



IN2 Impact LaunchPad

The IN2 Impact LaunchPad to advance the human condition is an incubator workspace for a promising early social entrepreneurship venture (SEV) or Illinois community project. The Impact LaunchPad, funded by a gift from Sam Yagan '95 and Jessica Droste Yagan '95, connects a vibrant community of entrepreneurs and learners at the globally-recognized Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy's new IN2 innovation center in Aurora, IL with its network across Illinois. One non-profit or community project is selected annually to work out of the IN2@IMSA Impact LaunchPad and leverage resources available to them. Applications are due by 7-7-17; selected startup begins on 8-28-17.

You are a Good Fit if...

- You are a pre-or early-stage revenue not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization looking for space, resources and a community to accelerate your goals
- You are a community project engaging with multiple partners to advance the human condition in Aurora, the Fox Valley, Illinois and beyond
- You seek to:
 - 1) Launch your community project or non-profit
 - 2) Leverage IMSA as a testbed and the IN2 network of collaborators to scale ideas
- You are excited to be an active and engaged member of the IMSA community through your physical presence and interaction with students, faculty and external partners. Engagement can be through student internships, community workshops, education and business partnerships or new collaborations with IN2 members and partners





LaunchPad History

Team VR, an IMSA student virtual reality design project, was the first project selected in 2016-17. Led by IMSA senior, Addison Herr, Team VR modeled spaces at IMSA, including the new science laboratory, then designed two interactive science labs for users to engage with within the virtual laboratory. Through a partnership with the James R. Jordan Foundation, Team VR hosted Chicago students at an IN2 field trip and participated in their science fair to advocate for IMSA, VR and the importance of STEM.

About IMSA

As Illinois' flagship STEM institution and learning laboratory, IMSA serves 10th through 12th graders who are gifted and talented in math and science through its residential Academy, as well as thousands of educators and students through outreach and professional development programs each year. Dubbed "Hogwarts for Hackers" by Wired Magazine, IMSA's learning laboratory launches innovators who advance a broad range of fields and industries including alums who served as founders or founding team members of Netscape, PayPal, YouTube, Yelp, and OkCupid.

How to Apply

All interested community projects or social ventures are encouraged to apply online (see button below). Applicants coming from one of IN2@IMSA's network can also include a letter of recommendation.

An IN2@IMSA Community Open House is scheduled for **Thursday, June 8 from 1-6 pm.** (IMSA, 1500 Sullivan Rd. Aurora, IL). Applicants are welcome to visit IN2 and the LaunchPad and ask questions or email Britta McKenna at bmckenna@imsa.edu.

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About IN2

IN2, IMSA's new \$2M, 6,400 square foot state-of-the-art innovation center opened as an IMSA public-private venture in the fall of 2016. IN2 is designed to ignite collaboration and entrepreneurial activity among students, educators, businesses and the community to solve real-world problems, design prototypes and launch new ideas that advance the human condition. IN2 LaunchPads showcase IMSA's leadership in education, innovation, social impact, technology and entrepreneurship.

LaunchPad Feature and Benefits

- Rent-free, dedicated space at the 6,400 sq-ft IN2 innovation center including access to Wi-Fi, business development services, free parking, access to prototyping facilities, café and other amenities through May 2018
- Access to the IN2 subject matter experts and network of collaborators - locally, throughout Illinois and beyond
- Opportunity to partner with highly-skilled students — who have provided over 11,000 hours of programming and other support for startups at 1871, TechNexus, Matter and other startup communities — to develop and expand product offerings through the IMSA TALENT internship program
- Connection to IMSA and IN2@IMSA brand, events, network and marketing channels to build visibility for your SEV or community project.

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to apply



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