



What Mentors Can Expect in OhioXcelerate 2024

As a mentor in OhioXcelerate, you play a pivotal role in shaping the future of emerging startups. Here's a brief overview of what you can expect:

1. **Mentor Onboarding:** Initially, you'll be welcomed into the program with an orientation session in early February. This will provide you with an overview of the program structure, your responsibilities, and how you can best support the four finalists.
2. **Reviewing Virtual Pitches:** In mid-February, after the finalists have submitted their virtual pitches (10 minutes), you'll be tasked with reviewing all four of these presentations and filling out a scorecard. Your insights and evaluations will be crucial in helping the finalists refine their pitches and strategies.
3. **Virtual Pitch Preparation Sessions:** Throughout March, you'll engage in sessions with the finalists, helping them prepare for their final presentations. These sessions are your opportunity to impart your knowledge, experience, and insights directly to the finalists. We ask that you commit to at least one session with one finalist.
4. **Final Virtual Presentation Sessions in April:** Here, you'll participate in the final virtual pitches of the startups, one will be held each week (four total). We ask that you be available to attend at least one final virtual session.

As a mentor in OhioXcelerate, you are embarking on a rewarding journey, contributing to the growth of Ohio's startup ecosystem and having a lasting impact on the next generation of entrepreneurs. Your expertise and guidance are invaluable assets to these budding businesses. Get ready for a fulfilling experience filled with opportunities to teach, inspire, and make a difference!