



Solving problems in Augmented and Virtual Reality, Autonomous Vehicles, Machine Vision, Biophotonics and other fields requires unique skills. Launching a business with the resulting solutions requires exceptional support. You'll find both at Luminata.

JUMPSTART YOUR BUSINESS

AT THE WORLD'S LARGEST ACCELERATOR
FOR OPTICS, PHOTONICS AND IMAGING-ENABLED APPLICATIONS

Luminata is the only international startup accelerator focused solely on next-generation optics, photonics and imaging (OPI). Located in the world capital of imaging—Rochester, New York—Luminata is bringing visionary entrepreneurs from around the globe together with OPI pioneers and qualified investors to speed innovation and time to market. It's also providing early stage companies with the capital necessary to further develop their technologies, including \$100,000 upon program acceptance, and a chance to win up to \$1 million in follow-on funding.

Unlike other accelerator programs, Luminata's immersive experience goes beyond "preparing for the pitch" to give you the confidence, international connections and road map to move forward.

ADVANTAGES TO ACCELERATING WITH LUMINATE:

Exposure to the Global OPI Network

We'll help you connect with OPI influencers from across the global OPI ecosystem to build awareness for your company, along with your operational, personal and strategic network.

Mentors Matched to Your Needs

We'll pair you with mentors proven in your area who can help set your pace for development, within the program itself and in scaling your business.

Customized, Structured Curriculum

Our program delivers curriculum over six months, giving you time to transfer knowledge into actionable business plans while you're working on your prototype.

Space to Collaborate and Grow

After Demo Day, you can stay in Luminata's incubation space for an additional six months to use equipment and further refine your business. By keeping each cohort to 10 companies, interactions are highly collaborative. While instructors teach cohorts, the cohorts also learn from each other through sharing their experiences.

Superior Financial Support

Start-up funding is hard to secure. Companies selected to participate in Luminata each receive a \$100,000 convertible note investment at the beginning of the program that culminates in Demo Day, where one team will receive \$1 million in follow-on funding, with an additional \$1 million available to other competition finalists.



"Luminate allowed me to do something more for my business that I couldn't do myself."

Jason Babcock, Positive Science

"Shorter accelerator programs tend to feel rushed. Luminate gave us the time, along with the business tools and 1:1 coaching to bring all the pieces together."

Leslie Kimerling, DoubleHelix

"Luminate gave us an honest look at what we're going to have to deal with. But it also gave us an ecosystem for figuring it out."

Shourjya Sanyal, Think Biosolution



PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

Luminate is a highly competitive, cohort-based accelerator program that runs annually. To qualify, companies must be incorporated, in the early or start-up stage, and have a team of at least two full-time members who are committed to commercializing their OPI technologies. Technologies have to be proven at least at the lab scale.

KEY PROGRAM DATES

2019

June	Application opens
September	Application closes
October	Applications reviewed and 20 semi-finalists selected
November	Semi-finalists brought to Rochester, NY for interviews; 10 teams awarded

2020

January	10 teams begin accelerator program at Luminate incubation space
June	Awarding of \$2 million in follow-on funding with possible additional investments from corporate and venture partners

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