

FACT SHEET

Venture for America is a fellowship program that matches the country's best and brightest college graduates at startups in cities with emerging startup ecosystems to build businesses, create jobs, and make an impact.

The VFA Breakdown

- Launched in **July 2011** by Andrew Yang
- 31 full-time team members (and ever growing!)
- Based in **New York City** with regional team members in 5 VFA cities (and growing)
- **501(c)(3)** organization; funded by corporate, foundation, and individual supporters

THE FELLOW EXPERIENCE



Class of '12 40 Fellows	Class of '13 68 Fellows	Class of '14 106 Fellows	Class of '15 120 Fellows	Class of '16 170 Fellows
Cincinnati Detroit Las Vegas New Orleans Providence	Added: Baltimore Cleveland Philly	Added: Columbus Miami San Antonio St. Louis	Added: Birmingham Charlotte Denver Pittsburgh	Added: Nashville Atlanta Kansas City



General Information

- Every year, VFA sends **up to 15 Fellows** to each VFA city
- VFA expands to **cities with burgeoning entrepreneurial ecosystems** and a low cost of living (support for VFA in the community is also taken into consideration)
- VFA chooses companies based on **excellent leadership, a high-quality product, and a good "feel"**—meaning somewhere we think would be a great working and learning environment for the Fellow
- Fellows attend Training Camp from June-July for **five weeks**, then begin their jobs throughout August
- During and after the fellowship, Fellows have access to **seed money, training, and mentorship to start companies.**

Impact

20% of alum start their own companies

\$14m+ amount of seed funding raised by Fellows since 2014

2000+ jobs created by VFA partner companies and Fellows

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

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