

# POLSKY INCUBATOR

The Polsky Incubator provides mentorship, guidance, and dedicated office space within the Polsky Exchange for early-stage startups, helping them achieve critical milestones and grow into sustainable businesses.



The Polsky Incubator is a program for ambitious startups that are built to scale quickly. Teams committed and equipped with the skills necessary to solve an important problem for a large number of users are encouraged to apply. If you have a prototype built, a team in place, and you're ready to run, the Polsky Incubator is a great option. The Incubator's current cohort includes teams from across Chicago as well as UChicago alumni.

Getting to work with and learn from other committed, full-time entrepreneurs is one of the many benefits of the Incubator. In addition, the Incubator program includes monthly cohort-only workshops, preferential access to expert office hours, and regular goal-setting and accountability meetings with program staff. Companies also receive dedicated office space and legal support from the UChicago Law School Innovation Clinic.

## HOW WOULD MY COMPANY BENEFIT?

- **Community:** Getting to work and learn alongside other Incubator companies, and be active in the Polsky community.
- **Training:** Monthly training sessions on topics such as pitching investors or sales, with expert speakers and coaches.
- **Mentoring:** Individual sessions with experienced startup CEOs and Executives-in-Residence, focused on product development, goal setting, and accountability.
- **Introductions:** Customized introductions to experts in your field through Polsky Center's extensive network.
- **Legal Support:** Dedicated legal support through the UChicago Law School Innovation Clinic.
- **Office Space:** Dedicated desk, storage space, mail, and meeting rooms for conducting business activities.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Companies pay \$200 per month per desk. The Polsky Center does not take equity in Incubator companies, but does reserve the right to invest in the next institutional round of funding.

## APPLY ONLINE:

Applications are available at: [bit.ly/PolskyIncubatorApp](https://bit.ly/PolskyIncubatorApp)

## DATES:

Applications for the October 2017 - March 2018 term are due Friday, September 1 at 5 p.m.

## FINTECH FOCUS:

The Polsky Incubator has a primary focus on financial technology startups. FinTech companies will receive sponsorship to cover the cost of their work space, access to mentors, and other customer resources.

## QUESTIONS?

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