Since launching in Fall 2013, FAST program cycles have generated more than 7300 advisory hours valued at over $1,600,000 for the 69 companies who have been through the program. Since participating in FAST, these companies have raised $987 million and created 393 new jobs, more than tripling their workforce. 27 of these companies have secured Series A investments, 16 have concluded strategic partnerships and 5 have successfully exited.

The FAST Advisory Program provides select entrepreneurs with intensive team review and coaching to perfect their business model and product development plans, and to build a compelling commercialization strategy. Experienced entrepreneurs, product and business experts (which may include clinical development, regulatory, reimbursement and business development specialists) will advise selected Fellows during a twelve-week program.

The FAST program is open to companies that are “Fellow” members of the California Life Sciences Association (CLSA). CLSA Fellows have no more than 12 employees, have raised less than $5 million and are precommercial.

Application to the FAST program is on a rolling basis. We are currently taking applications for the Spring 2020 session. Early applications are encouraged, but no application for Spring 2020 will be considered after COB January 31, 2020.

Spring 2020 FAST Timeline
January 31, 2020: FAST application deadline
February 24, 2020: FAST participants announced
March 24, 2020: Program starts
June 16, 2020: FAST Closing Showcase

To apply, please email your non-confidential executive summary and introductory deck to FAST@califesciences.org
FAST ADVISORY PROGRAM APPLICATION

All submissions must be non-confidential

Provide a cover page answering the questions below:

- What is your product or service?
- Describe current stage of development and future plans.
- What differentiates you from your competitors?
- What is your next inflection point? What do you need to reach it?
- What needs do you wish to address through the FAST program?

Provide your Executive Summary and introductory slide deck (or a summary document of no more than 5 pages) with the following information below.

Company Profile

- Description/history, including date incorporated
- Mission
- Management Team with brief bios
- Full contact information, including email, phone, location
- Number of employees
- Board members
- Current advisors
- Current financing and other sources of support, including research collaborations and other funding sources
- Intellectual Property status

Product Development & Commercialization (as applicable)

- The problem you are solving
- Your solution to the above
- Full product description
- Product impact, describing how the product will be used to improve standard of care, enhance safety, enable research, reduce costs, address environmental or agricultural issues, improve industrial efficiency, etc.
- Development plan describing major program milestones
- Resources required to achieve the above
- Anticipated market opportunity
- Existing competing products or other research or development programs that may result in competing innovations

We evaluate submissions on a rolling basis. However, we must receive your application for the Spring 2020 session no later than January 31, 2020.

Send your application materials to FAST@califesciences.org
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