

MacStartups is a fully-immersive, 10-week intensive program designed to incubate the development of Macalester student entrepreneurial ideas. Participants will develop the courage to take risks, learn methodologies, and work collaboratively with a cohort of fellow Mac students, and integrate with the vibrant MSP innovator community. Participants must commit to making a full-time effort during the 10-week program. In addition to funding, student entrepreneurs are provided work space, professional advisors, expert speakers, and workshops. They will also participate in two networking showcases, the Summer Idea Showcase and MacGo, to pitch their ideas to a large audience of investors and members from the local startup community and Macalester.

Eligibility

- Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the College.
- Students must be currently enrolled at Macalester college; graduating seniors (class of 2019) are allowed to participate in the program.

*If you are a graduating senior who is also an international student you must have OPT that starts on or before June 1. You must have received your OPT card (EAD - Employment Authorization Document) on or before June 1. It can take 90 days to process so if you are applying to MacStartups and do NOT have an OPT card, you need to apply this week.

- Students who are planning to receive a summer research stipend are not allowed to participate in MacStartups.
- To be considered for the program, candidates must complete the online application individually (even if you are part of a team) and submit a 3 minute video pitch of their idea.

Participant Requirements

- Applicants must be able to commit fully to the required effort and time to their venture and the MacStartups community during the 10 weeks.
- Applicants must be able to attend all weekly meetings (team updates, speaker series, advisor meetings, field trips and other sessions).
- Applicants must prepare for and participate in Idea Showcase in June and MacGo in October.
- Upon acceptance, applicants must agree to sign and abide to a agreement that confirms that the resources being provided are contingent upon the applicant's commitment to MacStartups community and active, full-length participation in the program by every member of the team.

Stipend

- Each participant will receive \$3000 and on-campus housing. Each team will receive \$500 in project funding. (Note: if you live on campus, you will need to purchase a meal plan.)
- MacStartups is a non-credit program.

Important Dates

- **Information Session** in Library 250 on February 7, 2019 from 12:00-1pm
- **Application due** February 21, 2019 at 11:59 pm
- **Interviews** from March 1–2, 2019
- **Awardees announcement** on March 8, 2019
- **MacStartups Program** May 20 – July 26, 2019
- **MacGo** on October 8th, 2019 at 5:00 pm