



Venture For ClimateTech (V4C) Apprenticeship

Overview

NextCorps is a non-profit that helps technology-oriented entrepreneurs launch and grow successful startups, and established companies grow their revenues and profitability. NextCorps manages and delivers a number of different programs, including early-stage technology commercialization, business incubation and accelerators, curriculum-based boot camps, and consulting services for manufacturing related projects.

Venture For ClimateTech (V4C) is a global venture studio + accelerator program managed by NextCorps. The program identifies and supports climate technologies that can have a positive impact on New York State. The virtual program is tailored for climate innovators and companies at the earliest stages of their commercialization journey. We source the most promising climate tech innovators from around the world and offer them hands-on support and initial funding to build out their teams and businesses until they are ready for first customers, pilot runs, and investment. Learn more: ForClimateTech.org/Venture-For-ClimateTech.

V4C is administered by NextCorps and [SecondMuse](#) and is supported by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ([NYSERDA](#)). The V4C Apprenticeship was made possible with support from [ClimateWorks Foundation](#) — a global platform for philanthropy to innovate and accelerate climate solutions that scale.

Position Description

The **V4C Apprenticeship** is a unique 5 ½ month opportunity primarily designed for an entrepreneur to identify a business idea solving a climate-related problem. The apprenticeship offers financial and mentor support while validating and launching that idea.

The role will also support the V4C program team with operational tasks on a part-time basis, as well as have the opportunity to participate in the program's curriculum and community.

Planned responsibilities:

- Assist in the planning and execution of weekly curriculum sessions for the cohort, from planning content to coordinating external speakers.
- Assist with scheduling meetings between the cohort companies and the program, as well as with external partners.
- Support the management of our network of mentors, investors, and program partners who want to engage with the V4C companies.
- Assist in tasks related to founder support for V4C companies.
- Other administrative tasks as deemed appropriate.

Qualifications

Requirements

- A passion for the climate tech space and interest in founding company
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Effective writer, public speaker, communicator
- Familiar with the Google ecosystem (sheets, docs)
- Self-starter

Preferences

- Less than one year out of undergraduate and/or graduate program from a NYS school
- Willingness to learn about and engage with the climate tech ecosystem (State and national)
- Experience with, or willingness to learn, collaboration and project management tools
- Experience working remotely and using remote work tools
- Focus on process improvement and operational efficiency
- Ensures accountability with self and others
- A solid understanding of commercialization, startup company formation, and the startup ecosystem

Education

- Bachelor's degree or Equivalent Experience required

Additional Details

Reports to: Program Manager, Venture For ClimateTech
Coordinates with: Venture For ClimateTech team, NextCorps team, SecondMuse team, cohort companies and external partners
Location: Hybrid role – based near NextCorps' headquarters in Rochester, NY
FLSA: Non-Exempt
Compensation: Range – \$18.00-\$22.00/ hour depending on experience

Work Schedule: Temporary Part-Time – up to 30 hours per week for 5 ½ months beginning May 2023

Important Note

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Qualified employees who, because of a physical or mental impairment that significantly limits a major life activity, require reasonable accommodation to perform the essential functions of this position should notify their manager.

All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

To Apply for this Position

Please email your resume to Jackie.Amable@nextcorps.org with “V4C Apprentice” in the subject line by **March 25, 2023**. Please include in the email a resume and cover letter that addresses what entrepreneurial ideas you’d like to explore as the V4C Apprentice.