

## Non-Profit Accelerator Opportunity

Thanks to the generous support of Edwards Lifesciences Foundation, Octane is proud to work with eligible Orange County non-profit organizations to explore their own organizations, increase effectiveness and improve, enhance and grow their impact.

Employing Octane's award-winning Launch Pad business accelerator model, this rigorous course, used to evaluate commercial company readiness and adapted for non-profits, will provide you with an insightful organizational evaluation. Non-profits will be coached by Subject Matter Experts and Octane professionals in strategic planning, finance, board building, fundraising, operations, capacity building and marketing.

The evaluation experience delivers valuable perspective, practical advice and continuous improvement recommendations - all offered to help strengthen the organization, better prepare them to seek funding and empower them to deliver optimal impact in the community.

### Non-Profit Eligibility

*Grow the strength and impact of the OC innovation ecosystem by helping non-profit organizations optimize their resources, build capacity and improve sustainability.*

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- Non-profits interested in continuous improvement, those ready to learn more, adapt and grow.
- Non-profits that seek evaluation of their business model, strength and sustainability.
- Non-profits headquartered in Orange County.
- Non-profits that are established - tax ID, Business Plan, Board, mission statement, program of work and staff.
  - o Non-profits whose missions:
    - o Advance, assist, promote and enhance STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) study and career paths - K-12, college, university and career.
    - o Promote and enhance STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) study among underserved and/or under-represented populations.
    - o Advance, grow, support and contribute to the strength of the OC healthcare and healthcare delivery environment.
    - o Advance, assist, promote and enhance the OC arts, culture and entertainment experience.
    - o Advance, assist, grow and contribute to study and solutions in the fields of climate, energy and environment.
    - o Advance, grow, support and contribute to the strength of the OC innovation ecosystem, broad spectrum life sciences and technology.

- Advance, grow, support and contribute to the quality of life and live/work experience in the OC.
- Spring Cohort Application Open: March 1
- Application Deadline: March 30
- Welcome and Program Start: April 15
- Program concludes: June 17 with Graduation

*Vital Link participated in the Spring 2021 cohort of the Octane Nonprofit Accelerator program. I found it to be incredibly helpful to me, but in ways that I did not really expect. We have been around for 26 years ... I started the program thinking that I would pick up some advice in different areas of our operations and perhaps hone our pitch. That certainly happened. But what really helped was that we were forced to think more deeply about some of what we do, why we do it, how we do it, and what we will need to change to adapt to a changing world of work.*

- Brian Dozer, Superintendent, Coastline ROP (formerly President & CEO, Vital Link)

*We cannot be more thrilled and grateful for the impact of Octane's Nonprofit Accelerator (NPA) on Seed Consulting Group. I just received news that we received ANOTHER significant gift from a corporation. This gift is now the largest single gift contributed to Seed in our 7-year history. It is also the second gift over \$15K that we received in the last month since completing Octane's NPA. We have now raised more funding in the last month than we raised in the last three years at Seed. We owe much of this to our improved pitch, the coaching, and lessons learned from Octane's NPA.*

- Christian Johnson, Co-Founder & Board Member, Seed Consulting Group

**If eligible and interested, please apply today!**  
**Just click on this link and complete the application:**  
<https://info.octaneoc.org/nonprofitacceleratorapply>

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