

Terms & Conditions

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1. OVERVIEW

Thank you for your interest in the Paratus Digital Health Accelerator (the "**Accelerator**"). The Accelerator website is managed by Innovation Development Institute, Inc. d/b/a MATTER Chicago ("**MATTER**"), and all provisions governing your participation in this Accelerator (including the Services provided through it) are described in the terms and conditions ("**Terms**"). MATTER has sponsors that contribute to the Accelerator (collectively "**Sponsor**" or "**Sponsors**").

By registering and participating in the Accelerator, you, the participant organization, on behalf of itself, its officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives ("**you**" or "**Participant**"), are confirming the accuracy of the information submitted and hereby agree to be bound by these following Terms of the Accelerator.

By participating in the Accelerator, each Participant unconditionally accepts and agrees to comply with and abide by these Terms, which shall be final and binding in all respects. MATTER is responsible for the collection, submission and/or processing of Entries and the overall administration of the Accelerator and may be reached by email at paratus@matter.health during the Accelerator Period. The Accelerator is an open, global competition to identify and support entrepreneurs with digital health solutions that will empower the nation to prepare for and respond to health security threats and improve the continuum of care.

The accelerator begins at 9:00 AM Central Time (CT) on January 19, 2026 and ends on or about 11:59pm CT on March 27, 2026 ("**Accelerator Period**"). Participants are invited to submit innovative solutions that address one or a combination of priority areas below. All submission materials must be submitted through MATTER's online portal. The submission collection begins at 9:00 AM Central Time (CT) on October 15, 2025 and ends at 11:59 PM CT on December 3, 2025. During the entire Accelerator Period, MATTER's administrator's server/computer is the official time keeping device for the Accelerator.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Accelerator is open to all eligible individuals and legal entities. Solutions can include one or a combination of the priority areas listed below.

This program is seeking to accelerate digital health tools that enhance preparedness and response to public health emergencies due to:

- Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) threats
- Pandemic Influenza
- Emerging Infectious Diseases

Technology Focus Areas for this Accelerator Program:

- Rapidly deployable digital health technologies for screening, detection, diagnosis and/or risk assessment of health security threats including but not limited to Influenza and pandemic influenza, CBRN threats, and Emerging Infectious Diseases.

- AI algorithms and architectures that can enable MCM development specifically in de novo drug design, drug candidate repurposing, optimizing clinical trials, and addressing regulatory bottlenecks in the clinical development process.
- Combining novel analytic approaches, such as AI/ML, with broadly accessible data sources such as images, audio, sensors, or user data from smartphones/wearable devices; or other novel digital data sources for screening, detection, diagnosis and/or risk assessment of health security threats.
- Wearable IoT that produce accurate and reliable data which enables continuous and real-time monitoring for early disease detection and prediction, accelerating response to health security threats.

If your solution is working in another segment or space, please provide a narrative around how it relates to the focus areas above.

Participants should be entrepreneurs developing digital health solutions that can support preparedness, health readiness and mobilization. This global call for solutions is open to individuals and teams from across the innovation ecosystem — entrepreneurs and university-backed researchers of all stages with established proof of concept, evidence of product-market fit and business model potential.

Participants must complete a short application outlining the key problem being addressed, a description of the solution and its value proposition. All submission materials will be reviewed by MATTER. Based on a review of the submission materials, MATTER may select up to seven (7) Finalists ("Finalists") to proceed to an Accelerator phase.

Finalists must be available to participate in an 10-week virtual incubator ("Accelerator Phase") beginning on January 19, 2026 and ending on March 27, 2026, comprised of weekly touch point calls with innovation mentors and a broad set of stakeholders from across the healthcare community around how to best refine your solution as well as preparation for the final pitch. These meetings are facilitated primarily via conference calls or web conferencing platforms for ease of participation. The dates for all programs and meetings will occur during the Accelerator Period.

Finalists must participate in the final Showcase event in March 2026.

Age: All participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Personal Data: By submitting an application for this accelerator, the participant expressly consents to: (i) the collection, use and retention by MATTER and the Sponsors of the participant's personal and business information contained in the application for all purposes (including promotion and publicity) and (ii) the publication of the participant's name and entrepreneurial story on MATTER's and the Sponsors' websites as well as on their social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, Instagram, etc.). Any such information submitted will be transferred to servers located in the United States of America and treated under the laws of the United States of America.

3. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

You represent and warrant that all submissions in your Application constitute your original creative work, and that you are the owner of all rights, title and interest in or that you have valid licenses or other permissions fully to use and apply, the intellectual property rights ("IP") that comprise the product or service described in your Application, and that such submissions do not infringe upon the creative work/intellectual property rights of others. You represent and warrant that you have followed any invention disclosure process that may exist within your employment.

You represent that you have taken or have chosen not to take all appropriate steps to preserve and protect your intellectual property ("IP") rights in all appropriate jurisdictions. THE ACCELERATOR DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT YOU DISCLOSE IDEAS, DESIGNS OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ("IP") THAT ARE THE PARTICIPANT'S CONFIDENTIAL IP. THE ACCELERATOR CAN NOT AND DOES NOT ASSURE THAT ANY IP DISCLOSED IN THE ENTRY APPLICATION OR OTHERWISE IN THE COURSE OF THE ACCELERATOR WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED BY MATTER OR THE JUDGES. PARTICIPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY HAVE ACCESS TO THE IP. DO NOT DISCLOSE ANY IP THAT YOUR COUNSEL HAS NOT ASSURED IS PROTECTED.

Before submission, you should seek and be guided by your own counsel as to the desirability of seeking intellectual property protection for your Application.

4. DISCLOSURES

You further agree, by submitting information for consideration in the Accelerator, that any and all such information may be publicly disclosed, and that any presentations may be open to any interested parties, including the general public, as MATTER determines in its sole discretion.

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You agree that you are solely responsible for compliance with any/all laws, rules and regulations applicable to participation in the Accelerator, any awards that you may receive, and any and all taxes, withholdings or other governmental assessments in any jurisdiction, in or within the United States or elsewhere.

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