

Fund Name:

I2A Fund
Headquartered in Chicago, IL
www.i2afund.com

Fund Description:

The Illinois Innovation Accelerator Fund (I2A) is a \$10 million seed/early stage investment fund focused on investing in the preeminent start-up companies in the state of Illinois. I2A is typically the first round of institutional capital to companies and focuses on the following sectors: technology-enabled products and services, new media and education products and services, and consumer and retail products. I2A's fund members, comprising many of the leaders of Illinois' entrepreneurial community, enable I2A to leverage a vast resource of networks and expertise to help the companies it invests in and partners with.

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Project Work & Exposure:

Student will be exposed to and work on all facets of the fund including the following:

- Deal Screening: Reviewing referrals and submissions and helping fund team determine which companies to meet with
- Deal Review: Participate in meetings with companies and analyze which companies to move to due diligence stage
- Due Diligence: Assist in conducting due diligence of prospective investments (market research, industry analysis)
- Deal Structuring: Receive exposure to investment structuring process
- Portfolio Company Monitoring & Assistance: Help I2A with portfolio company projects as they arise

Deliverables:

In addition to the weekly assignments/projects on the areas above, for the final project student and fund will determine a sector (i.e. mobile applications, social networking, on-demand applications etc) to analyze in in-depth and report on. Report will consist of the activity and opportunities in the sector, the leading types of concepts/companies emerging, and other venture firms/investors active in the space. Fund will be able to utilize this report going forward to help it target companies to invest in and for due diligence purposes as they come across deals in this sector.

Time commitment:

8 hours in person per week in the winter/spring quarter of 2008.
Additional time spent on projects will be done off-site.