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Founder Institute Zurich, Tel Aviv and Silicon Valley Join Forces, Helping Entrepreneurs Build a Resilient Society in the World after COVID-19



For the first time ever, three of the world's leading innovation tech ecosystems - Silicon Valley, Israel and Switzerland – are joining forces to launch companies that will help humanity build a bright new future in the Post-COVID-19 world.

The Founder Institute Silicon Valley, Zurich and Tel Aviv accelerator programs will run virtually and concurrently, giving Founders unprecedented access to shared resources across both networks such as expert mentors, investors, strategic partners and successful founders. The FI Zurich, Tel Aviv and Silicon Valley programs have launched over 200 startup companies over the last 5 years.

If you want to help build the post-COVID-19 future, then apply to the Autumn 2020 virtual semester of the Founder Institute Zurich today.

The world post COVID-19 will look very different. A shock of such magnitude and scale will change preferences fundamentally and shift needs/behaviours of consumers, workers and citizens. To solve these COVID-19 related challenges, the very best, most talented and ambitious entrepreneurs started to work, tapping into future commercial opportunities. Led by **Daniel Boehi, Christina Senn-Jakobsen, Ingeborg Gasser-Kriss, Athanasios**

Ladopoulos and Thomas Ackermann, the goal of the joint program is to help Founders build amazing technology companies that will positively affect humanity and build the future. The Zurich program is a Hub for HealthTech, AgroFoodRetailTech, Robotics, AI. During the upcoming semester we will be focusing on topics such as: Preventive Health and Immunity, NewWork/WFH, Stay@Home new business models, Mental Health, New Shopping, Mobility/last-mile delivery, Learn@Home, Future Food System, Disease Intervention and Crisis Preparedness, Social Solidarity and Inequality and more.

“Now, more than ever, we need our best and brightest working together to solve problems on a global scale,” says Daniel Boehi, “We must lead the world towards positive change, and there is no better way to do this than through entrepreneurship.

FI Silicon Valley’s Advanced Technology Accelerator is led by **Ryan Micheletti, Head of Global Operations for the Founder Institute**, and **Mike Suprovici, Managing Director of Portfolio Success and Head of FI’s Fundraising Accelerator, Funding Lab**. The Palo Alto based program runs in partnership with NASA Ames Research Center and focuses on building deep tech companies ranging from Space Tech, AI, Quantum Computing and Health Tech.

“The Founder Institute is one of the leading startup ecosystem builders in the world,” says Ryan Micheletti, “we have launched 185+ companies with practically zero budget and startup leaders around the world are starting to take notice.

The FI Chapter in Tel Aviv is a younger addition to the FI family, led by entrepreneurs and ecosystem veterans **Johnathan Aloni, Nadav Kaidar and Roy Sivan**.

The Founder Institute Zurich Fall 2020 pre-seed accelerator program begins on 2020-09-15, and aspiring and early-stage entrepreneurs looking to build solutions for the future will have the opportunity to:

- Get constant feedback and regular office hours with [50+ Zurich & Silicon Valley Mentors, investors, and entrepreneurs](#).
- Make quick progress on their business using a proven, structured process to get to traction and funding that has helped alumni build great products and raise over \$950M in funding.
- Get fast-tracked to a [suite of post-programs](#), including Funding Lab, to continue getting expert support for years to come.
- Expand their support network to include startup founders, CEOs, and investors from the Founder Institute’s [global network of 4,000+ alumni](#) and 14,000+ mentors across 185+ cities

Anybody who is interested can apply to the Zurich Fall 2020 Founder Institute at <http://fi.co/apply/zurich>, and those that apply by the Early Application Deadline (2020-08-02) are eligible for reduced pricing.

FI Zurich will be awarding a series of fellowships to Founders working on technologies that can help address the COVID-19 Pandemic, which will allow Founders to join the 14 week accelerator program for free.

In addition, the program will be hosting several free startup online events in Zurich over the coming weeks, where you can learn from top entrepreneurs and inspirational speakers from the comfort of your home:

- [After The Crisis – what the post-COVID-19 world will look like](#)
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<https://fi.co/event/after-the-crisis-what-the-post-covid-19-world-will-look-like-online-event-zurich-fall-2020>.

- [The “New Normal” – behavior shifts of consumers, workers and citizens in a new “low touch” economy](#)
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<https://fi.co/event/zurich-startup-webinar-switzerland-virtual-fall-2020-bba8322d-2480-4e9f-b5a4-1e1824326311>.

- [Rockstar Entrepreneurs shaping the new world – how startups successfully pivoted their business during the COVID-19 crisis](#)
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- See all upcoming events <https://fi.co/events/zurich>

Join us in Zurich and help build a better future.

Apply to the Autumn 2020 Virtual semester of the Founder Institute Zurich today or learn more at [FI.co/overview](https://fi.co/overview).

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Based in Silicon Valley and with chapters across [185+ cities](#) worldwide, the Founder Institute provides high-potential entrepreneurs and teams with the devoted support network and structured growth process needed to get to traction and funding. Participants in the 4-month core program also get access to a lifetime of support through the Founder Institute's industry-leading [post-programs](#).