

Startup Semester



Berkeley

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Embark on an Entrepreneurial Journey: Startup Semester at Berkeley

Startup Semester at Berkeley offers students a chance to unleash creativity and gain global experience. Guided by top-tier faculty, mentors, Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, accelerators, and investors, participants explore cultural activities in the Bay Area. The program provides two tracks to nurture entrepreneurial journeys.

Track I: Venture Discovery

Undergraduate students from all disciplines have the opportunity to work on their project ideation, design thinking, team building, and explore new topics, and culture.

- Explore emerging technologies
- Create social impact through technology
- Innovate and lead from within
- Future proof a family-owned business
- Join a global network of entrepreneurs

Track II: Venture Validation

Designed for **graduate-level students**, our Venture Validation track is for early-stage founders preparing for eventual acceleration.

- Know your team & talent
- Understand your customer
- Validate your market
- Prepare a world-class pitch
- Prioritize and execute
- Expand your global network



Requirements

Track I Venture Discovery

Venture Discovery requires an F1 visa and 12 academic units with at least 8 units of SCET coursework.

Track II Venture Validation

Venture Validation requires a J1 visa and 9 academic units with at least 7 units of SCET coursework. Students must be sponsored.