



The Ballard Academy for Student Entrepreneurs (BASE) is a program that supports and encourages innovation. The annual program is a unique legal accelerator that arms entrepreneurs at the most nascent stages of starting a venture with resources, social capital, advisors, and an educational platform to scale businesses in any industry. BASE supports entrepreneurs in their journey to professionalize, establish, and market their ideas. The tenets of the program include:

- \$10,000 of pro bono legal services for each company;
- Accounting services provided by Ballard Spahr accounting contacts; and
- Each company is assigned a mentor from the business community and each company will gain invaluable connections to influencers and investors.

But the primary mission of BASE is to foster connectivity among a growing community of entrepreneurs. BASE now includes a web of successful alumni of BASE, investors, academics, and mentors. BASE sessions are free and open to the public.

Ballard Spahr's acclaimed Emerging Growth and Venture Capital Group has decades of experience helping emerging companies thrive—from entity formation, angel and seed financing, preferred financing rounds, and ultimately through a sale transaction or initial public offering. The group consists of lawyers from the practice areas that are integral to growing companies—mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property, labor and employment, tax, health care, government relations, and litigation. With the resources of the firm's 15 offices across the United States, the group provides entrepreneurs with competent, personalized, and effective long-term representation from startup to maturity.

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