preston of SeaChange Fund and Leslie Feinzaig of Female Founders Alliance — the program will support each company and guide them through the crucial stages of fundraising, corporate governance and customer development.

“We’re seeing record levels of venture investment this year, and speed and efficiency matter in an environment with this much opportunity and competition,” said Dave Parker, WTIA Startup Program’s Board Chair. “Blazing the path in six months instead of one or two years is critical when resources are limited, and connecting to the right people doesn’t happen without a strong cohort like this. We’re providing these founders with the right resources and connecting them with the right people to help their startups forward.”

#### Companies selected for the Founder Cohort include:

- [2D Metric](#) – Thomas (Chad) Hill, Russell Fitzgerald
- [Accelero.ai](#) – Jay Banerjee, Anu Engineer
- [Aerlink Ltd](#) – Finn Mulligan, Sanjaya Krishna
- [AGTools](#) – Martha Montoya, Gustavo Montoya
- [Allio Fintech](#) – Joseph Gradante, David Chen, Bobby McLaughlin, Raymond Micaletti, Anabel Strong
- [Altopa](#) – Nicole Wicker, Brent Poole
- [Biocellion](#) – Simon Kahan, Chris Clark
- [Bluedot Photonics](#) – Jared Silvia, Daniel Kroupa, Matthew Crane, Daniel Gamelin
- [Code 5 Games](#) – Jon Lawrence, Andrei Beziaychnyi, Julie Worthington
- [Cognition Med](#) – Gautam Nayak, Sanjay Khicha, Anil Ramjiani, Harish Dhurvasula
- [Corpus Group dba SKIN2O](#) – Sean Patrick Harrington, Jenna Blaha
- [Corumat Inc.](#) – Michael Waggoner

- [Curie](#) – Michael Agustin, Quoc Tran, Jasper Yao
- [CuriosityBased](#) – Dr. Julie Pham, Hnin Johnson, Dr. Judy Lee
- [Excy](#) – Michele Mehl, Mike Rector
- [FaveKitchens Inc](#) – Praveen Akula, Satheesh Kanchi, Kalyan Nadipalli, Ramana Narayana
- [FriendWithA](#) – Stefan Cordova, Alexander Tereshkin
- [HUMiN Technologies](#) – Mitch Shepard, Jenny Mesdag
- [Iasis Molecular Sciences Corporation](#) – David J. Vachon
- [Inyore Inc](#) – Sidney James
- [Lalo](#) – Juan Medina, Steven Atkinson, Auvik Mir
- [Lubn Inc](#) – YC Chung
- [Microclimates](#) – Neda Vaseghi, Loren West
- [Moonbeam Inc.](#) – Nirav Desai, Trond Nielsen, Rajen Savjani, Michael Farber
- [Motyv AI](#) – Kevin Cronk
- [PetHub.com](#) – Tom Arnold, Lorien Clemens
- [Regenerated Textiles](#) – Zahlen Titcomb, Lisa Graham, Karim Lessard, Ruth True, Kristen Albrecht
- [Votegrity Inc](#) – Tom Thomas, Tim Manion, Ashley Carson, Ally Witeck
- [VTeamLabs](#) – Vineet Manuja, Madhup Verma
- [wikwik](#) – Brad Roberts, Amanda Duncan, Lana Fernando, Jordan Bundy

The Founder Cohort is sponsored by [Clark Nuber](#); [Denali Financial Consulting](#); [Fenwick & West](#); [J.P. Morgan](#); [NowCFO](#); [Pike Place Partners of Morgan Stanley](#); [Rippling](#); [Seed Intellectual Property](#); and [Wilson Sonsini](#).

For more information, visit [www.washingtontechnology.org](http://www.washingtontechnology.org).

### **About WTIA**

The Washington Technology Industry Association (WTIA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a strong and sustainable technology sector and supporting a thriving community. WTIA's transformative programs leverage the collective power of the technology industry for more than 1000 member companies and their employees. WTIA includes the 501c6 WTIA Member Trade Association, the 501c3 WTIA Workforce Institute dba Apprenti, and the for-profit company HR Benefits, Inc.

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