



Connecting with Innovative Entrepreneurs

Innovative Entrepreneurs bring new wealth to the economy by developing new goods, services or business models which attract revenues and investments from outside the local market area.

All the activities listed below demonstrate success in the Atlanta area and are attracting Innovative Entrepreneurs from all over the East Coast; however, Innovative Entrepreneurs from all over Georgia are welcome to participate.

KEY NETWORKS AND FUNDING SOURCES FOR INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEURS

Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) www.tagonline.org

TAG is dedicated to the promotion and economic advancement of the state's technology industry and provides leadership in driving initiatives in the areas of policy, capital, education and giving. TAG also brings the technology community together through events, initiative programs and networking opportunities.

www.meetup.com/atlantawebentrepreneurs

Atlanta Web Entrepreneurs is a business-focused membership organization dedicated to developing a robust ecosystem supporting entrepreneurs in the greater metro Atlanta area who want to leverage the web for business success.

www.savannahangelpartners.com

Ariel Savannah Angel Partners (ASAP) is a member-driven organization composed of experienced business, medical, legal and educational professionals from a wide range of industries working together to review, analyze, and invest in early-stage high-growth potential companies.

www.angelatlanta.com

The Atlanta Technology Angels is a formal "angel" investment group, founded in 1998, that invests in early stage technology companies based in Georgia. The Atlanta Technology Angels is an active source of private capital and business experience to local technology entrepreneurs.

www.v-ventures.com

Value Plus Ventures identifies and invests, both time and capital, in unique opportunities presented by young companies navigating the chasm between Early Stage and Institutional funding

www.ceoventures.com

CEO Ventures is a holding company that builds, operates and then exits tech based companies with rapid growth potential.

www.ventureatlanta.org

Venture Atlanta is where innovation and capital connect and who host the premier investor event for emerging technology companies in Georgia.

<http://startupriot.com>

Startup Riot is an annual high-energy event where 50 startups give 3-minute pitches looking for investment up to \$1 million.

<http://www.startuplounge.com>

StartupLounge is an Atlanta-based, all volunteer organization whose mission is to support investment and development for emerging, high-growth companies in Georgia and the Southeast. Industries may include software, health care, energy and financial technology.

<http://www.startupchicks.net>

A StartupChick is a female entrepreneur who is interested in creating, building, growing an innovative business that creates value for its customers, employees, shareholders and ideally, the world-at-large.

www.startupgauntlet.com

Practice your startup pitch in front of an honest audience of fellow entrepreneurs. Hone the pitch until it works. Get the feedback that you need. Watch other pitches and see how yours stacks up.

<http://atdc.org/services/capventure>

CapVenture is a unique training program that will educate and equip early stage (typically those seeking their first institutional round of financing) CEO's and executives for smarter and more productive capitalization of their business.

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS

<http://Businesslaunch.biz>

Business Launch services provided integrated marketing, sales and support services to help high tech companies launch "company-critical" growth initiatives.

CNBC - The Business of Innovation

<http://innovation.cnb.com>