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Student Fellows Program

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

Join an Exclusive Network of Student Entrepreneurs

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Carnegie Mellon University

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Penn
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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Northeastern University

THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA at CHAPEL HILL

DARTMOUTH

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Stanford University

Yale

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

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

Linea

freenome

jebbit

codecademy

orchestra

EAT YOUR COFFEE

copysmith

Invento

Attend

and hold leadership roles at

one medical

coinbase

Uber

McKinsey & Company

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About .406 Ventures

We invest in and help grow early stage change-the-world companies that solve big problems in healthcare, data + AI, and cybersecurity.

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.

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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

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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 companies

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 onsites in Boston

Represent .406 Ventures on your campus

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Testimonials

"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

"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 .406 fellowship *put me in a strong position to raise venture money & ultimately go through an M&A acquisition* at Citizen. 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 *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 *greatest value of the .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

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

"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

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Apply Now!

Currently recruiting for
Class XVI (Fall 2024 Start)

Interested undergrad and grad students, please inquire and mail us your questions at:

studentfellows@406ventures.com

Meet the Current Fellows!

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)

Abhi Agrawal
Northwestern 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

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

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Sean Cai
Cornell University
Applied Economics and Management

- Founder, 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

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

Daniel Chang
Northwestern University
Computer Science and Statistics

- Co-Founder and CTO, Belay: Guaranteed wages and financial access for the gig economy
- 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

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Eliza DeCroce-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)

Grace Gerwe
Yale University
Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology and Environmental Studies

- 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

Juan Pablo Heusser
Harvard Business School, Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
**MBA Candidate: Business Administration and Management
MS Candidate: Engineering 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

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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

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

Max Temple
Pennsylvania State University
Computer Science Engineering

- Previously: Front-end Software Development Intern at Optum, branch of United Healthcare

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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)

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Truman Pierson
University of Chicago
Business Economics and Computational Neuroscience

- Co-Founder and CEO of Theta Neurotech
- Center-Fielder for University of Chicago Baseball Team
- Previously: SWE @ Kroger, Loeb.nyc, etc.

Kabir Moghe
Dartmouth College
Computer Science and Mathematics

- Previously: (ML) Engineering Intern at Tamr, a master data management startup
- Previously: Computational Biology Research Assistant in Schizophrenia Research at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard

Geoffrey Jing
Carleton College
Computer Science and Statistics

- President and Co-founder of VCarl: Carleton's VC Organization, President of Carleton Data Science, Co-founder and VP of Carleton Consulting Club, and VP of Carleton Robotics
- Varsity Starter for Carleton Men's Golf Team
- Previously: SWE @ 3M, Village, Avantek.ai, PM @ Transiport Technologies

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Mac Chirara
Colgate University
Biology

- Founder and CEO @ Everlasting Technology, Trustee @Connected Planet
- Previously: AbbVie, MetroHealth, NASA
- 776 Foundation Climate Fellow, Aspen Institute Tech Fellow

Adele Smolansky
Stanford University
PhD Candidate: Learning Sciences and Technology Design

- Founder of AI-Learners, an EdTech platform to help students with abilities learn foundational math and literacy
- NSF fellow and Stanford Graduate Fellow
- Cornell University class of 2023: B.S. in computer science
- Previously software engineering intern at Google (summer of 2021 and 2022)

Nicole Jiam
MGH/Harvard Medical School
Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery Fellow

- CEO & Co-Founder of IIAM: Digital Health Cloud Computer Software for Processing New Patient Referrals
- Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at University of California - San Francisco (UCSF); Medical Degree (MD) at Johns Hopkins
- NSF SBIR Grant Awardee; Blackstone LaunchPad Fellowship Award; UCSF Catalyst Awardee; West Coast Consortium for Technology & Innovation Semi-Finalist; Johns Hopkins Business Competition Finalist; 3rd Place Johns Hopkins Shark Tank Competition; Johns Hopkins Social Innovation Winner

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Javid Dadashkarimi
MGH/Harvard Medical School
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

- Research Fellow Staff, MGH/Harvard and HST Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Harvard Medical School
- PhD in Computer Science, Yale University, 2023
- Graduate Student in Yale Network Sciences (2017-2023)

Rayan Garg
Cornell University
Applied Economics and Management and Information Science

- Past: Summer Associate - Atomic, Intern - Deloitte Consulting, Research Intern - UChicago CHAI Lab

Grace Anne McCooey
Princeton University
Politics, certificates in Entrepreneurship and Anthropology

- Co-founder and CEO of InstantReplay Fashion (instantreplayfashion.com)
- President of Princeton's Women in Entrepreneurship
- Board Member of Princeton's E-club
- Head of alumni relations for Business Today
- Previously: founded a mental health charity, The Monmouth County Snack Shack

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Neha Desaraju
University of Texas at Austin
Computer Science

- Founder of Quire AI
- VP of Special Projects at Texas Momentum, UT's student-run startup accelerator; VP of Technical Development & Founding Executive Member at Kappa Theta Pi, UT's professional tech fraternity
- Previously: SWE intern at Citi Bank, ML research at UT's Human-AI Interaction Lab & Machine Learning Lab

Daniela Andrade
Harvard University
Neuroscience and Philosophy

- Co-founder and Neuroscience Product Innovation Lead of Medi.Cation.AI, redesigning the treatment of visual depth cues to create immersive VR wellness experiences that avoid causing cybersickness in women
- Head of External Relations of Harvard's Women in Entrepreneurship
- Director of Education for Harvard's Emerging Technology Group

Angela Busheska
Lafayette College
Electrical and Computer Engineering and Computer Science

- Founder of EnRoute, AI Sustainable Fashion Assistant
- Previously: Research Intern at Google Speech (2022), STEP Intern at Google Cloud (2023)
- Brain - Computer Interface Research

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David Yun
Cornell University
Policy Analysis and Management

- Policy Analysis and Management '2024
- Co-founder @ Tourable, building 360 live video-conferencing for university touring
- Founder @ Ventures Accelerated, first student-run startup accelerator at Cornell
- Eric Young Venture Fellow @ Canaan
- Venture Scout @ GoAhead Ventures
- Founded a small coffee shop at his hometown, which is still running!

Aaron Zhao
California Institute of Technology
Computer Science and Business, Economics, and Management

- Co-founder @ Viriya, providing data driven insights on decarbonization of large corporate and university campuses
- University Founder Fellow @ Unusual Ventures
- President of Hacktech (Caltech's annual hackathon) and Caltech Data Science Organization
- Previously: SWE/PM Intern @ Oaktree Capital Management; Machine Learning Research Intern @ NASA JPL; University Investment Analyst @ Plug and Play Tech Center

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