



**.406 Ventures**

# Student Fellows Program

*Nearly two decades of supporting student entrepreneurs to  
build a generation of great companies*





# Join an Exclusive Network of Student Entrepreneurs



*The Fellowship is made up of student entrepreneurs from world-class universities -- both at the undergraduate and graduate levels*

*Fellows have gone on to launch successful companies, raise \$650MM+ at:*



*and hold leadership roles at:*





# About .406 Ventures

We invest in and help grow early stage change-the-world companies that solve big problems in digital health, cybersecurity, and enterprise data/AI.

Our team has been successfully executing this strategy since 2005.

As former entrepreneurs and operators, we aspire to be the type of investors we sought to have.



# A Background of the Fellowship



The .406 Fellows program was started in 2008 and is a unique opportunity for student entrepreneurs to build upon the academic entrepreneurial experiences offered through school with the real-world skills and networks needed to start successful companies. Over the two years each Fellow will build strong relationships with other leading student entrepreneurs, meet and learn from leading practitioners and experience the venture capital process.

All Fellows are required to have started a company and many are either working on a company when they join the Fellowship or start a company while an active Fellow. Recognizing the time constraints of student entrepreneurs, the Fellowship is designed to:

**Jumpstart  
Entrepreneurial  
Endeavors**



**Provide Exposure to  
the Capital  
Community**



**Offer Hands-on  
Insight into the  
Fundraising Process**





# Student Fellow Benefits



*Build a strong peer-network with a hand-selected group of proven entrepreneurs from leading universities including a growing network of 100+ Fellowship alumni*

*Foster connections within venture capital and develop a deeper understanding of the industry*



*Seek internships at .406 portfolio & network firms*

*Unique opportunities to gain:*

- Investor access as a .406 Ventures representative at incubator Demo Days
- Open-door access to .406 Ventures including pitches, diligence, and investment process



*Through the Fellowship's educational modules, learn about key entrepreneurial and fundraising aspects and be exposed to top industry practitioners*

*Opportunity to participate in offsite meetings with .406 team and other industry thought leaders*





# Your Qualifications

Proven success as an entrepreneur

Ability to identify and assess entrepreneurial opportunities

At least two more years left in school as a student (either at undergraduate or graduate level)

Passion for helping other entrepreneurs succeed

# Your Role

Seek out entrepreneurs and potential investment opportunities from within student body, research professors, tech transfer office, and alumni

Participate in bi-weekly calls with all Fellows to assess and discuss startups as well as our two day-long off-sites in Boston

Represent .406 Ventures on your campus

"The .406 Fellowship **kickstarted my passion for entrepreneurship** and gave me skills and connections that helped me succeed in both startups and the corporate world." - PM @ Tesla

"The **community of changemakers and dreamers fostered by the .406 fellowship is world-class**. I'm honestly in awe of the accomplishments by the people in my class. Very special group!"  
- PhD Candidate @ UPenn

"The .406 Fellowship was **easily the most influential part of my college experience**. It taught me how to think deeper about companies and markets, introduced me to life-long friends, and gave me the confidence to pursue my startup full time."  
- CTO @ Transeo

"The fellowship **opened the door to what is typically a closed door: the profession of backing big ideas**. 406 enabled an education, network, and mindset foundational to me today, professionally and personally."  
- Principal, Alumni Ventures

## Testimonials

"The level of **support and talent in this ecosystem is incredible and unmatched** in my other networks from school and work."  
- Managing Director @ Planestocks

"The .406 fellowship **put me in a strong position to raise venture money & ultimately go through an M&A acquisition** at Ciitizen. Thanks to the .406 fellowship, I had the orientation to not be intimidated by the fundraising process and be able to more actively negotiate for favorable terms."  
- Partnerships @ Invitae

"The **greatest value of .406 student fellowship is its community**: I've been fortunate to meet student leaders from different walks of life who continue to inspire, advise, and support me."  
-Analyst, McKinsey

"As a student founder (still running the same business I was running while I was a fellow back in 2016-18!) the .406 community introduced me to the sophisticated world of investors, startups, and the community that brings these visions to life. **Thank you for the mentorship and support network, it has given me the confidence to stay the course!**"  
- CEO, Voyji



# Apply Now!



Currently recruiting for  
Class XV (Fall 2023 Start)

Interested undergrad and grad students, please inquire and  
mail us your questions at: [studentfellows@406ventures.com](mailto:studentfellows@406ventures.com)





# Meet the Current Fellows!



## Class XIII

### Sankekth Andhavarapu

University of Maryland

#### Health Decision Sciences with minor in Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- Co-Founder/Co-CEO of digital health start-up Vitalize (Tuck Incubator, Terp Startup Accelerator)
- Founder/CEO of education non-profit STEPS (Do Good Accelerator)
- Business Analyst Intern at PediaMetrix, VC fellow at EVCA
- DC Inno's 25 under 25, 2021 Goldwater Scholar, Innovators of Progress Scholarship
- LinkedIn

### Shiang-Wan Chin

Cornell University

#### PhD Candidate, Systems Engineering

- Former Co-founder and CEO: farmVal predicting farmer risk profiles through an understanding of the soil and farm management
- Digital Agriculture Fellow at Microsoft built 2 instances of a Software-Defined Farm
- Former Consultant at Deloitte specializing in blockchain and cryptocurrency
- LinkedIn

### Diego D'Sola

Wharton & Harvard Kennedy School

#### MBA / MPA Candidate

- Co-founder of stealth startup (food tech)
- Previous: Co-Founder of TalCual Debates; Investment Banker at MUFG
- LinkedIn

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### Douglas Hazel

Boston University

#### **Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience**

- Research at Jorfi Lab (Harvard/MGH) in Neurobiology
- Research paper “How Symbols & Sounds Drive Thought Processes”
- Tutor at BU, BUA & Beacon Academy in Mathematics, Languages & CS
- Founder, Plasticity Field <https://plasticityfield.io> - Promoting the power to rewire the brain
- LinkedIn

### Yuka Ikarashi

MIT

#### **Ph.D. Student, Computer Science**

- Leading the development of a novel programming language for machine learning
- Experience in developing many systems software, including Clang (C++ compiler) and ROOT (data analysis framework for particle physics)
- VP of Japanese graduate student association
- LinkedIn

### Ally Jiang

Wharton & Harvard Kennedy School

#### **Master of Business Administration**

- Consultant at Boston Consulting Group (Healthcare practice)
- Previously Strategy & Operations at Outcome Health (Series A)
- Previously Investment Banking at RBC Capital Markets (Healthcare practice)
- LinkedIn



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### Siddharth Kaul

University of Michigan

#### **Computer Science, Finance (Business), minor in History**

- Co-Founder at Channels Inc., transforming the future of communication for deskless workers
- Former Data Science and Investment Banking Analyst at Saxon Weber, pre-IPO secondary transactions; conducted due diligence for acquisition of US fintech company by financial loans firm
- Built computer vision applications to help blind people move in spaces and utilized machine learning in venture-backed startups; past research in neural networks and deep learning
- Other: Interested in enterprise tech and biotech, NASA Experiment in Space, NASA Space Apps, Previously raised \$30k in donations drives to help over 600 Indian and Filipino maids obtain lawful work visas, find shelter, and escape abusive employers in Kuwait
- LinkedIn

### Ansh Nanda

Duke University

#### **Duke University (2023): Computer Science & Psychology**

- Former Chief Product Officer at KiranaKart (YC W21). Grew the product from launch from 0 to 300 orders/day, recruited the engineering team, and helped raise a Series A.
- CTO @ Campus Enterprises LLC, one of the largest student-run businesses providing college campus services like food delivery, entertainment planning, and tech/marketing consulting.
- Received grants from Paul English & the Nicholas School of Environment to found a 12-person non-profit, YouChangeEarth, helping thousands of people reduce their climate footprint.
- LinkedIn

### Kori Riddick

William & Mary

#### **Computer Science**

- Co-Founder of F.L.I.P. financial, a financial literacy start-up.
- Venture Capital Scout at AWS
- Alan B. Miller entrepreneurship Outreach fellow
- Research assistant at W&M Blockchain lab
- LinkedIn

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### **Brihu Sundararaman**

Yale College

#### **Computer Science**

- Founding Engineer, ProPhone (YC W21), building and scaling ProSite
- Co-Founder, YES Internships - connecting talented students with talented start-ups
- President, Yale Entrepreneurial Society
- LinkedIn

### **Khushi Wadhwa**

Carnegie Mellon University

#### **Computer Science, minor in Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

- Fellow at New Stack Ventures, SWE at the CMU Software Engineering Institute, Researcher at the CMU Human Computer Interaction Institute
- Previously Junior Partner at Campus Insights and Blockchain Development at Building Blocks Technologies
- Previously co-founder at Lilani (AgTech startup) through the LaunchX program
- LinkedIn

### **Alice Yeh**

University of California Berkeley

#### **Computer Science**

- Co-Founder at GEM Safety (Mozilla MVP Lab Sp20)
- Industry: SWE Intern at Apple, MLH Fellow
- Research: UC Berkeley (Data x Sociology), Stony Brook University (CS)
- LinkedIn



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### Allen Zhou

University of Texas

#### Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Co-founder of Big & Mini
- Previously: SWE Intern at Socotra, 8VC Fellow, Norrsken VC Intern
- LinkedIn

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## Class XIV

### **Sristy Agrawal**

University of Colorado Boulder

#### **PhD Candidate: Physics**

- Co-founder, Stealth mode quantum tech startup
- Creator, Deja Vu, a documentary film on evolution of American farming in the last four decades. (currently in the final stages of post production)
- LinkedIn

### **Abhi Agrawal**

Northeastern University

#### **Computer Science, minor in Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

- Fellow at New Stack Ventures, SWE at the CMU Software Engineering Institute, Researcher at the CMU Human Computer Interaction Institute
- Previously Junior Partner at Campus Insights and Blockchain Development at Building Blocks Technologies
- Previously co-founder at Lilani (AgTech startup) through the LaunchX program
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### **Peter Bertone**

Dartmouth College

#### **PhD Student @ Biomedical Engineering**

- PhD Surgical Innovation Fellow in Biomedical Engineering
- Co-Founder of GyroGel, tissue-engineered biomaterial scaffolds for orthopaedic oncological reconstruction
- Co-Founder of Expansa, patented FemTech deployable pessary designed to treat symptoms of pelvic organ prolapse (licensed)
- Former Investment Partner @ Penn-Wharton Innovation Fund
- Former Fellow @UPenn Center for Innovation, NSF iCorps Lead & Teaching Assistant
- LinkedIn



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### Sean Cai

Cornell University

#### Applied Economics and Management

- Founder of NexFour (Tourable)
- Apprentice @ ConscienceVC; Built dealflow pipeline software for VCs providing regular investment updates on 100+ accelerators/VCs
- Executive VP @ Ventures Accelerated and President @ Life Changing Labs Accelerator Cornell
- Past: Human Spirit Entrepreneurial Fellow @ Cornell, LCL 22 Under 22, Blackstone Launchpad Fellow, GATSVI Fellow
- LinkedIn

### Caleb Chan

University of Chicago

#### Economics and Computer Science

- Co-Founder of a finance YouTube channel with 400k subscribers
- Co-Founder of an influencer marketing agency with \$60k+ in monthly deal volume
- UChicago College New Venture Challenge Phase II Finalist
- LinkedIn

### Daniel Chang

Northwestern University

#### Computer Science and Statistics, pursuing MS in Computer Science

- Co-Founder and CTO - Belay: Guaranteed wages and financial access for the gig economy. (Raised from Village Global Accelerator Fa21, former head of alpha capture at Two Sigma, Director of Product at Evernote/former CEO at Finnest)
- Previously: Co-Founder and CTO - Centiments: Micropayment protocol for media and creators. (Harvard Innovation Lab Fa20 + Wi21)
- Previously: SWE intern at Databricks, MLE intern at Snapchat, SDE intern at Amazon, Data Analyst intern, Software Developer contractor at LexisNexis.
- Previously: Director of Tech Team at EPIC and Co-President of .dev: entrepreneurship and CS clubs at Northwestern.
- LinkedIn

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### **Eliza DeCroke-Movson**

Yale University

#### **Psychiatry Resident**

- Digital Mental Health Consultant
- Leader of the Psychiatry and Technology Group at Yale Psychiatry
- Former Customer Experience @ Glow (Series B Digital Health startup) and CellScope (Series A Digital Health startup)
- LinkedIn

### **Grace Gerwe**

Yale University

#### **Double major in Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology and Environmental Studies, Concentration in Food and Agriculture.**

- Founder @ VYTAL, organ meat bars
- President @ Yale Entrepreneurial Society, previously Incubator & VC Fellows Lead
- Cornell's Life Changing Labs 22 Under 22
- Analyst @ Yale Undergraduate Venture Group
- Business Development Manager @ WeCheers, discovering & organizing social events
- Co-Founder @ What's Next, college counseling & career advice program for Boys & Girls Club Hawaii
- LinkedIn

### **Juan Pablo Heusser**

Harvard Business School

#### **MS/MBA Candidate at Harvard Business School and Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences**

- Co-Founder & CTO at InnerCore: Oceantech startup developing software/hardware platforms for civilian vessel monitoring and control, buoy remote monitoring and detection illegal activities and crimes at sea.
- Former Chilean Naval Officer: held positions as Maritime Law Enforcement Officer, Maritime Signage Officer, Bridge Manager and Logistics Officer.
- LinkedIn



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### Phillip Ho

Northwestern University

#### Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences

- Founder, CEO of Donkee
- Built things that were implemented by the Indonesian army (<http://www.philipth.com/>)
- Scaling Oyster Mushroom production ecosystems to reduce food insecurity in Sierra Leone
- LinkedIn

### Bingda Li

Carnegie Mellon University

#### PhD Student, Biomedical Engineering

- Co-founder of E-Carebetics, an AI powered diagnostic solution for ocular fundus diseases. (Project Olympus Incubator, LifeX Accelerator)
- Led the development of a novel biocompatible synthetic hydrogel.
- Researcher with a focus on exosome therapy. Collaborating with Center for Regenerative Medicine at Mayo Clinic.
- LinkedIn

### Max Temple

Pennsylvania State University

#### Computer Science Engineering

- Previously: Frontend Software Development Intern at Optum, branch of United Healthcare
- LinkedIn

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### Aneekah Uddin

Princeton University

#### Computer Science

- Previously: Frontend Software Development Intern at Optum, branch of United Healthcare
- Computer Science Concentration + Technology and Society Certificate
- Interned at Atento Capital (VC) and PTC (SWE)
- Research at the intersection of future of tech and justice
- Previously: Co-Founder of Art to Action, Associate Producer @ AI for All (AI podcast)
- LinkedIn