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Executive Education Series

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Why is Founder Institute so effective? People, Teamwork and Process.....Magic happens when talented people work towards a shared goal.

In 2009, 9X entrepreneur and investor Adeo Ressi created the core curriculum to help high-potential founders build enduring companies. His success speaks for itself; Founder Institute:

- 200+ cities in 60 countries have chapters
- 3,300 companies have been launched

- \$700M funding by graduates
- \$20Billion Graduating Portfolio value
- 15,000+ jobs created
- Localized into 9 languages

WE BELIEVE

- Ideas are a dime an dozen, great companies start with great people
- Great companies can be built anywhere
- Great companies are not built alone
- Anyone can change the world through entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurship can only be learned by doing
- Startups are much harder than you think

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The FI Executive Education Series is a seven week program that will provide every student with strategic insight into the following:

- Business Vision and Validation
- Product Development/Positioning
- Customer Development
- Revenue Generation
- Go-to-Market Analysis
- Growth Assessment
- Equity and Funding

We help both funded and pre-funding entrepreneurs build an enduring company by establishing a critical support network of local startup experts and by providing a structured and challenging business-building process that has helped our alumni raise over \$700M.

Leaders of the world's fastest growing startups have used the Founder Institute to raise funding, get into seed-accelerators, generate traction, recruit a team, build a product, and more.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Anyone that has a company that has \$500K minimum in revenue
- Anyone that is developing a new product or rethinking there existing products – no service based companies will be excepted unless they are adding a product to their mix
- Anyone that feels frustrated with their decline in revenue or has experienced an unexpected change in the market
- Anyone that has never been able to raise capital to launch that new product idea

WHAT DO YOU ACCOMPLISH?

- Validated idea & go-to-market strategy
- Creating of a vetted investor pitch
- Leads and possibly customers
- Significant product progress
- Advisory board of mentors
- \$2M+ in partner discounts from companies like Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud, Hub Spot, Zendesk, ADP, twillo, Zipcar, PR Newswire, and many more https://fi.co/partners

SESSION FORMAT

- 1. Education Session based on topic of the week
- 2. Question and answer on the topic
- 3. Founder Hot Seat (students pitch their idea, plans, and progress for evaluation & feedback)

EDUCATION – How the magic happens

- Challenging, weekly company-building assignments that are completed outside of the evening sessions, all materials are available online with an ID and Password and includes:
 - Step-by-step guides created by top entrepreneurs
 - o Comprehensive glossaries, and top session videos
 - Templates for legal agreements, financial models, pitch decks, customer interviews, etc.

- Not "homework" real world milestones and progress for your company
- We meet as a group one evening a week and you meet with your working group one time during the same week
- Office hours with the program director as needed
- Approximately 20 hours of work per week including the evening and separate group session
- There is too much focus on the startup hype, and not enough on the process and hard work, too many companies fail due to critical early mistakes. Over 50% of new companies fail in just the first 12 months

COST

- \$3K for the 7 week program
- Schedule: 6 9pm one evening per week

CONTACT:



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