



IIFH Radicle Growth Fellow

A unique opportunity to join our 2020 innovation partners onsite to gain first-hand experience on what it takes to have a successful startup

- **\$70K fellowship:** 1 year salary, tuition, travel, research and conference expenses (up to \$70K by [IIFH](#))
- **Timeline:** Fall/Winter 2020 to Summer/Fall 2021 (flexible start date, virtual option if required)
- **Eligibility:** UC Davis post-doctoral fellows, or PhD students in their last 1-2 years of study
- **Experiential Learning with Venture Capital Group:** During the first quarter of the fellowship, the fellow will work with the host to evaluate startups in the food system and identify investable ventures, kicking off with a California onsite residency (up to \$10K travel, accommodation and conference allowance provided). During the second quarter upon return to Davis, the fellow will engage in regular virtual and in-person meetings to conclude with the venture capital host.
- **Developing and De-risking Innovative Concept:** Using the knowledge gained in the first phase of the program, fellows will have an additional two quarters on campus to conduct critical studies for de-risking a potential technology, product or process they want to develop.
- **DEADLINE August 14, 2020 – OR UNTIL FILLED:** [Click here to apply.](#)

About Radicle Growth

[Radicle Growth](#) is an acceleration fund that applies a proprietary platform to discover and support emerging technologies in food and agriculture. They partner with entrepreneurs to turn ideas into game-changing technologies and thriving businesses. Radicle Growth provides early-stage companies with innovation capital, and surrounds start-ups with a robust global food and ag network of resources, partners and research institutions. Through additional operational services and strategic partnerships, food and ag tech companies gain the power to bring the latest technologies to market and transform the future of food.



About the Innovation Institute for Food and Health

The IIFH makes uncommon connections between sectors and disciplines to catalyze innovation across food, agriculture and health. It works to accelerate the deployment of products and processes to enable safe, sustainable and secure nutrition for all. Together with strategic partners, IIFH identifies systemic issues as the basis for collaborative programs using both top-down (partner-driven) and bottom-up (investigator-initiated) approaches to formulate systemic solutions. This reduces the time from conception to application for transformative impact.

Program Description

First Quarter: Experiential learning onsite with Radicle Growth in California.

- Start date flexible: following selection, join Radicle Growth for the first quarter in California in Fall/Winter 2020 (including \$10,000 travel, accommodation and conference allowance).
- Explore Radicle Growth's strategic ecosystem and extensive network of assets in evaluating and vetting competitive investment opportunities.
- Learn what kind of companies and technologies are considered investable and engage with expert consortium members to understand opportunities in food/agriculture innovation.
- Gain invaluable knowledge about what investors look for in entrepreneurs.

Second Quarter: Transition back to UC Davis, splitting time between research and virtual engagement with Radicle Growth

- At UC Davis: upon second quarter return to Davis, continue to support Radicle Growth's efforts in evaluating startups and selecting investable ventures that address targeted challenges in the food system.
- The fellow will work closely with Radicle Growth's staff through virtual means, but support is provided for regular in-person meetings as needed.

Third and Fourth Quarters: De-risking technology/product/process concept

- Resume campus research: for remaining two quarters, practice applying Radicle Growth's learnings to conclude research activities, exploring the greatest impact and best route to market.
- Enrich learning: through on-campus Entrepreneurship Academy and business plan development, identify potential investors and research the target landscape.
- Support from: monthly face-to-face meetings with the IIFH (virtual or in-person), as needed.
- In conclusion: provide a brief report on the results and impact of the fellowship, and present at the annual Innovator Summit.

Application Requirements

- 1) Completed application
- 2) Curriculum Vitae (PDF)
- 3) Letter of interest detailing current research focus, why the program is of interest to you, and how your career goals align therewith (max. 2 pages, PDF format)
- 4) Letter of support from supervising faculty PI (max. 1 page, PDF format)