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## **Sixty-One Startups Got Their “START” With Ben Franklin’s TechCelerator @State College!**

**STATE COLLEGE, PA** – With sixty-one companies launched that have raised more than \$20 million in start-up funds and generated nearly \$8 million in revenue, this proven methodology can work for you too! Ben Franklin’s **TechCelerator @State College** is inviting area entrepreneurs, researchers, and grad-students to participate in their next 10-Week Boot Camp. If you have a new, tech-based business idea that you’ve been eager to implement, check out this program. **The weekly sessions will be held at 200 Innovation Blvd, and will run on Tuesdays, September 26, 2017 – December 5, 2017, from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

Don’t miss out on this opportunity! We provide up to \$1,000 toward startup costs plus the chance to pitch your business idea to a panel of entrepreneurs at the completion of the course. The top team will receive \$10,000 in seed funding to help get the business off the ground. Not sure if the *TechCelerator* is right for you? Check out this video of a recent graduation event <https://youtu.be/gS0Xcv5AWfI>

Business mentoring from Ben Franklin’s Transformation Business Services Network and Penn State’s Small Business Development Center staff will be available at no cost. You’ll come away from this experience with a viable business model in addition to a list of networking contacts and a path forward. But, perhaps the most important thing you will gain is the confidence that comes from knowing if it’s the right time for you to start your own tech-business – or not.

**The Boot Camp is free of charge, but space is limited.** Contact Bob Dornich at 814-865-7332 or [BobDornich@psu.edu](mailto:BobDornich@psu.edu). **The deadline for applications is September 15, 2017.**

### **About the Ben Franklin TechCelerator @ State College**

A partnership designed to offer the region’s entrepreneurs, students, faculty members, and small business owners designated space, loan and investment programs, business support and mentoring services, and entrepreneurial training all housed in one location. This innovative, one-stop-shop approach to business incubation will encourage an entrepreneurial climate, increase technology transfer opportunities, and help develop a robust “startup” culture in State College and the surrounding area.

