



WOMEN
FOUNDERS
NETWORK

WE BELIEVE IN THE FEMALE FOUNDER



Women Founders Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides education on entrepreneurship and investing to women and girls.

About Us

Women Founders Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides resources and education on entrepreneurship and investing to women and girls.

Through our annual Fast Pitch competition, we provide access to capital, visibility, and mentoring for female founders. Our Startup Fundamentals webinars and community networking events offer valuable resources and connection opportunities for female founders.

We hope to inspire the next generation of women investors through our Due Diligence Analyst program for university women and our Junior Venture Capitalist program for girls in grades 9-12.



13 Years Strong!



2013

Women Founders
Network was founded



2014

Junior Venture
Capitalist program
for young women
in high school



2021

Due Diligence
Analyst program
for college and
university women



2025

We have grown every
year in our support
of women founders
and educating the
next generation of
founders and investors

Our Impact



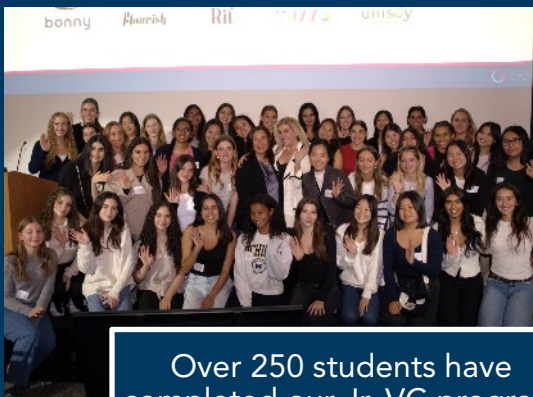
\$250M+ raised by Fast Pitch alumni founders



\$1.9M in cash & services awarded



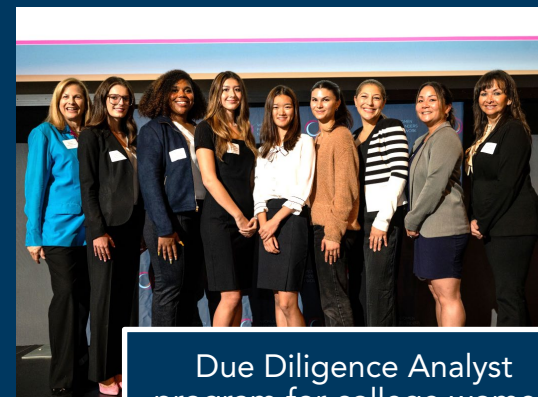
7,000+ subscribers in our network



Over 250 students have completed our Jr. VC program



1,200+ Fast Pitch applicants



Due Diligence Analyst program for college women

Our Programs

FEMALE FOUNDERS

Educational resources include Startup Fundamentals webinars on topics from pitch decks to financial forecasts and our library of on-demand webinars.

Our annual Fast Pitch competition provides access to capital, visibility, pitch coaching and mentoring.

Networking events provide opportunities for connection and helpful advice.



COLLEGE WOMEN

Gain real-world experience through this introduction to investing in our Due Diligence Analyst Program.

Students are paired with investor mentors and learn about performing due diligence on startups by conducting guided research on our Fast Pitch finalist companies.

Students present their reports to our Fast Pitch judges and Junior VCs.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We welcome your support in any of the following ways:

- Sponsorship
- Donate Services
- Volunteer
- Individual Donation



JUNIOR VC PROGRAM

Young women in grades 9-12 are invited to learn the fundamentals of entrepreneurship and investing through meetings with investors and founders, and as 'venture capitalist for a day' at the WFN Fast Pitch Event!

We hope to inspire the next generation of women investors.



Our Programs

FEMALE FOUNDERS

Annual Fast Pitch Competition

Apply April 1 – May 31

\$55,000 in cash grants awarded + \$100k in professional services

Application Criteria:

- Founder/Co-Founder/CEO must identify as a woman or business must be majority-owned by a woman
- Company may operate in any industry, with the exception of Life Sciences, cannabis/CBD, and nonprofits
- Must have raised no more than \$750,000 in outside funding (including personal cash funds), but excluding research grants or other non-recourse, non-dilutive grants, or PPP loans
- Early-stage plans are welcome (need to show some indication of customer interest, such as customer sign-ups, LOI's, etc.)
- Must attend the annual Fast Pitch Event in October in person
- Business must be based in the United States

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Our Programs

UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Due Diligence Analyst Program

Apply March 1 – April 30

Application Criteria:

- Applicant must identify as a woman and be enrolled at a college or university for the 2025-2026 academic year
- The program will run from June through October 2025
- Each team of analysts and their mentor will be assigned a WFN Fast Pitch finalist company to analyze for its investment potential and prepare a due diligence report which they will present to the Junior Venture Capitalists and Fast Pitch Judges

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Our Programs

JUNIOR VENTURE CAPITALIST PROGRAM

Young women in grades 9-12 are invited to apply
Apply March 1 – April 30

Since 2014, this program has educated more than 250 young women about entrepreneurship and investing through event outings to meet with women business leaders, interactive online assignments, workshops teaching the fundamentals of business, and their participation in the annual Women Founders Network Fast Pitch Event as “venture capitalists for a day” to vote for their favorite company and present a sponsored cash award to their winner.

The Junior VCs walk away from the experience feeling confident, inspired, and motivated, knowing there is a strong community of women available to support them in achieving their goals.

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Support Women & Girls

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We welcome your support in any of the following ways:

- **Cash Sponsorship**
 - Fast Pitch cash grants for our finalist companies
 - Program sponsorship
 - Event sponsorship
- **Donate Services**
 - In-kind sponsors donate professional services such as accounting, legal, marketing/PR, tech, etc., to be awarded to our Fast Pitch finalists
- **Community Partners**
 - Partner with us to expand your reach and provide mutually beneficial perks for our respective networks
- **Volunteer** – Contact us to learn about current opportunities
- **Individual Donation** – Make a tax deductible donation to support our programs for women and girls

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We Can Make A Difference!

Access to Capital



We help women founders access the capital and expertise they need to launch their companies

Women Helping Women



Female-friendly environment and mentorship from top women professionals in the LA business community

Next Generation



Our Junior VC and Due Diligence Analyst programs educate and inspire the next generation of female founders and investors

WE ARE BUILDING THE FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR ECOSYSTEM

SINCE 2013

\$1.9 Million

Cash and Services Awarded &
Invested by WFN Members

\$250 Million+

Funding Raised
by Alumni

1,200+
APPLICANTS

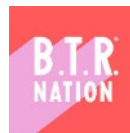
12,000+
ATTENDEES

7,000+
NETWORK
MEMBERS

80,000+
IMPRESSIONS &
REACH



Cooler Heads



THE HOST CO.



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What Our Finalists Say



Kaitlin Mogentale
Pulp Pantry
Founder

“Thus far, the assistance provided by WFN has far surpassed my expectations. Beyond the pitch competition, and the opportunity to speak to a crowd of potential investors and partners, I have received invaluable, ongoing support from network partners. I will be a forever fan and participant!!”



Fran Dunaway
TomboyX
CEO & Co-Founder

“My involvement with WFN has been a gift that keeps on giving. Not only did we get investors, we got mentors who have played a crucial role in our growth. I’ve gained not only a network of amazing, powerful women, but also new friends for life.”



Jen Yu
Jaxon Lane
Co-Founder

“This whole experience has pushed us to work on next steps - scaling, hiring, growing, fundraising - sooner rather than later. I’m so touched and inspired by your commitment to make the world a better place for all the women out there trying their hardest to become something.”

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WFN is a community of highly motivated women who come together to be inspired, to celebrate, and to invest in the future.

We invite you to join us!



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