FACT SHEET

Venture for America is creating economic opportunity in American cities by mobilizing the next generation of entrepreneurs and equipping them with the skills and resources they need to create jobs.

The VFA Breakdown

- Launched in July 2011 by Andrew Yang; led by Amy Nelson, CEO
- 30 full-time team members
- Based in New York, with regional team members in 7 VFA cities
- 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; supported by corporate, foundation and individual supporters

THE FELLOW EXPERIENCE

1. Apply to VFA
2. Find a Company Match
3. Go to Training Camp
4. Move & Start Work
5. Learn on the Job & with VFA
6. Participate in Investment Opportunities

Class of ‘12
- 40 Fellows
- Cincinnati
- Detroit
- Las Vegas
- New Orleans
- Providence

Class of ‘13
- 68 Fellows
- Added: Baltimore
- Cleveland
- Philadelphia

Class of ‘14
- 106 Fellows
- Added: Columbus
- Miami
- San Antonio
- St. Louis

Class of ‘15
- 120 Fellows
- Added: Birmingham
- Charlotte
- Denver
- Pittsburgh

Class of ‘16
- 170 Fellows
- Added: Nashville
- Atlanta

Class of ‘17
- 182 Fellows
- Added: 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
- 2800+ jobs created by VFA partner companies and Fellows

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?
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