The Ag-Celerator fund aims to offer critical startup support for Purdue innovators who wish to commercialize patented intellectual property or Purdue “know-how” technologies in plant sciences.

Winners will receive early seed-stage funding helping their companies build initial momentum that will put them in a better position to gain customers, development partners & secure additional investment.

Who:
Purdue innovators (students, faculty, alumni, other Purdue Affiliates*) creating a startup company based on Purdue plant sciences innovation are eligible to apply for the Ag-Celerator Fund. Fund applicants must become active Purdue Foundry clients. Those commercializing Purdue intellectual property must obtain a Foundry certification.

What:
Innovations can be anything related to plant sciences including, but not limited to innovations advancing crop traits, generating higher yields, using big data to improve farm management, new uses of plants, precision agriculture and advanced breeding techniques.

Investment:
The Ag-Celerator Fund will invest up to $100,000 per semester on a competitive basis. Specific investment amounts will be determined based on Company ‘ask’ and committee deliberations. The Ag-Celerator Selection Committee will meet at least two (2) times per year (October, March) to review new incoming eligible contenders for funding.

Application & Deadline:
To be considered for Ag-Celerator participation, a Purdue innovator and their team must review deadlines and complete the application form, including a business concept description and pitch deck at: purduefoundry.com/purdueventures