

Personal Background

- Your Name
- Email Address

UIC Affiliation

- How are you connected to UIC?

For Faculty, Staff, Postdocs:

- What department is your primary appointment in?
- What college is your primary appointment in?

For Graduate/Undergraduate Students:

- What is your primary program of study?
- What college or school is your program of study in?
- What type of degree are you working towards?

For UIC Alumni:

- What year did you graduate?
- What was your primary program of study?
- What college or school was your program of study in?
- What type of degree did you graduate with?

Startup Details

- Have you formed a company around your idea?
- What is the name of your startup?
- What type of entity is your company?
- Where is the company incorporated?
- What is your role?
- How many full-time employees does your company have, including any full-time founders?
- Company website (if applicable)

Startup Funding

- Have you raised any capital to date?
- What are the terms?
- What is your monthly burn and how much runway do you have?
- Does your company have shareholders that own at least 5% equity? This may include founders, employees, and investors. Please list their title and percentage.

Startup Description

- In one sentence, please describe what you're working on.
- What problem are you solving?
- How is your solution uniquely addressing this problem?
- How will your idea or company change the world? What is the big picture and vision?
- Have you developed a prototype?

Requirements

- To be considered for the program, you'll need a business plan and financial model for your startup. Are you ready to submit these documents with your application today?
If not, you can still submit your application and we will follow up to connect you with resources to assist you in this process.
- We will be hosting two workshops focused on developing business plans and financial models. Would you like for us to share the invitations with you?
- Please upload business plan, financial models, pitch deck, or other materials you would like to share.

Intellectual Property

- Was the IP behind your idea generated at UIC?
- If not, please list other research institution, laboratory, or company
- Have you disclosed your technology to the UIC Office of Technology Management?
- Please describe your technology. What is the status of IP protection? Has it been licensed?

Team (if part of a team)

- Why is your team uniquely qualified? How long have you been working together?
- Where are your team members located?
- If accepted into the program, how much time can you spend building your startup?

Traction

- What is your revenue growth over the last six months? What KPIs or metrics are you tracking?
- How do you plan to continue to acquire customers or users?
- If your product is not yet in the market, how are you tracking progress? Are there indicators of early market demand?
- How do you plan to acquire customers or users?

Competition

- Do you know who your competitors are? Please list the name of 3-5 potential competitors. And for an added bonus, please include their websites if they have one.

Participation

- What made you realize that this program is for you?
- What type of support are you looking for? Access to resources, facilities, and expertise at UIC? Mentorship? Access to our partners and investor networks? All of the above? Don't worry - we've got you covered. Please let us know what you'd like to get out of the program so we can provide you with the support you need, when you need it.
- Have you previously participated in any accelerators, incubators, or similar programs?
- If accepted into the program, are you willing to commit to the following? Monthly check-ins & updates, completing quarterly reports, attending related workshops and events.