

GROW-TOGETHER ACCELERATING HARDWARE AND MANUFACTURING

The **Urban Future Lab at NYU Tandon School of Engineering** and **SecondMuse** are harnessing their collective strengths in manufacturing and accelerator expertise to launch a novel MVP aimed at closing climatetech gaps and enhancing the U.S. manufacturing landscape. UFL is backed by NYU Tandon, a titan on research and development in clean energy hardtech solutions and SecondMuse is an impact investor with a track record like few. This comes with an enormous ability to execute programs, fundraise, and scale.

GROW-TOGETHER mandates joint applications from global clean energy hardtech startups and manufacturers in the Northeast US, ensuring that both parties collaborate from the outset. This model, validated by similar programs in the EU, accelerates startup development and integration into complex systems and supply chains, overcoming common barriers to market entry.

For the first time, UFL and SecondMuse will approach hardware innovation hurdles by considering manufacturer processes, resulting in compressed timelines from inception to commercialization across a variety of different clean energy sectors at once.

Each cohort's curriculum (3 month educational phase, 6 month project phase) will be designed to leverage a particular manufacturing process (e.g., injection molding, electrical components, enclosures, chemicals) to allow for targeted recruitment and accelerated learning and collaboration potential among both startups and manufacturers.

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