

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 LaunchPad SBDC 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 18
- Program concludes: November 15 with Graduation

Important Dates

- **Wednesday, September 18: 8:30 – 9:30 am** – Kick Off Meeting - ZOOM
- **Friday, September 27: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm** First Internal Review Evaluation
- **Friday, October 4: 8:30 am – 10 am** – Subject Matter Experts (SME) – Education Day
- **Friday, October 18: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm** – Second Internal Review Evaluation
- **Wednesday, October 30: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm** – Foundation & Community Panel Evaluation Panels: Time to Go Public!
- **Friday, November 8: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm** – Follow-Up/Feedback Session (45 min. individual sessions)
- **Friday, November 15, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm** – Graduation Luncheon, In-Person, Location – Octane HQ

Note: Program includes up to two (2) hours of individual coaching for nonprofit development.

Octane's extensive nonprofit evaluation process identified our organization's strengths, and the gap analysis also identified our weaknesses. The program helped us identify the greatest opportunities for organizational investments and prioritize our capacity-building. The outcomes from the 360 evaluation made a strong case for staff growth, technology investments, outsourced financial management support, and organizational development. Cancer Kinship's participation has also opened additional capacity-building doors with a special invitation to access the Women on Boards Registry to further expand and diversify Cancer Kinship's Board of Directors.

- **Cancer Kinship's CEO, Yoli Origel**

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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