Founders Track

Earn a Duke master’s degree in 12 months while gaining business skills and entrepreneurial confidence to launch your own venture along the way.

Led by successful entrepreneurs, the Founders Track in Duke’s Master of Engineering Management Program will teach you how to identify problems, develop conceptual solutions, build prototypes and develop a start-up strategy. Selected graduates can also receive additional support and funding to start their companies!

Get Ready

Rigorous Coursework

- Rigorous grounding in business fundamentals, including marketing, management, finance, and intellectual property/business law
- Special coursework in problem identification, technical innovation, prototype development, and startup strategy
- Technical electives grow your ability to innovate
- Earn your master’s degree in 12 months

Get Set

Mentorship, Entrepreneurial Experience

- Mentorship from seasoned entrepreneurs in Duke Engineering and Duke’s Office of Licensing & Ventures
- Personalized career guidance
- Intern in your own venture to build a technical prototype and develop your venture’s strategy

Get Funded

The Founder’s Fellowship

- Compete for a semester-long, tuition-free Founder’s Fellowship to dedicate extra time to your venture and receive $5,000 seed capital
- Compelling ventures will be introduced to Duke investors through the Duke Angel Network and our 170,000-strong alumni network

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“Entrepreneurship is a powerful way to increase the positive impact of innovation on society. We’re building an entrepreneurial community at Duke Engineering through expert advice, innovative educational experiences, and direct connections to resources and the wider community on campus.”

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