Jumpstart your business at the world’s largest accelerator for optics, photonics, and imaging technology.

$3,000,000 Per Year
Receive $100,000 to attend 6-month program (10 startups selected per year); up to $2,000,000 in follow-on funding invested at Finals.

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Attend structured workshops on design for manufacturing, managing complex supply chains, product pricing, and more.

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Work with world’s top optics, photonics, and imaging CEOs and industry veterans to advance your business.

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Access an on-site, full-featured laboratory that includes: vibration-isolation tables, an interferometer, and other industry-standard equipment supported by an optics technician.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?
Companies must:
• Have already proven their technologies at least at lab scale
• Be incorporated and have a staff of at least two full-time members
• Have C-level team members able to locate in Rochester, NY for the 6 months of the program

KEY DATES
• September–Jan. 7: Applications accepted
• February 20: Semi-finalists selected; pitch for spot
• April: Teams begin accelerator program
• October: Finals competition and follow-on funding awarded

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Dimitri Chernyak, CEO, Intelon Optics (cohort 1)

“With Luminate’s support, VPG Medical closed its seed round and started its series A round in less than 6 months, enabling the company to grow significantly.”

Jean-Philippe Couderc, Founder & CEO, VPG Medical (cohort 2)

“Luminate allowed me to do something more for my business that I couldn’t do myself.”

Jason Babcock, Founder & CEO, Positive Science (cohort 1)

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