

# 2024 VentureFuel Accelerator Intern

## About VentureFuel:

VentureFuel is an independent innovation advisory that helps the world's largest organizations commercialize innovation through startup partnerships. Industry-leading organizations like Dick's Sporting Goods, Comcast NBCUniversal, AARP Foundation and the State of California turn to us to learn, test, build and invest with enterprise-ready startups. Custom Accelerators, Pilot Programs, Co-Development and Innovation Strategy allow us to deliver what is next, now to our clients. To learn more visit [www.venturefuel.net](http://www.venturefuel.net) or listen to our podcast: [The VentureFuel Visionaries](#).

## Our Core Values:

- Client-Centricity – Overdelivering on Value for Clients
- Simplicity – Making the Complex Easy to Understand
- Bias Towards Action - Getting It Done
- Collaboration – Teamwork & Integrity
- Grit – Growth Mindset, Obstacles Are Opportunities
- Enthusiasm – Passion to Do Great Work
- Intellectual Curiosity – Diverse Thinking, Always Be Learning

## Role Overview:

VentureFuel is seeking an individual with an interest in startups and innovation to support startup identification and recruitment for a client accelerator program in the agricultural innovation sector. The ideal candidate will have experience with research, strong critical thinking skills, and a demonstrated ability to manage complex projects. In this role, you will be asked to research the startup landscape, identify potential candidates for the program, evaluate their fit and support startup communication and program administration.

## Responsibilities:

- **Startup Ecosystem Engagement:** Research, source, and evaluate startups for potential inclusion in our innovation programs. Your work will directly influence the strategic direction and success of our clients' projects.
- **Trend Analysis:** Conduct deep-dive analyses into emerging technologies and market trends, creating comprehensive reports that inform our strategies and recommendations.
- **Project Management:** Take ownership of managing multiple accelerator projects related to startup identification, vetting, and administration.

## What Makes This Role Special:

- **Impact:** Your work will directly impact the success of our innovation programs and our clients' strategic growth.
- **Team Engagement:** Work closely with a team of innovation experts to learn more about the industry, process, and paths to becoming an innovation leader.
- **Corporate Exposure:** Engage in meetings, communications, and strategic work with

large enterprises.

- **Learning:** You will gain invaluable insights into the innovation process, from ideation to execution, within a diverse range of industries.
- **Potential For Growth:** This internship may springboard into additional opportunities within VentureFuel, such as continued project-based work

#### Preferred Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled as a Junior or Senior in an undergraduate program in Business, Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Agriculture or Environmental Studies, or a related field that conducts both qualitative and quantitative research.
- Demonstrated interest or experience in research, business strategy, startup ecosystems, technology scouting, or innovation management.
- Independent, results-driven mindset with a capacity to manage multiple projects and thrive in a fast-paced environment.
- Strong analytical skills with the ability to synthesize complex information into actionable insights.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, with a knack for making complex topics easily understandable.

#### Logistics:

- Part-time (20 hours / week) work schedule with compensation
- May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 start date for an 8 – 12 week commitment. The application period will end April 19, 2024.
- Remote position, offering the flexibility to work from anywhere in the U.S. Candidates must be authorized to work in the United States without the need for employer sponsorship.

#### VentureFuel's Commitment to Diversity:

VentureFuel is passionate about creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees. We are committed to building a distributed team that reflects the diversity of the clients and communities we serve. We are committed to building a distributed team that reflects the diversity of the clients and communities we serve.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, pregnancy, disability, age, veteran status, or other characteristics. VentureFuel is also committed to compliance with all fair employment practices regarding citizenship and immigration status.

#### Application Process:

Ready to ignite your career in innovation? Apply now by emailing your resume and a cover letter explaining why you're the perfect fit for this role to Allie Lawn ([allielawn@venturefuel.net](mailto:allielawn@venturefuel.net)) with Iasha King ([iasha@venturefuel.net](mailto:iasha@venturefuel.net)) on copy.