Spring 2021 CometX Accelerator Application

SurveyInstruction CometX Accelerator is open to The University of Texas at Dallas undergraduate and graduate students. Please complete the following application to the best of your ability. For questions, please contact: dresden.goldberg@utdallas.edu

Start of Block: Block 2

Q1 Main Contact

○ First Name (1) ________________________________

○ Last Name (2) ________________________________

○ UTD Email (3) ________________________________

○ Link to your Linkedin Profile (5) ________________________________
Q6 Your current UT Dallas classification:

○ Undergraduate Freshman Student (1)
○ Undergraduate Sophomore Student (2)
○ Undergraduate Junior Student (3)
○ Undergraduate Senior Student (4)
○ Graduate Student (5)
○ Doctoral Student (6)

Q19 In which UT Dallas School are you currently enrolled?

○ Arts & Humanities (1)
○ Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication (2)
○ Behavioral and Brain Sciences (3)
○ Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (4)
○ Engineering and Computer Science (5)
○ Interdisciplinary Studies (6)
○ Management (10)
○ Natural Sciences and Mathematics (11)
Q17 Have you participated in previous accelerator programs?

- Yes - CometX/GalXc (1)
- Yes - Non-UTD Program (2)
- I have never been in an accelerator (3)

Q3 Company or Idea Name (don't have one yet? that's ok - just say N/A for now)

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End of Block: Block 2

Start of Block: Student Recruitment Block

Q5 Do you have a product or service idea that you want to pursue or are actively pursuing?

- Yes (1)
- Not yet, I just want to learn about entrepreneurship (2)

Q17 Are you working with a team?

- Yes (1)
- No, just me (2)
- No, but I need help finding others to work with (3)
- Other (please specify) (4) ________________________________________

Display This Question:
If Are you working with a team? = Yes
Q18 Please list your teammates by name and email address so they can be included on CometX communications:

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Display This Question:
If Do you have a product or service idea that you want to pursue or are actively pursuing? = Yes

Q7 Describe the problem your product or service aims to solve:

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Display This Question:
If Do you have a product or service idea that you want to pursue or are actively pursuing? = Yes

Q14 Tell us about your solution:

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Q20 Who are your top 3 competitors?

- Competitor 1 (3) ____________________________________________
- Competitor 2 (4) ____________________________________________
- Competitor 3 (5) ____________________________________________

Q11 Please select the choice below that best describes the stage of your venture or idea:

- IDEATION STAGE: Brainstorming, research, customer discovery, the key element being addressed in this stage is what is the basic value proposition. (aka pre-seed or napkin stage) (11)
- SEED STAGE: little more than an idea for a product or service that has the potential to develop into a successful business down the road (9)
- STARTUP STAGE: Validated idea, business plan developed, ready to market to customers, prototype complete, no revenue yet (8)
- EMERGING STAGE: Ready for official launch and manufacturing/producing products, increased marketing efforts, some revenue (1)
- EXPANSION STAGE: Viable product, earning consistent revenue, profitable, ready for growth (2)
- MATURE: Full-fledged, viable business (10)
- Other (please specify) (5) ____________________________________________
Q15 Please select the choice below that best describes the legal business status of your venture or idea:

- Limited Liability Company (LLC) Formed (9)
- Subchapter or Small Business Corporation (S Corporation or S Corp) Formed (8)
- C Corporation or C Corp Formed (1)
- Nonprofit Formed (2)
- Sole Proprietorship or Partnership (10)
- I have validated my idea and am in the process of forming a legal business entity (4)
- Just an idea, no legal business entity formed yet (3)
- Other (please specify) (5) ________________________________________________

Display This Question:
If Do you have a product or service idea that you want to pursue or are actively pursuing? = Yes

Q13 If you have created any of the following for your venture, please list them (leave this question blank if not or just fill in what you have):

- Company Website (1) ________________________________________________
- Facebook Page (2) ________________________________________________
- Twitter (3) ________________________________________________
- Instagram (4) ________________________________________________
- Linkedin (5) ________________________________________________
Q17 Please share the following information about your venture:

- Year Founded (2) ________________________________________________
- Number of employees (including yourself) (1) ________________________________
- Funds raised to date (3) ________________________________
- Annual revenue (4) ________________________________

Display This Question:

If Do you have a product or service idea that you want to pursue or are actively pursuing? = Yes
Q18 Please select the industry/vertical that best describes your venture or idea (select all that apply):

- Animals & Pets (25)
- Beauty/Fashion (20)
- Business Products (11)
- Business Services (12)
- Construction (13)
- Consumer Products (2)
- Consumer Services (1)
- Education (21)
- Financial Services (3)
- Food and Beverage / Restaurant (18)
- Gaming (19)
- Government Services (14)
- Healthcare (8)
- Life Sciences (22)
- Logistics (9)
- Manufacturing (23)
☐ Oil & Gas / Energy (24)
☐ Transportation (10)
☐ Real estate (15)
☐ Retail (16)
☐ Robotics (27)
☐ Technology - Hardware (28)
☐ Technology - Software (17)
☐ Wearables (26)
☐ Other (please specify) (4)
Q16 Are you a technical founder? Do you have the technical skills to develop your product? (Select the answer that best fits your situation)

- I am a technical founder and have the skills to develop my product (25)
- I am a technical founder but need to seek additional technical assistance by partnering with or hiring someone (20)
- I am not a technical founder and need to seek technical assistance by partnering with or hiring someone (11)
- I am a technical founder but my solution is not technical (31)
- I am not a technical founder and my solution is not technical (12)
- Other (please specify) (30) ______________________________________________

Q10 What are you looking to get out of the CometX Accelerator program?

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Q19 If you are admitted into CometX, you or members of your team are required to attend every session in order to be eligible for the pitch competition.

- I understand. I am committed to attend every session (1)
- I cannot commit to attending every session, but want to learn what I can (2)

Q27 The Institute is committed to providing inclusive programs to a diverse audience that represents the UTD community. To ensure we are meeting that commitment, we would
appreciate your answers to the following questions. This information will only be used to report diversity statistics for our programs on an aggregate level to our stakeholders and to evaluate our programs internally. Individual answers will not be shared. Please leave blank if you do not wish to answer.

Q25 My gender identity is:

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Q23 I identify my race/ethnicity as:

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Q29 Which category best describes you?

☐ Served in U.S. military (1)

☐ Currently serving in U.S. military (Active Duty, Reserves, National Guard) (2)

☐ Never served in U.S. military (3)

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