



CDL Fellowship Students

CLASS OF 2023 LOOKBOOK

The CDL Fellowship Program has been created to unlock the entrepreneurial ambitions of up to 20 incoming Full-Time MBA students who are committed to exploring careers in entrepreneurship and start-ups. Selected students are supported by financial awards of up to \$27,000, a guaranteed paid internship with a CDL venture, guaranteed placement in the Creative Destruction Lab strategic courses, and sponsored access to key events.



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Students
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Ankit Maheshwari

Education

Master of Science (Honors)
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, USA

Prior work experience

Senior Software Engineer
SQUARE INC., TORONTO, CANADA

Entrepreneurial dream

"My dream is to use my technical expertise and business skills to help build software to simplify people's lives, especially helping them perform niche daily monotonous tasks efficiently. Software can be used to empower people in all aspects of their lives, and I want to be part of that movement. "



Igor Konovalov

Education

International Relations

SAINT PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY,
ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

Prior work experience

Product Manager

TIMEWEB, ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

Project Co-founder (Cria)

ELAMA, NEW YORK CITY, USA

Entrepreneurial dream

“To create tech products that change the way we do business, to work with outstanding teams and deliver the best solutions to the market.”



Jose Pablo Pecho-Chaves

Education

BBA in Marketing and International Business

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS, GEORGIA, USA

Prior work experience

Senior Consultant, Infrastructure and Capital Projects

DELOITTE, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Entrepreneurial experience

Founder and CEO

AIRHOST, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Entrepreneurial dream

“To help unlock the potential of healthcare systems around the world.”



Mike Elder

Education

Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON, ONTARIO

Prior work experience

Fundamentals Analyst

DOW CHEMICAL CANADA, CALGARY, ALBERTA

Entrepreneurial dream

"To connect capital with deep science companies whose innovative technologies aim to reduce the environmental impact of energy generation and manufacturing processes."



Mohan Wang

Education

Bachelor of French Language and Literature

OCEAN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA, QINGDAO

Master of Interpreting

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY, UK

Prior work experience

Operation Manager

4PARADIGM, BEIJING, CHINA

Senior Localization Manager

TRIPADVISOR, BEIJING, CHINA

Entrepreneurial experience

Founder

WORDSPILL, BEIJING, CHINA

Entrepreneurial dream

“Make products for independent content creators. Help them grow and thrive globally through tech.”



Funmi Orunmuyi

Education

Bachelor of Engineering in
Mechanical Engineering (Honours)
THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY,
AKURE, NIGERIA

Entrepreneurial experience

Production Engineer
EXXONMOBIL, LAGOS, NIGERIA

Founder/Co-founder
MAJIKJUICE™ / FITLIFE CAFE, LAGOS, NIGERIA

Entrepreneurial dream

“Leverage technology to drive increased productivity in the food and wellness industry and launch an incubator program that creates a safe space for young female business owners to nurture their entrepreneurial potentials.”



Victor Nguyen

Education

Double Major in Economics,
Public Policy & Leadership

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, USA

Prior work experience

Associate Account Manager

ADYEN, NEW YORK CITY, USA

Entrepreneurial experience

Account Manager Team Lead

ANGELLIST, SAN FRANCISCO / NYC, USA

Partnerships

DRIVER, SAN FRANCISCO, USA

Entrepreneurial dream

“To help solve social challenges for a more equitable society via technology.”



Kevin Li

Education

Recreation and Sport Business
(Honours)

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO, CANADA

Prior work / entrepreneurial experience

Researcher and Start-up Advisor

THE PROBLEM LAB, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO,
CANADA

Entrepreneurial dream

“I want to help tech founders grow their venture by working on problem identification, customer validation, pitching, strategy, and business development.”



Yifang Yang

Education

MSc Management
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, UK

Prior work experience

Senior Associate
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO., LONDON, UK

Entrepreneurial experience

Co-founder
TRANSWITCH, LONDON, UK

Entrepreneurial dream

"Influenced by my father who is an entrepreneur, I always enjoy the process of creation from scratch. The failed start-up showed me areas to improve. Launching JPMorgan's first international digital bank helped me grow. I hope to explore the Canadian tech & start-up community for new opportunities."



Yuta Takeuchi

Education

Bachelor of Engineering in Urban
Engineering

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, JAPAN

Prior work experience

Urban Development Project
Manager

EAST JAPAN RAILWAY COMPANY, TOKYO, JAPAN

Entrepreneurial dream

“To tackle social issues by contributing to next-generation urban development and mobility services with the help of technological advancement and through collaboration with entrepreneurs.”



Zeeshan Ashraff

Education

Master of Management in Artificial
Intelligence

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY - SMITH SCHOOL OF
BUSINESS, TORONTO, CANADA

Bachelor of Engineering, Electrical

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY, HAMILTON, CANADA

Prior work experience

Data Engineer

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, MISSISSAUGA, CANADA

Entrepreneurial dream

"To launch an Artificial Intelligence consulting firm, which allows financial service companies to get full value out of their data via Artificial Intelligence."