



2014 PROGRAM 3D PRINTING

America's first 3D printing startup accelerator

GIGTANK is a 3D printing/additive manufacturing startup accelerator located in Chattanooga, TN - home of **America's fastest Internet** and one of the strongest manufacturing hubs in the Southeast. Our accelerator blends Chattanooga's advanced broadband infrastructure with more than a century of leadership in commercial scale manufacturing.

GIGTANK: Building the 3D printing future *faster*

As the world's only startup platform connected to a living, metro-wide fiber optic network, GIGTANK offers the ideal environment for exploring the commercial links between 3D printing, ultra-fast broadband and conventional manufacturing. Our 2014 program is designed to connect additive manufacturing entrepreneurs with the tools, capital and contacts needed to take their concepts to market.

Why GIGTANK?

Startups selected for our summer-long program have access to Internet speeds that run more than 100x faster than the national average - an ideal resource for developing and testing advanced applications, devices and platforms that require massive amounts of connectivity.

Throughout the GIGTANK experience, startups will also have the **opportunity to collaborate** with conventional manufacturers to **develop pilot programs** for potential application in the Chattanooga region and other cities across the U.S.

In addition to 1 Gbps Internet service and access to conventional manufacturing facilities, experts and equipment, GIGTANK's additive manufacturing startups will enjoy the following advantages:

- \$15,000 in initial seed funding
- Access to an expansive range of 3D printing resources, including leading technologies and experts at Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Manufacturing Demonstration Facility in Oak Ridge, TN
- Free housing throughout the duration of the program, courtesy of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- Collaborative workspace
- Relationships with industry experts, specialists and mentors
- Opportunities to attract additional investment capital from a large pool of investors
- A chance to be selected to participate in a cross-country investment tour, which will cover strategic locations including Silicon Valley and New York City



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Who's Qualified?

3D printing is creating stunning entrepreneurial and creative opportunities. As the industry continues to develop and expand its capabilities, the number of problems to solve and gaps to fill is increasing exponentially. We're looking for startup teams and specialists that fit the following profile:

- People out of the "Maker Movement" who wish to engage the industrial manufacturing base with their innovations
- Experienced manufacturers who see an opportunity to improve the way an existing process is performed or who wish to explore opportunities to disrupt conventional manufacturing processes in general

Software developers and digital manufacturers working on:

- 3D modeling software improvements
- 3D modeling file format improvements
- Machine-to-machine communication
- Distributed manufacturing coordination
- Online markets for mass customized consumer goods and arts/crafts

Entrepreneurs exploring additive manufacturing opportunities in:

- Product Design
- Materials
- Logistics
- Supply Chain and Process Engineering improvements
- Micro-Manufacturing
- Medical, Health and Wellness Technologies

Not sure if you fit the bill? Don't count yourself out just yet. At the end of the day, we're looking for innovative people from diverse backgrounds who want to move the 3D printing industry forward.

Our doors are open to your ideas. If you have a stellar concept and a solid team, let us know and we'll do our best to make a place for you in our program.

Apply before March 14, 2014 at thegigtank.com



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