



Hitchhiker's Guide to the **Greater Gainesville Startup Community**

Introduction

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Greater Gainesville Startup Community...

is “the” resource for entrepreneurs in the Greater Gainesville, Florida area.

The guide is modeled after a [similar guide](#) in Kansas City, MO and [Ocala, FL](#).

This is a “living” document! And, it will contain updated information that will foster great awareness of the startup community in Greater Gainesville.

Is something missing? Do you need more help?
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Startup Guide: <http://gainesvillechamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Start-up-Guide.pdf>

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Guiding Principles

- “Give first, get later” approach
- 100% inclusive - everyone is welcome to contribute
- Showcase Alachua County, not just the startup community
- Give back to the community once you make it big
- Don't just talk. Get s**t done. Dream big. Have fun!

Places to Connect

3rd Thursdays - Every 3rd Thursday of each month from 4pm to 6pm at UF Innovate | The Hub

Community Calendar for Entrepreneurs

Startup GNV's Tech/Startup Sunset Bike Rides

Startup Gainesville Facebook Group

Tech on Tap GNV

WATT - We Advance Tech Together

Business Incubators,
Accelerators, Makerspaces,
Coworking spaces

**GAINESVILLE
HACKERSPACE**



Support Organizations

[Alachua County Business Development](#)

[Cade Museum](#)

[Department of Doing \(Gainesville\)](#)

[Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce](#)

[SCORE](#) - A strong team of executive retirees who act as skilled and experienced mentors ready to help you start or grow your business. (Local contact: [Barry Black](#))

[Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\)](#) - Skilled help with SBA loans, government contracting, and traditional business planning. (Local contact: [Michael Chung](#))

[Startup GNV](#)

Education

[Alachua County Library District - Business, Finance & Law](#)

[Collaboratory for Women Innovators](#)

[FastTrac - Free online and in-person classes for entrepreneurs.](#)

[Graphic Design \(Rasmussen\)](#)

[Santa Fe College Innovative Product Development Center \(IPDC\)](#)

[Veterans Entrepreneurship Program at UF](#)

[City of Gainesville Small Business Program](#)

[UF Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center \(EIC\)](#)

[The Gainesville Entrepreneurship and Adversity Program \(GEAP\)](#)

[Programming - Java/Python \(CF\)](#)

[Veterans Florida \(Small Business for Veterans\)](#)

Service Providers

[Advertising](#)

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[Real Estate](#)

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Finding Capital



Emergent Growth Fund

Florida Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research

Synogen

U.S. Small Business Administration



U.S. Small Business
Administration

Space to Grow

Innovation District

Cornerstone Redevelopment

Progress Park

Foundation Park

San Felasco Tech City

Startup Events

Cade Prize

CelebrateGNV

Celebration of Biotechnology

Startup Weekend

3rd Thursdays

Notable Companies Started in Greater Gainesville



CRITERIA: headquartered in Alachua County, high-growth, raised \$500K+ and/or major traction



Population

Gainesville: 132,000

Alachua County: 267,000

Region: 1,170,000

State of Florida: 21,000,000



Acknowledgments

**To our entrepreneurs!
Thank you for making our
community and economy
greater!**