



Investor Partner FAQs

What is an Investor Partner, and how does the MEIA Investor Partnership Program Work?

An Investor Partner is an employee of a professional investment firm that invests in seed or Series A funding rounds. An Investor Partner is a potential lead investor in a graduating Startup Team.

MEIA intends to have two cohorts per year, with 6 teams per cohort. An Investor Partnership is a one-year commitment to support both cohorts.

What does the Investor Partner do?

Investor Partners have four responsibilities.

1. Participate in one public panel discussion that discusses what you look for in your investments, and how it might be different than others on the panel.
2. Attend the Pitch Practice Session for each cohort and give detailed feedback on at least one startup pitch (as designated by MEIA).
3. Attend the MEIA Cohort Finale VIP Pitch Event for each cohort, provide basic feedback on all pitches, and indicate which firms you would like to meet separately (if any).
4. Create relationships with our teams as a prospective Seed or Series-A funder.

What do Investor Partners get from MEIA?

The ability to observe the teams and meet with the teams informally. Investor Partners also receive one free ticket to each MEIA Cohort Finale VIP Pitch Event, which includes dinner and networking, for the participant who will be providing feedback.

What makes MEIA different than other accelerators?

MEIA is focused on surrounding technology with a team of credible people who want to start a business. All of our technology will be in the clean energy or sustainability sectors. All of our technology will be invented by faculty or scientists who work in a Maryland university or federal laboratory. Our mission is to create investible clean energy businesses. Learn more about MEIA at www.mdeia.org

Are Non-Disclosure Agreements Required?

An NDA is not required.

How much does it cost to become an Investor Partner?

There is no charge. Donations to MEIA are welcomed.

Are there other marketing benefits for being an Investor Partner?

No, but Investor Partner's firms are welcome to become Corporate Sponsors. Please see the Corporate Sponsor FAQ for more information.

How do I become an Investor Partner?

Contact MEIA via the website form (<https://mdeia.org/contact-us>) or send an email to info@mdeia.org.