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SEPTEMBER 2015

Welcome & Welcome Back!

FastStart DC would like to welcome all new DC students to campus, and also give a big welcome back to all of the returning students! Summer might be over but school is definitely in session here at Durham College. There are so many exciting things are happening with FastStart DC this fall term, we don't know where to begin! Let's get started...

The FastStart DC staff have been busy these last couple of days, hopping around from one orientation event to another, spreading the word to students about this exciting and innovative entrepreneurial initiative. FastStart gives startup businesses a chance to not only survive, but to grow and to thrive and they grow into full scale corporations. We really look forward to the semester and to helping more students as they reach out to us with their innovative business and invention ideas.



DC *Fall Accelerator*
POWERED BY SPARK CENTRE

For those students that have that million dollar idea burning a hole in their minds, we may have the perfect opportunity for you! The DC Summer Accelerator was such a wild success, that we've partnered with the Spark Centre once again to bring to you the DC Fall Accelerator.

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This Email Will Get You Money Real Quick!

DC Summer Accelerator Funding

On Tuesday July 21st, 2015 there was an exciting announcement made to our DC Summer Accelerator participants at The Loft. Durham College President, Don Lovisa, announced that DC Summer Accelerator teams may be eligible to access funds up to \$5,000 to help defray necessary costs relating to their business start-up activities. The teams are thrilled and FastStart DC couldn't be happier for them! Check out the many tweets and see how we blew up the internet @FastStartDC!

Our Entrepreneurship Coordinator Rebecca was at The Loft yesterday and presented the companies with their cheques – there is a lot of excitement happening down town at The Loft!!! Congrats to all 7 of the lucky and very determined companies – you are all so inspirational to young entrepreneurs everywhere!

PITCH COMPETITION – ROUND 2

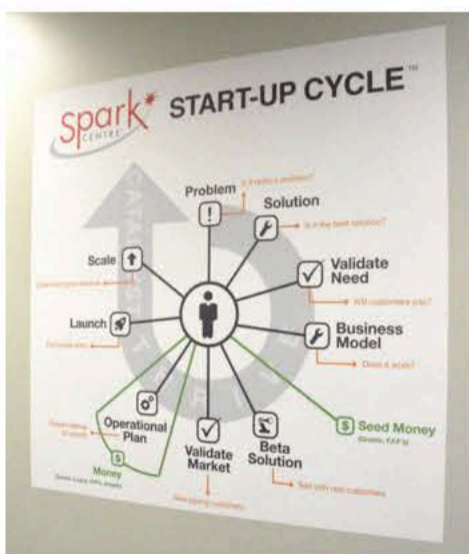
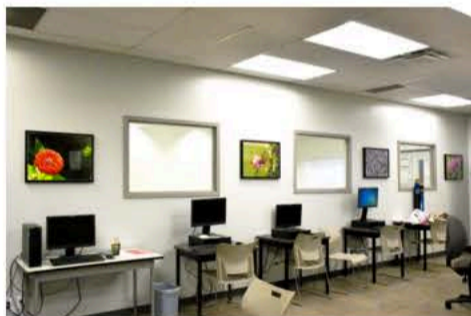
On Thursday July 30th, 2015 (today) our DC Summer Accelerator participants will be competing in the 2nd Pitch Competition! This is really exciting event for us and we look forward to seeing everyone go out and present their best pitches! Delush took the 1st round on July 9th, who will take this 2nd round? Follow us on Twitter @FastStartDC to show your support!

Who do YOU think will take home the grand prize in August? Tweet your answer to us @FastStartDC using the hashtag: #DCSAPitch!

KAWARTHA BACKCOUNTRY ENTREPRENEURSHIP EXPERIENCE

Today is your last day to sign up for this wonderful entrepreneurship experience being held by our FastStart partners in Peterborough - Greater Peterborough Innovation Cluster (GPIC)! This event will combine a full day of interactive classroom-style learning with two days of true backcountry paddling, camping and practical learning. For more information visit: <http://www.innovationcluster.ca/>

SIGN UP TODAY!



OFFICE OVERHAUL

Our office has had some exciting decorative changes and additions over the last few weeks. We have gotten new student art pieces on our walls, straight from the School of Media, Art & Design. With a floral design for the summer months, we are really feeling the sunshine in our office.

We also got a brand new wall decal of the Spark Centre Start-Up Cycle! This is now in our office to help us here at FastStart DC better serve each and every one of our student and young entrepreneurs, as it gives a visual of the entire process of starting a business! Come check it out in The VIBE (B233).

JOB POSTINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

WORTHWHILE WEARS

One of the companies we are working with is Worthwhile Wears, a socially conscious clothing company, is looking for a Co-Founder/Events Specialist! Check it out: <http://worthwhilewears.com/blogs/news/39682565-join-our-team>

LABCODE

Straight out of FastStart in Peterborough, join Labcode starting this September to learn how to create mobile apps for the iPhone, iPad and Apple Watch. They created a curriculum that is hands-on, fun and engaging

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Turn Up, Canada!

Happy Birthday, Canada!

We wish for all of you to celebrate Canada Day safely and positively, and so we invite you all to come out to The VIBE (B233) for some light refreshments and conversation on July 2nd & July 3rd to celebrate with us! If you are interested in starting a business in Canada, FastStart DC is a great place to start. Why not start your new venture following the birthday of our great nation!? NOW is the perfect time!



The Team is Complete!

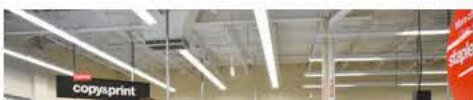
We have finally ended our search to complete our FastStart DC summer team by adding Michael Brideau, Michael Shankar, and Karen Edwards!

The two Michaels (as we affectionately call them) have been hired as Entrepreneurship Assistants and are currently both enrolled in our DC Summer Accelerator program. They are going to bring the entrepreneurial spirit and enthusiasm to our team. If you are starting a business from the ground up, these are the guys to talk to!

Karen has been added as a Research Assistant, shared between the ORSIE and FastStart DC offices, to produce media content for everything we do! A journalism student, Karen brings her many different skills to the table, and is already hard at work on exciting new things.

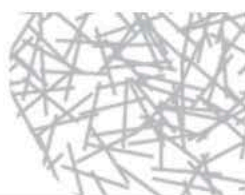
We welcome everyone to come stop in and say HI to our new team members.

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SUMMER IS HERE IN FASTSTART DC

We want to thank you very much for agreeing to receive e-mails from FastStart DC! We are excited to help you turn your business idea into a reality.

We wanted to send out a few reminders about our services and announce a very exciting new program:

- If you are a student and will be graduating this year, please make sure we have your correct e-mail address so you can continue to receive information from us.
- Don't forget, DC alumni are eligible to access our FREE entrepreneurship support services for life!
- We also support youth in the community up to the age of 29 years - is that you?
- Remember, if you have any questions we are always here to help!



UPDATE ON OUR SUMMER ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

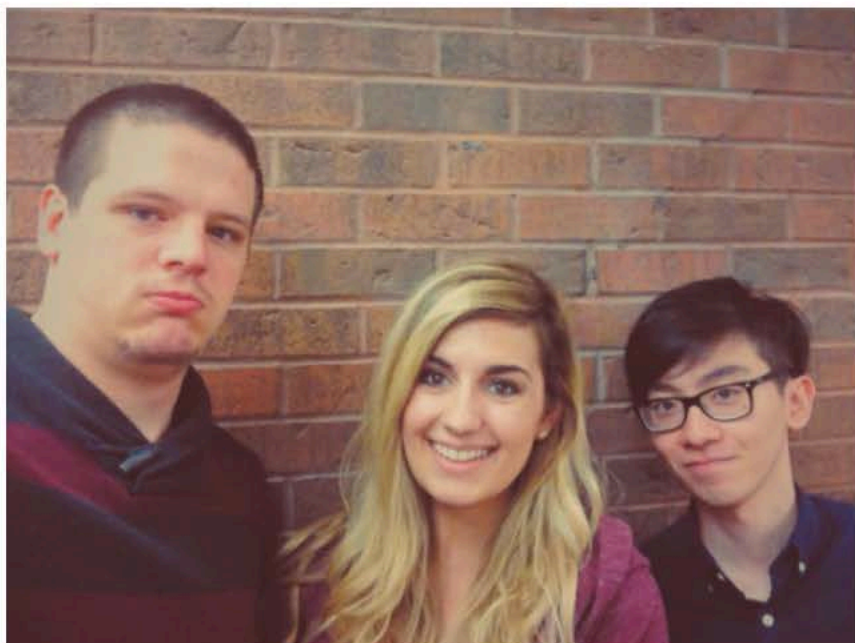
The DC Summer Accelerator program is a new initiative to help students, local youth and alumni take their innovative product ideas or business ventures to market faster while utilizing the professional services from our experienced support team. This program is located at The Loft in Core 21 in downtown Oshawa. This is a shared space with the Spark Centre team and other technical start-ups to achieve a faster market entry with advisory and operational support services.

Important Dates

May 2015 - Program Start Date
August 2015 - Program End Date

THE LOFT

The Loft is located above Core 21 at 21 Simcoe Street South. The Loft is a space were like-minded innovators can come and sit down in a quiet space and be able to work on business plans while also being close to a support team that has assisted in many businesses. The Loft is going to be officially open on May 21st 2015. If you would like more information on the space and or the support team working in The Loft please contact Info@Sparkcentre.Org or call 905-432-3999.



DC WORK STUDY STUDENTS