

# Career Center

## Resources for Connecting with Startups

Successful entrepreneurship is all about successful networking, which means you should be doing it too. Most startups include the contact information of their founders and employees on their websites. Reach out and ask for a conversation in-person, over the phone, or virtually to introduce yourself and learn more.

### At Duke

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#### Duke Innovation & Entrepreneurship Initiative

Learn about a wide variety of resources, programs, and events, and connect with alumni and local mentors and entrepreneurs. Student organizations, summer programs, workshops, networking opportunities, competitions and funding resources, and more are available through I&E.

<https://entrepreneurship.duke.edu/>

#### Duke GEN

An active network of Duke entrepreneurs that holds events on campus and across the country. It is also a LinkedIn group, which is a great way to reach out to people directly.

<http://www.dukegen.com/>

#### StartupConnect

An annual on-campus networking fair in February that offers resources and information about available jobs and internships at over 30 startup companies. On CareerConnections, select Job and Internship Search, Advanced Search, and “Yes” on “Affiliated with StartupConnect” to find startup companies who are hiring Duke students.

#### The Foundry

Provides 7,600 square feet of project space for Duke undergraduate and graduate students focused on engineering, energy, entrepreneurship, and sustainability to build ideas from the ground up.

<http://pratt.duke.edu/about/facilities/foundry>

### Beyond Duke

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#### Raleigh-Durham

A hotbed for entrepreneurship. Check out local start-up hubs, incubators, and accelerators such as American Underground, First Flight Venture Center, Groundwork Labs, HQ Raleigh, Southeast TechInventures, The Startup Factory, and more. Many of these organizations offer tours, mentorship programs, networking events, internship and full-time positions, and co-working space.

<https://entrepreneurship.duke.edu/resources/start-up-facilities-incubators/>

#### AngelList

The largest directory for both startup companies and positions. Do not wait for the perfect position to be posted, find cool startups and reach out.

<https://angel.co/>

#### Startupers

Database for opportunities at startups.

<https://www.startupers.com/>

#### Venture for America

Two-year fellowship program in emerging U.S. cities.

<http://ventureforamerica.org/>

#### InternMatch/Looksharp

Search this internship database for opportunities at startups by filtering by Organization type, startup.

<https://www.looksharp.com/>

#### FirstMark Elite

Internship program for computer science and engineering students at startups around the country.

<http://firstmarkelite.com/>

#### American Underground

Local Google for Entrepreneurs Tech Hub, works closely with Duke Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

<http://americanunderground.com/>

#### Duke in Silicon Valley

Four-week, one-course program, located in the nation’s hub for innovative enterprise, designed to give students an intensive course experience in the creation of a new business venture, both commercial and social.

[https://globaled.duke.edu/Programs/Domestic\\_Programs/Summer/Duke\\_in\\_Silicon\\_Valley](https://globaled.duke.edu/Programs/Domestic_Programs/Summer/Duke_in_Silicon_Valley)



