Entrepreneur Resources
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• This is my last Founder’s Notes! Enjoy and please share resources of interest with OTTCP and the EIR team.
Introduction

In his 2007 essay “Why to Not Not Start a Startup,” YC co-founder Paul Graham wrote about how common uncertainty was among people considering starting a company. “There’s nothing wrong with being unsure,” he noted. “You’re part of a grand tradition.” When Y Combinator launched in 2005, starting a startup was an unusual career path for recent graduates. It was hard to be taken seriously by investors if you didn’t have an MBA or years of experience in business or tech. To get a sense of how many startups were in the world, look at TechCrunch in 2005. It published about 40 company launches per month, and YC itself only got a couple hundred applications for its first batches.

The world has changed since then. Today we get tens of thousands of applications per year. On any given day you can look on Product Hunt and see dozens of new companies launch. Taking a chance
Flagship Pioneering is a life sciences venture firm that originates and grows biotechnology startups across human health and sustainability - some of our past companies include Moderna Therapeutics, Generate Biomedicines, Cellarity, Inari Agriculture, and many others. This summer, Flagship will be holding a 12-week paid fellowship hosted from June-August at Flagship’s offices in Cambridge, MA. The fellowship is an opportunity to learn our approach to venture creation and to work alongside our team to apply it. We’d love you to join us for a virtual informational session on February 2, 2022 from 4 to 5 PM (Pacific), where Tom Thomas and Steven Jiang, current associates at Flagship, will present an overview of the fellowship and be happy to take any questions. You can find a more detailed description of the program [here](#), our scientific fellowship application [here](#), and our AI fellowship track application [here](#).

When: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 from 4 to 5 PM (Pacific)
Where: Zoom

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Venture Catalyst Knowledge Exchange provided by Roger Halualani on the Target Product Profile: A Roadmap Towards Successful Product Development.

Below is a link to the recording if you would like to watch at your convenience. [https://youtu.be/9KzDys9PT80](https://youtu.be/9KzDys9PT80)

I have the presentation slides, FDA guidance document and a draft TPP template. If anyone is interested, please contact me directly.
Webinar Registration

Topic: UC Davis Venture Knowledge Exchange: Reimbursement Basics for Health Technology Companies

Description: For health technology companies, in addition to FDA approval/clearance, reimbursement is a major challenge. Whether you are developing a medical device or bringing a digital health solution to the market, there are many key considerations that need to be planned for and navigated. This talk will help ensure you understand how to plan and prepare your innovation for market access success by increasing your knowledge of reimbursement pathways in the United States.

Time: Dec 7, 2021 10:30 AM in Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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