

757 Accelerate is thrilled to announce the nine new companies selected for 757 Accelerate's Cohort 7! Out of a record-setting 158 applicants, these promising early-stage startups have been chosen to participate in 757 Accelerate's 10-week intensive startup program, starting August 19, 2024. Covering diverse sectors such as EdTech, MedTech, Deep Tech, SaaS, AI, and Robotics, each company in Cohort 7 addresses a unique market gap, demonstrates impressive innovation in their field, and boasts a talented team. Harout Markarian, founder of MARKBOTIX, expressed his excitement: "Being accepted into the 757 Accelerate cohort is an exciting opportunity to collaborate with other innovative entrepreneurs and access valuable resources and mentorship. This experience will help me refine my business strategies, accelerate the growth of my company, and bring impactful solutions to the market more effectively."

757 COLLAB PROVIDES A CONTINUUM OF RESOURCES FOR STARTUPS

757 Accelerate Cohort #7 startups will receive \$20,000 non-dilutive grants and access to free collaborative office space in the 757 Startup Studios offices within Assembly's iconic campus for makers and creators. In addition to having a 73% diverse group of founders, several of the companies are Virginia based. "It is an immense privilege and thrill to be accepted to the cohort because it brings us closer to supporting nurses in the delivery of care and improving the efficiency and efficacy of our healthcare system. We are incredibly grateful and eager to continue this important work with the support of the 757 community." said Colin Plover, Founder of Nightingale Caring Solutions

Besides driving results for its founders, 757 Accelerate is equally excited about its continuing efforts to fuel daring ideas through acceleration. "Our vision is to harness the collective strength of our experienced mentors, industry leaders, and vibrant startup community. With a deep commitment to collaboration and innovation, we will ignite the growth and potential of these startups, paving the way for remarkable achievements and sustainable success," said Eileen Brewer, 757 Accelerate, Executive Director.









ATTRACT AND RETAIN

With several companies being from out of state, 757 Accelerate acts as an attraction tool for innovative talent and potential startup relocation opportunities. "757 has a track record of successful companies coming from their program and to be one of the few selected means a level of trust and excitement around what ReBlood is building," said Carlos Munoz, Founder of ReBlood Rx

MEET 757 ACCELERATE COHORT #7

After hundreds of volunteer hours from our screeners and interviewers, the following startups have been selected to join 757 Accelerate Cohort #7 starting August 19th:



















<u>ALN Technology</u> – ALN offers cutting-edge integrated software solutions that utilize Al-driven automation to handle high volumes of customer inquiries, effectively addressing the challenge of low ROI in sales and customer service activities.











<u>LuftCar</u> – Innovative LuftCar vehicles seamlessly transition between air and road operations, enabling rapid defense maneuvers, transporting airmen and supplies into conflict zones or between bases, and significantly reducing logistical inefficiencies and costs.

<u>Markbotix</u> – MARKBOTIX delivers cutting-edge assistive robotics designed to elevate the quality of life for the elderly and individuals with disabilities, with a special focus on those in assisted and independent living facilities.

<u>Nightingale Caring Soloutions</u> – Nightingale introduces an advanced software interface that harnesses the power of big data and machine learning to create safe and efficient nurse-patient assignments in mere seconds, significantly enhancing outcomes for both nurses and patients.

Nininger Medical – Nininger is at the forefront of innovation, developing cutting-edge technology that will produce heart valve leaflets ten times thinner than existing materials. Utilizing advanced physical vapor deposition techniques, this breakthrough promises unparalleled manufacturing efficiency and significant cost savings.

ReBlood Rx - ReBlood introduces a groundbreaking hemoglobin-based oxygen carrier (HBOC) system, offering a safe, effective, and reliable solution for oxygen delivery.

<u>ReEnvision.A'i'</u> – ReEnvision.A'i' provides a user-friendly, affordable platform to democratize, decentralize, and promote near-universal access to small business the benefits of open, advanced artificial intelligence.

<u>Slip Signal Technologies</u> - Slip Signal is a semiconductor design company that is developing technology to reduce electromagnetic interference (EMI) and improve the performance of digital logic circuits.

<u>Words Liive</u> - Words Liive has developed a social network for English, Language Arts, Humanities, Social Studies, and Civics teachers who are struggling to engage students and elevate literacy performance.











"What is especially impressive about this cohort is how diverse it is in terms of founders and industry," said Paul Nolde, Managing Director of 757 Collab and Market Director of 757 Angels, powered by VentureSouth.

About 757 Accelerate

757 Accelerate is a selective, mentor-driven startup accelerator that provides startups \$20,000 in non-dilutive capital, connections to industry mentors, investors, and resources. The program culminates with an investor roadshow where the startups pitch for equity investing from dozens of angel investors across four cities. Launched in 2018, 757 Accelerate is a resource of 757 Collab, a nonprofit serving all of southeastern Virginia that aims to close the gaps in the Hampton Roads entrepreneurial ecosystem one startup at a time. For more information, visit 757collab.org or 757accelerate.org.

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