

YouthHack Ventures

YouthHack Ventures is the venture arm of YouthHack, an international nonprofit and for-purpose organization with the goal of helping students turn their ideas into realities.

We are the first-student run and student-focused venture accelerator and startup school in the Philippines. Our program focuses on the specific needs of student founders and what it takes for them to really turn their idea into a reality.

Because we focus on aspiring student founders at the very early stage, we're just as much accelerator as a school. We focus on the education and growth of our student founders such that whether or not they do end up succeeding with their idea, they still gain valuable skills and lessons from our 10-week program.

We make big bets on passionate students who want to make a dent in this universe and solve the world's biggest problems. We're a strong believer in making the impossible possible. Whether you want to start a company, social enterprise or nonprofit organization, we want to help you make it happen.

You can find the application here: <http://bit.ly/YH-ventures-application>

Our Core Value Add:

- **Community** Gain access to the global YouthHack community of student entrepreneurs, designers, developers, marketers, experts, mentors and more. We've connected with more than a thousand people in the past two years we've been operating, and we've worked with partners from VC firms like Dreamit Ventures, Kickstart Ventures, 500 Startups, Golden Gate Ventures, JFDI.Asia, and Wavemaker Partners. We've also worked with entrepreneurs leading top startups like Curalate, RJMetrics, Kalibr and more.
- **Education** Weekly sessions and workshops that provide our student entrepreneurs with the knowledge needed to turn their startup ideas into actual startups. We bring in experts and specialists who have faced the challenges you'll be facing in building your startups. Think of this as an accelerated business school but for how to start a startup as a student.
- **Mentors** We've built a mentor network of over 50+ mentors from local startups, incubators, accelerators and big tech companies. We connect you to the right mentors at the right time throughout the 10 week program. You are also paired up with one main mentor based on your idea and what your needs are.
- **Resources** We've also partnered with a variety of different companies to provide you with design, marketing, business, accounting and legal resources. Our team will also be

on-hand to provide you with their skills and expertise that range from business development to design and development.

- **Guidance** Each team gets paired up with a startup coach who meets with you for weekly office hours and helps connect you to the necessary resources and people, while keeping your team accountable.

We're Industry Agnostic

We're looking for students from across different disciplines and industries ranging from software and hardware to healthcare and biotech to the life sciences to education to food and beverage and consumer products. We want students who think big, who want to disrupt these industries with their ideas.

Program Requirements

In order to be eligible to participate in the YouthHack Ventures program, at least one member of the founding team must be a current student or at most one year removed from being a student.

We accept teams of all sizes but most startup teams usually have two to three founders. We're looking for teams with domain expertise or a competitive advantage in the industry they're operating in. We're looking for teams that already have an idea of what they want to work on, but don't know what the next steps are to go from idea to startup.

Because of the early stage nature of our accelerator, we evaluate teams based on their prior experience and hustle and drive that they show. You don't necessarily need to have all the skills yet to execute your idea, but you must show us that you're willing to learn.

In order to cover our operational costs and keep teams accountable, we're charging a program fee of P1000 per team member for the 10 week program (that comes out to around P1000 per session in the twelve weeks not including all the resources, perks, experts, mentors and in-house expertise we're offering).

The first-batch for the Accelerator program will be from June 18, 2016 - August 20, 2016.

FAQ:

1. **Who can apply?**

YouthHack Ventures is open to any startup team with at least one student founder. We're looking for students who have an idea and potentially a prototype but don't know what to do next. We want to help students build out their startup companies, nonprofit organizations and moonshot projects. If this sounds like you, please do apply!

2. What are the benefits that you get from this program?

Aside from the aforementioned community, education, mentors, resources and guidance that you get from being part of the YouthHack Ventures program, you also get to experience bonding sessions and activities ranging from boardgame nights to hacknights to founder dinners and everything in between! We want to make these 10 weeks an experience of a lifetime and make sure that you really grow as a person and as a team!

3. What do we look for in teams?

We look for teams that have some expertise, experience or unique insight on the type of industry/field they're trying to work in. While we give plus points to teams that have skills that will enable them to execute their idea (ie. if you're working on a tech startup, it would be great if you had a developer in your team), we focus more on your track record, ability to learn and desire to make your idea actually a reality.

We believe that building a great startup takes time but also the willingness to learn. In the 12 weeks, you'll be challenged and pushed to your limit, but if you're willing to learn, we can help you make it happen. Show us your hustle, show us your passion and we will show you ours.

4. What stage should my startup be in?

We want to take in and help teams that have an idea that they're passionate about and want to test out and see if it's worth pursuing. Ideally, you would have a prototype of your product and some customer validation already.

5. Do you take equity?

No. YouthHack currently does not take equity in the companies that we take in. However, in order to cover our operational expenses, we do charge a program fee for the 10-week program.

6. How long is this program?

This is a 10-week program from June 18 to August 20.