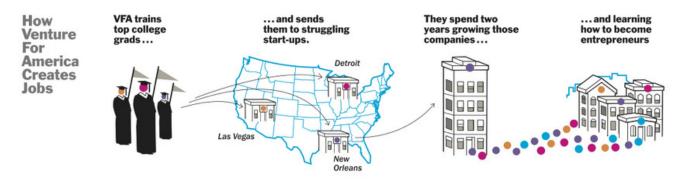


Venture for America is a fellowship program for young, talented graduates to spend 2 years in the trenches of a startup with the goal of mobilizing them as entrepreneurs moving forward.

We recruit the best and brightest recent college graduates, provide them with training and mentorship, and place them at partner startups to help build those organizations. Our goal is to participate in the creation of 100,000 new U.S. jobs by 2025.

VFA's focus is on cities with a low cost of living and a strong commitment to revitalizing the regional economy through entrepreneurship. Our partners in these cities are exciting growth companies looking to hire supremely talented young people and mold them, fostering a wave of future startup builders strongly connected to their cities' entrepreneurial ecosystems.

Our inaugural class consists of 40 Fellows, who are being hired by startups across five VFA 2012 cities. In 2013, we anticipate 80-100 Fellows and several additional cities



Our Mission Statement

To revitalize American cities and communities through entrepreneurship
To enable our best and brightest to create new opportunities for themselves and others.
To restore a culture of achievement that includes value-creation, risk & reward, and the
common good

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Selected VFA Fellows



Mike Mayer
UPenn Wharton '12
B.S. Economics
GPA: 3.9
Turned down offer from
Credit Suisse to join
VFA. Was his high
school valedictorian



Charles Watkins
Yale '12
B.S. Psychology
GPA: 3.6
Worked in
consulting, research
before turning to
VFA to rebuild his
hometown, Detroit



Kathy Cheng MIT '12 B.S. Economics, Urban Planning GPA: 3.7 Worked with Startup America initiative, finalist in MIT Business Plan Competition



Scott Lowe OU '12 BA Engineering Physics, Comp Sci GPA: 4.0 Intern at Center for Creation of Economic Wealth. Codes in C++, Java

Selected Partner Companies





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Swipely

Credit card loyalty and rewards platform for local merchants

Kickboard

K-12 student performance tracking software for classrooms

Detroit Venture Partners

VC firm investing in tech startups in Detroit

Blackbook HR

Software developer for businesses seeking to retain top talent

Accio Energy

Developing distributed wind energy systems without moving parts

Selected Advisers and Supporters



Jeff Weiner CEO of LinkedIn



Andy Weissman
Partner at Union
Square Ventures



Tony HsiehCEO of Zappos,
Founder of Downtown
Project



Dave TischManaging Director of TechStars NYC