STARTUP Framework for Student Interest and Application

Due Date January 28, 2025

In order to ensure students understand the skills required to be successful in the StartUp Program, we have developed an application process in which students reflect on their work with those skills. In order to apply to StartUp Year 1 and Year 2 you must complete the Google Form applications that follow.

StartUp Year 1 *[Application Google Form](#)*

StartUp Year 2 Application *[Google Form](#)*

What makes a student entrepreneur?

Collaborator	- Comfortable working as a member of a team - Shares responsibilities with others - Accountable to others
Independent Learner	- Takes initiative - Sets goals and meets important deadlines - Seeks help when needed
Presenter	- Comfortable speaking in public - Comfortable collaborating with adults (mentors, etc) - Creates strong visual presentations
Creator	- Enjoys generating ideas - Responds to feedback

StartUp Year 1 *[Application Google Form](#)*

Collaborator and Accountability:
Reflect on a time when you worked as part of a team. How did you contribute to the collaborative effort, share responsibilities with others, and ensure accountability within the group? What role did you play in resolving any challenges that arose during the collaboration?

Independent Learner and Goal-Setting:
Share an experience where you took the initiative to learn something new independently. How did you go about setting goals and establishing deadlines to ensure your success in the learning process? Additionally, can you provide an example of when you sought help or guidance to overcome a learning obstacle?

Presenter and Collaboration with Adults:
Public speaking is a valuable skill in entrepreneurship. Describe a situation where you comfortably presented information to a group, and if applicable, collaborated with adults such as mentors. How did you tailor your communication style for different audiences, and how did you incorporate feedback to enhance your presentation skills?

Creator and Responsiveness to Feedback:
As someone who enjoys generating ideas, can you share a specific instance where you responded positively to feedback on one of your creative projects? How did you incorporate suggestions or criticism to improve and refine your ideas?

Year 2:
Reflect on your experience from StartUp Year 1 and answer the following prompts on this
[*Google Form:*](#)

Collaborative Growth:
Collaboration is a key aspect of entrepreneurial success. Reflect on your experiences working collaboratively in the first year of the program. How have you fostered a collaborative environment within your team or with external partners? Share specific instances where collaboration has played a significant role in the success of your business or venture. How do you plan to further enhance and leverage collaborative efforts in the second year to achieve greater outcomes?

Leadership Growth:
Reflect on your experiences in the first year of the entrepreneurial program. In what ways have you demonstrated leadership within your business or venture? Share specific examples of how you've motivated and influenced your team, overcome challenges, and evolved as a leader. How do you plan to further develop your leadership skills in the coming year?

Community Engagement and Impact:
Entrepreneurship often involves contributing to and engaging with the community. How have you actively engaged with the community in your first year, and what impact has your business or venture had locally or beyond? In the second year, how do you plan to enhance your community involvement and make a positive difference through your entrepreneurial endeavors?