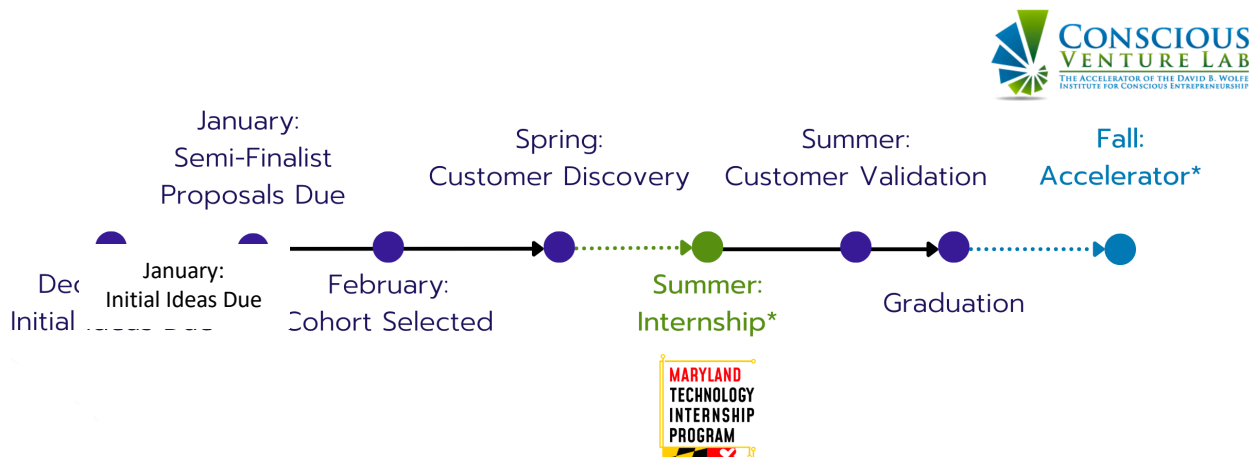


# Innovators of Progress Overview

## Background:

Innovators of Progress is a pre-accelerator designed to empower student entrepreneurs to become full-time founders of their own technology-enabled ventures. Our one-year program is not-for-profit and provides each team with the funding, coaching, and mentoring. Regional partnerships with the Maryland Technology Internship Program (MTIP) and Conscious Venture Lab (CVL) allow participants in our program to earn up to \$140,000 in funding for their ventures\*, which includes grants, scholarships, internships, and capital investment.



## Ideas We Accept:

We look for technology-enabled ideas and social ventures in the areas of science, technology, engineering, math, healthcare, finance, infrastructure/civil, education, and literacy with a focus on impact and improving quality of life. The primary customer must be a person (B2C) and not a business (B2B, B2B2C) or government (B2G, B2G2B/C).

## Application Process:

- Written pitches are due Dec. 10 by 11:59 p.m. EST via our website <https://innovatorsofprogress.org>. Pitches take only ten minutes to complete.
- Semi-finalists will be asked to submit a formal proposal detailing the viability and marketability of their respective ideas on or about Jan 7.
- Finalists will be selected in February by our diverse committee to join our 2024 cohort.

## Eligibility Criteria:

- At least 18 years of age
- Enrolled full-time at a U.S. accredited college, university, or trade/professional school ("institution")
- Have earned 48 or more college credits (community college or trade/professional school equivalent) at their institution:
  - Or at least nine credits from graduate-level courses
  - Or at least within 12 months of graduation
- A U.S. citizen
- In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
- Maryland residents preferred

## Contact:

- Visit our [website](#) for all program information and FAQs.
- Send an email to Markus Proctor, our executive director, at [markus@innovatorsofprogress.org](mailto:markus@innovatorsofprogress.org)

\*Placement into partnering programs is not guaranteed.