

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 help them explore the strength of their organizations and expand their capacity with the goal of helping them increase their effectiveness and grow their community impact.

Employing Octane's successful Launch Pad business accelerator model, this rigorous course, used to evaluate commercial company readiness, and adapted for non-profits, will provide you with a valuable organizational evaluation. Non-profits will be coached by Subject Matter Experts, and top Senior Advisors in strategic planning, finance, board building, fundraising, operations, capacity building and marketing. The experience delivers insightful perspective, practical advice and continuous improvement recommendations - all designed to improve funding readiness, build sustainability and empower optimal community impact.

Non-Profit Eligibility

- **Non-profits interested in continuous improvement, those ready to learn more, adapt and grow and seek to strengthen their business model and sustainability**
- **Non-profits headquartered in Orange County or serve OC communities or constituencies.**
- **Non-profits that are established - tax ID, Business Plan, Board, mission statement, program of work and staff.**
- **Non-profits whose missions:**
 - **Advance, assist, promote and enhance STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) study and career paths - K-12, college, university and career especially serving underrepresented and underserved populations.**
 - **Advance, grow, support and contribute to the strength of the OC healthcare and healthcare delivery environment.**
 - **Advance, assist, promote and enhance the OC arts, culture and entertainment experience.**
 - **Advance, assist, grow and contribute to study and solutions in the fields of climate, energy and environment.**
 - **Advance, grow, support and contribute to the quality of life and live/work experience in the OC.**

- Fall Cohort Application Open: August 1
- Application Deadline: August 31
- Welcome and Program Start: September 13
- Program concludes: November 17 with Graduation

Important Dates

- Wednesday, September 6 – Announcement of Non-Profits selected for 2023 Fall Cohort
- Wednesday, September 13, 8:30 – 9:30 am – Kick-Off Meeting – ZOOM
- Friday, September 22, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – First Internal Review Evaluation
- Thursday, October 12, 8:30 am to 10:00 am– Subject Matter Experts (SME) – Education Day
- Friday, October 20, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Second Internal Review Evaluation
- Wednesday, November 1, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 pm – Foundation & Community Panel Evaluation Panels: Time to Go Public!
- Wednesday, November 8, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm – Follow-Up/Feedback Session (45-minute individual sessions)
- Friday, November 17, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm – Graduation Luncheon, In-Person, Location – TBD

Note: The program includes two (2) hours of individual coaching for nonprofit development, messaging, pitch deck design, narrative, and other areas.

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!
Just click on this link and complete the application:
<https://go.octaneoc.org/nonprofitacceleratorapply>

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