

Next Level: Growth Exchange



Are you a founder & CEO of a technology, life sciences, aerospace & defense, or advanced manufacturing firm?

The Greater Washington Partnership is launching our newest no-cost, non-dilutive accelerator program for a small cohort (no more than eight) of CEOs and founders of high-growth, early-stage startups. Through a masterclass-driven curriculum taught by senior leaders from our Board and Leadership Council network, and high-touch mentorship, founders gain direct access to the region's leading employers and investors to scale across the Baltimore–Washington–Richmond region.

Why Choose Next Level?

Unlock Access to Financial, Social & Technical Capital

Gain exclusive access to the expertise of our C-suite executive network serving as both instructors and strategic advisors.

Personalized Connections & Industry-Specific Mentorship

Meet senior executives, procurement leaders, and angel investors through facilitated introductions and closed-door meetings, creating pathways to strategic partnerships.

Pitch Competition

Culminate the program by competing for a financial award during the pitch competition, gaining exposure to investors and regional business leaders.

Masterclass Courses

Courses taught by investors and executives from the region's largest companies

Capital Strategy



Corporate Sponsorship and Government Contracting



Pitching Your Business



Hiring & Culture



Technology & AI



How to Apply

Applications are open for the March – June 2026 cohort. Take the next step in your business journey by joining our exclusive network.

Apply here: <https://form.typeform.com/to/oqcYj2DY>

To learn more, reach out to:

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Ready to Join?

Companies should meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated high growth potential
- Headquartered in DC, MD, VA
- Operates in a strategic emerging industry: product-based technology (such as health tech, defense tech, etc.), life sciences, aerospace & defense, advanced manufacturing



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