



EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

What's Ahead, the Next Wave

Building the Next Generation of Innovators, Entrepreneurs & Leaders

This is where potential turns into purpose, ideas turn into action, and lives are changed for good.

The future will belong to those who can adapt, create and lead. SharkMakers is preparing students to do exactly that, to **think bigger, build stronger, and defy the script to make a lasting impact.**

SharkMakers was proud to partner with **Amgen** and **USF Nault Center for Entrepreneurship** for an incredible STEM and Entrepreneurship Boot Camp in July. There were 160 students (grades 8-12) from roughly 65 different schools for this 4 day rapid fire camp. We helped students begin their entrepreneurial journey through ideation, product design, and customer discovery. A highlight was a full-circle mentorship of our SharkMakers winners who shared their experience and gave back to the next generation. We were inspired by the energy and talent of these students, and we're looking forward to many of them joining us this coming season.



A New Season of Innovation

This season, **SharkMakers is stepping into a bold new chapter** as we continue our mission to help students discover their superpowers, embrace innovation, and become the CEOs of their own lives. As technology, AI, and entrepreneurship reshape every industry, the need for creative, confident, and adaptable leaders has never been greater.



Collegiate SharkMakers

Our inaugural competition in partnership with the **University of South Florida** begins this fall. Open to college students across the Tampa Bay area, the application **deadline is September 23rd**. The **kickoff will be on October 2nd**. Students will then move through a series of hands-on workshops, mock pitches, and a final pitch and awards celebration on December 8th. Focus will be on building entrepreneurial thinking, innovation leadership, problem-solving, product development, and collaboration with industry professionals.

High School SharkMakers

Info sessions and community engagement events will be held in late October and early November. **The season starts on Dec 12th** and the **deadline to apply is Dec 6th**. Workshops will be conducted twice a month January - March with finalists being selected on March 13th. Finalists will showcase their talent at our premier Pitch Tank event, followed by mock pitches, and the season will wrap up with final pitches in mid-April. The season will conclude with the Miami GCF 10X Experience in late May.

To prospective participants and mentors: *what are you waiting for?*



**Student Waitlist
Sign Up**



**Mentor
Registration**

Become a part of SharkMakers!



By investing in SharkMakers, you are giving students real-world business experience, igniting their creativity, and empowering them to turn bold ideas into action. Together, we are shaping the changemakers of tomorrow.



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