

# The James R. Swartz Entrepreneurial Fellows Program

## 2015-2016

Application deadline:

**September 1, 2015**

*NB: rolling admissions*

**Application** <http://bit.ly/1JKnySd>

a. Application form

b. Resume

c. Personal Statement (2 pg max)

- Entrepreneurial & tech interests
- Entrepreneurial experience
- Short- & long-term goals
- Plans to contribute to CMU's entrepreneurial ecosystem
- Role of this program in your career

**Recommendation letters (2)**

*Submit directly by email to:*

Dr. Emily Stark

[vestark@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:vestark@andrew.cmu.edu)

### Infosessions:

Thursday, 8/20: 10 am, GHC 7101

Friday, 8/21: 12 pm, Posner Hall 227 (TPR)

Thursday, 8/27: 10 am, GHC 7101

Friday, 8/28: 12 pm, Posner Hall 227 (TPR)

...fast-tracking the careers of Carnegie Mellon University's graduate students who are passionate about fusing technology with business

### THE SWARTZ FELLOWS PROGRAM

This highly selective program hones entrepreneurial potential and skills through hands-on experiences, networking, mentoring and courses in entrepreneurship.

The core of the program is a mentored summer internship with a top tier VC-backed startup within the high-tech, high-growth environment of California's Silicon Valley and San Francisco. Networking trips and mentoring shape each Fellow's self-directed internship and career searches.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Full-time status as a CMU graduate student (master's or PhD program)
- Completion of two mini-courses in entrepreneurship
- Participation in weekly proseminar
- Completion of a summer internship in California's Bay Area

### BENEFITS OF BEING A SWARTZ FELLOW

- **Summer internship** at a top-tier VC-backed startup in California's Bay Area
- **Networking opportunities** and access to investors and business leaders
- **Speaker Series Roundtables** with prominent entrepreneurial leaders such as Matt Rogers (Nest Labs), Lila Ibrahim (Coursera), Andrew Mason (Groupon), Scott Griffith (ZipCar), and Jonathan Kaplan (The Melt)
- **Mentoring and guidance** from CMU entrepreneurial faculty and staff, investors, C-level executives
- **Cohort and community building** with current/alumni Swartz Fellows
- **Entrepreneurship coursework**
- **Stipend** (\$2500 total) for networking trips to California's Bay Area

*This program is made possible by Tepper alumnus James R. Swartz, founder and managing partner of Accel Partners, a global venture capital firm.*

