

- **What stage should the technology be at?**

We welcome academic projects at the translational stage, even prior to incorporation. Proof-of-concept data, early preclinical results, or demonstrated technical feasibility is typically sufficient.

- **What kind of mentors or industry partners will I be potentially exposed to?**

Our participants gain exposure to a global network of leading mentors and partners from academia, pharma, biotech, law firms and venture capital. We have a database of over 3000 industry experts and mentors. Our past collaborators have included representatives from Eli Lilly, Sanofi, Genetech, Alnylam, Pillar VC, Amino Collective, and etc.

- **Can projects with prior funding apply?**

Yes. Teams who have raised less than \$1M in institutional capital are eligible. Projects supported by non-dilutive or academic funding are also welcome.

- **Are there regional restrictions?**

No. Nucleate supports applicants globally through 18+ chapters and the Global Virtual Activator. Apply through your local chapter or GVA if outside a chapter region.

- **Can I apply solo?**

Yes! Both individual contributors and pre-formed teams are encouraged. Team formation support is part of the program.

- **What is the time commitment?**

Plan for about 10 hours per month for workshops and mentorship that are mostly virtual. The program is designed to accommodate trainee schedules.

- **Does Nucleate take equity or fees?**

No. Nucleate is a non-profit and takes no equity or fees to participate. No new intellectual property is generated during the program.

- **Do I need academic affiliation to apply?**

We accept applications from current trainees, recent grads, and early career professionals at academic centers.

- **What types of technologies are a fit?**

We welcome innovations in either the Bio track focusing on areas such as therapeutics (e.g., biologics, gene therapy), diagnostics, digital or computational health solutions or biotech innovations addressing climate/sustainability/agtech/synbio challenges in the Eco track. Each region may offer one or both tracks annually, depending on local capacity.

- **Who owns the intellectual property?**

There is no inventive process attached to the Activator program. No new intellectual property is created during or as a part of the Activator program. All intellectual property rights remain with the respective academic institutions and individuals where relevant.