

# Funding Sources and Accelerators for EdTech Entrepreneurs

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## EdTech-specific Sources

1. LearnLaunch Accelerator: <http://learnlaunch.com/accelerator>  
Funding Amount: Depends on the program  
Takes Equity? **Yes**  
Requires relocation? **Yes**
2. StartEd Accelerator Bootcamp: <https://www.started.com>  
Funding Amount: Up to \$170,000 in investment (\$20k guaranteed)  
Takes Equity? **Yes**  
Requires relocation? **Yes**
3. AT&T Aspire Accelerator:  
<https://about.att.com/csr/home/possibilities/at-t-aspire/mobilizing-learning/accelerator.html>  
Funding Amount: \$100,000 and an additional \$25,000 to cover program expenses  
Takes Equity? For-profits: **Yes**; Nonprofits: No  
Requires relocation? No
4. NewSchools Venture Fund - Ignite: <https://www.newschools.org/ignite>  
Funding Amount: \$50,000 to \$150,000 (depending on product stage)  
Takes Equity? No  
Requires relocation? No
5. 4.0 Schools - Tiny Fellowship: <https://4pt0.org/tiny>  
Funding Amount: \$10,000  
Takes Equity? No  
Requires relocation? No
6. Camelback Fellowship: <https://www.camelbackventures.org/apply>  
Funding Amount: Up to \$40,000 in our “friends and family” round  
Takes Equity? For-profits and hybrids: **Yes**; Nonprofits and schools: No

Requires relocation? No  
US-only

7. Milken-Penn GSE Education Business Plan Competition:  
<https://www.educationcompetition.org/competition>  
Funding Amount: Uncertain  
Takes Equity? No  
Requires relocation? No
8. LEANLAB K12 Fellowship: <https://www.leanlabeducation.org/apply>  
Funding Amount: \$10,000 stipend to cover your travel and to support pilot testing. Up to \$25,000 in additional seed funding  
Takes Equity? No  
Requires relocation? No, but you need to attend scheduled programming in person
9. Y Combinator: <https://www.ycombinator.com/edtech>  
Funding Amount: \$150,000  
Takes Equity? **Yes**  
Requires relocation? **Yes**
10. Michelson Runway EdTech Accelerator: <http://michelsonrunway.com>  
Funding Amount: \$25K - \$150K, with up to an additional \$150K; \$400K in partnership benefits and perks  
Takes Equity? **Yes**  
Requires relocation? No, but you need to attend some events in person
11. Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grants:  
<https://www.sbir.gov/sbirsearch/topic/current>  
Funding Amount: Varies  
Takes Equity? **No**  
Requires relocation? No  
Filter the search results by the Department of Education Agency. Has a lengthier application process than other options.
12. Promising Ventures Fellowship: <https://www.promisestudio.org/fellowship>  
Funding Amount: \$0 upfront, grants may be available after the program  
Takes Equity? **No**  
Requires relocation? No, but must travel to an in-person gathering at their headquarters in Silicon Valley, CA  
Only available to social entrepreneurs working in the U.S. early childhood space.
13. Futurebound Acceleration Lab: <https://www.futureboundco.org/acceleration-lab>  
Funding Amount: Depends

Takes Equity? Uncertain  
Requires location? Uncertain but seems likely  
Matches companies with pilot sites, investors, mentors, researchers and other partners.  
Focused on solutions for early education.

14. New U Ventures - Bridge to Success: <https://www.newuventures.com/bridge-to-success>  
Funding Amount: Up to \$1MM  
Takes Equity? Yes  
Requires relocation? Uncertain  
Must be post-seed stage and fit one of five investment themes, among other criteria.

## General Funding Sources and Accelerators

15. Acumen Civic Accelerator (CivicX): <https://cvcx.org/accelerator>  
Funding Amount: None upfront - two participants win a \$50k grant  
Takes Equity? No  
Requires relocation? No, but need to attend some events in person  
Companies must align with their current focus. More on the FAQ: <https://cvcx.org/faqs>
16. GSV Labs Pioneer Accelerator: <https://gsvlabs.com/pioneer-accelerator>  
Funding Amount: Uncertain  
Takes Equity? Uncertain  
Requires relocation? Uncertain
17. FedEx Small Business Grant: <https://smallbusiness.fedex.com/grant-contest.html>  
Funding Amount: Up to \$50,000  
Takes Equity? No  
Requires relocation? N/A
18. Amber Grants for Women: <https://ambergrantsforwomen.com>  
Funding Amount: \$1,000 or \$11,000  
Takes Equity? No  
Requires relocation? N/A  
Only women-owned businesses are eligible
19. Fundera's Zach Grant: <https://www.fundera.com/resources/zach-grant>  
Funding Amount: \$2,500  
Takes Equity? No  
Requires relocation? N/A

20. Iowa Startup Accelerator: <https://newbo.co/iowa-startup-accelerator>  
Funding Amount: \$20,000, with the possibility of additional funding  
Takes Equity? **Yes**  
Requires relocation? No, but highly recommended, as you'll need to attend in-person at least once a week
21. 500 Startups Seed Program: <https://500.co/seed-program>  
Funding Amount: \$112.5K (\$150K - \$37.5K fee)  
Takes Equity? **Yes**  
Requires relocation? No, but recommended
22. Boomstartup Accelerator: <http://boomstartup.com>  
Funding Amount: \$20,000 or more; \$500,000 of free services  
Takes Equity? **Yes**  
Requires relocation? No
23. MassChallenge: <https://masschallenge.org>  
Funding Amount: \$0 upfront; up to \$1.5 million in cash prizes, and up to \$50,000 in scholarships. On average, MassChallenge Boston startups raise an average of \$75,000  
Takes Equity? **No**  
Requires relocation? Yes  
\$99 fee to apply (discount codes available)
24. Tampa Bay Wave's Tech Diversity Accelerator:  
<https://www.tampabaywave.org/accelerator/tech-diversity>  
Funding Amount: \$0 upfront; access to investor network.  
Takes Equity? **No**  
Requires relocation? No, but must travel to Tampa, FL 3 times during the program  
Only certain founders may meet the acceptance criteria
25. Westly Prize: <http://westly.org/westly-prize>  
Funding Amount: Between \$15,000 to \$40,000 for winners; \$5,000 for Honorable Mentions  
Takes Equity? **No**  
Requires relocation? No  
Limited to California-based innovators under the age of 28
26. New Media Ventures: <https://www.newmediaventures.org>  
Funding Amount: Between \$50,000 to \$250,000 convertible note  
Takes Equity? **Upfront - No; Later - Yes (convertible note)**  
Requires relocation? Uncertain
27. Techstars (NYC): <https://www.techstars.com/startup-accelerator>

Funding Amount: \$20,000 + optional \$100,000 convertible note  
Takes Equity? **Yes**  
Requires relocation? Yes, unless participating in Techstars Anywhere

28. TinySeed: <https://tinyseed.com>  
Funding Amount: \$120k + \$20k per additional founder  
Takes Equity? **Yes**  
Requires relocation? No  
Limited to subscription software companies based in the United States
29. Fastforward: <https://www.ffwd.org/for-entrepreneurs>  
Funding Amount: \$25k  
Takes Equity? **No**  
Requires relocation? Yes  
Available only to tech nonprofits
30. LAUNCH Accelerator: <https://launchaccelerator.co>  
Funding Amount: Uncertain  
Takes Equity? **Not directly**  
Requires relocation? Yes  
Offers the opportunity to pitch to top Silicon Valley investors
31. SheEO Activator: <https://sheeo.world>  
Funding Amount: \$100k loan  
Takes Equity? **No**  
Requires relocation? Uncertain  
Available only to majority women-owned, women-led, revenue-generating (\$50k - \$2M) businesses.
32. The Social Venture Fund: <https://umsocialventure.com>  
Funding Amount: Between \$50k - \$100k convertible note or preferred equity  
Takes Equity? **Not upfront - through the convertible note**  
Requires relocation? Uncertain  
Limited to for-profit social enterprises working in the areas of Education, Food Systems & Environment, Health, and Urban Revitalization
33. TJX Foundation: <https://www.tjx.com/responsibility/communities/our-us-foundation>  
Funding Amount: Uncertain  
Takes Equity? **No**  
Requires relocation? No  
Available only to non-profits working in specific focus areas
34. Biogen Foundation: [https://www.biogen.com/en\\_us/biogen-foundation.html](https://www.biogen.com/en_us/biogen-foundation.html)

Funding Amount: Uncertain

Takes Equity? **No**

Requires relocation? No

Available only to non-profits focused on science education and supporting communities

35. gener8tor: <https://www.gener8tor.com/gener8tor>

Funding Amount: \$20k upfront + \$80k uncapped convertible note

Takes Equity? 6-7% upfront + convertible note

Requires relocation? Yes

gener8tor invests in only five companies per program. Includes over \$1M in deals and perks.

36. 1863 Ventures Pipeline Program: <https://1863ventures.net/pipeline>

Funding Amount: None

Takes Equity? No

Requires relocation? Yes - Washington, DC

Check Eligibility Criteria on the website

37. Sputnik ATX Accelerator: <https://www.sputnikatx.com/austin-accelerator-program>

Funding Amount: \$100k SAFE Note

Takes Equity? **Not upfront - through the convertible note**

Requires relocation? Yes - Austin, TX

Check Eligibility Criteria on the website:

<https://amanda-eakin.squarespace.com/faq-austin-accelerator-incubator-startups>

38. Impact Ventures Accelerator: <https://impact-ventures.co/accelerator>

Funding Amount: None

Takes Equity? No

Requires relocation? No

Check Eligibility Criteria on the website.