

EDGE Fellows Summer Program Summary 2018

Goal of the EDGE Fellows Summer Program:

EDGE Fellows research the up-side potential for new business concepts provided by area business leaders. This program provides students with a truly entrepreneurial experience, connects them with leaders and businesses, and encourages them to keep their expertise in Northeast Ohio after graduation.

2018 EDGE Fellows Program:

- [10 entrepreneurial graduate-level interns](#) were assigned in cross-functional teams of two to study the feasibility of new business ideas from regionally-based companies.
- EDGE assigned **business mentors** to student teams, linked students with **host companies**, and connected them with **industry experts** to assist with their research efforts.
- Fellows addressed **5 new business opportunities projects** from different industries, including a Medical Device and Diagnostic with 1st and 3rd World Applications, 3D Printing & Bio-inks as well as new markets for Coatings and Paints, LED Lighting and Plastics.
- **Participating Companies:**
Harrison Paint, Hemex Health, Lumitex, Montville Rubber and Plastics, Viscus Biologics
- **Program Sponsors:** Burton D. Morgan Foundation and Harvard Business School Club of Northeast Ohio



2018 EDGE Fellows

Front: Holly Zaso, Cheyenne Wu, Kendall Furbee, Chris Yi, Shobhit Sen

Back: Mohammed Al-kalbani, Anuj Nirwal, Brittany Bush (EDGE), Dominic DeMore, Alexandra Vago, Bruce Grasser (Mentor), Roman Kowalysko, & Jane Haag (Mentor)

Host Companies See Great Value

- “Well-managed program with industry experts participating. I would highly recommend the program.”
- Peter Gingras, President, Viscus Biologics
- “I think for the timeframe they were given they performed very well ... It is amazing what you start to notice when you are focused on a topic.”
- Tracie Roberts, VP, Montville Rubber and Plastics

EDGE Fellows Love the Experience

Favorite Parts:

- “I have enjoyed being a part of amazing group and visiting different company every week. EDGE fellowship program not only helps one to develop professionally but also helps to enhance personal traits.”
- “I really love all the feedback that everyone gives the fellows. It’s always brought in a genuine way and people sometimes underestimate how important feedback is for growth.”
- “This program showed me that the business community in NE Ohio is different from most other areas ... I like that people in NE Ohio value relationships and pull others up rather than viewing them as competition.”
- “Highly recommend this program as an incredible immersion experience -- You truly get out of it what you put into it!”
- “I truly liked all the people involved. The mentors, fellows, staff and company contacts. I also loved the consulting work and having the more strategy experience with market research.”