

Columbia University Founders Society Overview

The Columbia University Founders Society **empowers entrepreneurs** to unite business success with philanthropic achievement. Members benefit from a network of like-minded business founders and gain access to the University's rich entrepreneurial ecosystem.



When the time is right you can share your success through a pre-exit gift or liquidity event and support the area of your choosing. Tax benefits will come into play at the time of your gift.



Founders Society members have full control over the timing, amount, and designation of their pre- or post-exit support.

For more information about the Founders Society, read the included FAQs and contact:

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Joining the Founders Society is easy! Simply share your interest with us online, or send us a completed membership form via email or postal mail.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Columbia University Founders Society?

Members of Columbia's Founders Society are like-minded business founders, equity holders, and investors who intend to share their success to benefit the University. Designations of their gifts can be made to support any school or area at Columbia. Join the Founders Society and tap into the University's rich entrepreneurial ecosystem, while connecting with fellow founders who understand the importance of tying commercial advancement to philanthropic achievement.

Who can become a member of the Founders Society?

Anyone who holds equity in a company such as founders, investors, and institutional investors.

Why would I want to become a Founders Society member?

In addition to enjoying the benefits of being a partner in sustaining our entrepreneurial ecosystem, membership in Columbia's Founders Society means making philanthropic goals an integral part of your future business success. Members have full control over the timing, amount, and designation of their pre-exit or post-exit support.

How do I become a member of the Founders Society?

Simply complete the Founders Society membership form.

What happens after I become a member of the Founders Society?

Becoming a member provides you with access to an exclusive network of entrepreneurs and curated programming. If desired, your name and company will be featured on the Founders Society website, which promotes your venture and encourages other alumni and friends to join the Founders Society.

Is there a cost to joining the Founders Society?

There is no cost—no commission, transaction fee, or hidden cost.

What happens if I never exit or if the business fails?

Your intent to support is based only on the success of your venture.

What tax benefits are available when I share my success with Columbia?

When the time is right the Office of Gift Planning and our school partners will be happy to discuss options for providing support so that you may work with your tax advisor to decide on the best route to fit your circumstances.

Welcome to the Columbia Founders Society

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

School and Degree Year (if applicable):

I would like to join the Founders Society and hope to share my future success with Columbia University.

I understand that Columbia is not bound to accept an interest in any entity.

Name of my company: _____

Percentage of future proceeds I intend to donate (optional): _____

Acknowledgment (kindly select an option):

I wish to be included in published listings as a member of the Columbia University Founders Society.

-OR-

I wish to remain anonymous on publicity materials.

In the future I will be interested in learning more about how to support:

Students Faculty Research Programs Buildings and Spaces

Signature

Date

You may also download and return your membership form via email or mail to:

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