

FAQ

Please find a [description of the program here](#).

Timeline & Call for Applications

1. What is the deadline to apply for the next cohort? **April 15, 2021.**
2. Where do I apply? **In order to apply, please fill out – or update – your founder application on StartOut [online community portal](#). Once you submit your founder application, you will be redirected to a dedicated page with additional questions specific to StartOut Growth Lab.**
3. How long is the program? **The program lasts 6 months.**
4. When does the next cohort start? **The next cohort will start on May 17, 2021**
5. Is there a fee to join the program? **No fee to join.**

Eligibility Criteria

6. What is the typical stage, industry, traction of a startup which is a good fit for the program? **Early-stage, scalable startups are the best fit for our program.**
7. Do you welcome applications worldwide? **Yes, the upcoming cohort is a virtual cohort and we welcome founders from anywhere in the world.**
8. Is the program for product-based businesses only or is it suitable for service-based companies? **Both are suitable for the program. However, consulting type businesses are not a fit as they are not very scalable or venture backed**
9. Is the program accepting applications from non-profit organizations? **Non-profit organizations are not a good fit for this program. However, non-profit organizations can join our regular [Founders Program](#).**
10. Is the program for tech-enabled companies only? **No, non tech-enabled startups can apply.**
11. Do you accept solo founders? **Yes, we accept solo founders, but we do prefer to have co-founder groups. On a side note, one person companies are typically too early stage for the program.**
12. What is the youngest age an applicant can be? **18 years is the youngest age of applicant we will accept.**
13. What constitutes a product launch for the program? Is it current users of an MVP or active users on a product with all of the bells and whistles? **This depends on the situation per company. We like to see applicants have their product in the market transacting. MVP or Pre-MVP tends to be too early for the program.**

Program content & Community

14. What is the time commitment for the program? **Wednesday from 9AM PST - 1:30PM PST.**
15. What kind of support do founders receive once they join the program? **Founders get support from the EIRs that run the program, assigned mentors matched by**

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StartOut, experts that provide office hours based on different subject matters and the other founders in the Cohort.

16. For those with non-LGBTQ+ co-founders, what has been the experience of non-LGBTQ+ co-founders in the past? **Experience has been very positive. We have 1 company in the current cohort that has a non-LBGTQ+ founder and their experience has been excellent.**

Results & Impact

1. How old is the program? **The Lab was founded in 2017 and is run by StartOut, the largest nonprofit organization for LGBTQ+ entrepreneurs, now in partnership with DLA Piper.**
2. How many startups have you supported? **Since our founding, we have supported 33 startups. SGL graduated companies have raised \$107M in funding and created over 210 new jobs.**
3. Who are the startups who have graduated from the program? **You can find the [full list here](#).**

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