



# Silicon Flatirons STARTUP SUMMER

## NextStars Program

Each year, Silicon Flatirons gathers entrepreneurs and students to enhance the summer internship experience.

## What We Do

Startup Summer is our premier program for undergraduate students and/or recent grads to come together once a week for entrepreneurial programming. The weekly sessions are led by successful Colorado founders and C-level execs. Participants are guided through the startup ideation and creation process, build their own venture, and compete in an end-of-summer pitch contest with cash prizes. This is a program that won't be forgotten!

## What Will My Gift Support?

The NextStars Program recruits and supports underrepresented students who participate in Startup Summer. Your donation of \$7,500 ensures that our NextStars Program participants get paid internships alongside their 10 weeks of participation in Startup Summer. NextStars Program participants get professional work experience in a quality internship as well as involvement in the Front Range startup community.



# WHY YOUR GIFT MATTERS

## Support our future business leaders

Your gift gives future civic and business leaders the opportunity to learn from Colorado's top entrepreneurs and walk away with an understanding of how to build a company and achieve their dreams.

## 2024 Program goals

Sponsorship opportunities are available to support a student through our 2024 NextStars Program, part of Silicon Flatirons' Startup Summer. With your gift, we hope to advance the following goals in 2024:

- Generate opportunities for underrepresented and first-generation students
- Provide funding for students to work in unpaid internships, allowing them work experience that would otherwise be unavailable to them
- Cultivate the first professional experience for our future business leaders

To support the NextStars Startup Summer Program, [make a donation to the Silicon Flatirons Entrepreneurship Initiative Fund here.](#)

Startup summer helped me kick off my entrepreneurial career. I made lifelong connections with people who have become mentors, investors, and even co-founders in my businesses. It was a key part of my journey, and I couldn't recommend it enough to anyone considering it.

**Fletcher Richman**

