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Scratchpad Accelerator Running in Fall 2017 Focused on Female Founded Companies

Bangor, Maine — With a new focus on female founders, Dr. Jason Harkins and Lisa Liberatore are running Scratchpad Accelerator again this fall for female founded, scalable, and investment oriented companies. starting October 16 in the Bangor region. Scratchpad Accelerator is accepting applications through September 4, 2017.

Scratchpad Accelerator’s mission is to provide full-time support to help female founded companies scale quickly while building a vibrant mentor network and increased visibility among investors; in Maine and across the country.

The companies that participated in the 2015 pilot have gone on raise over \$1.25M in outside equity funding and have hired new employees in the last 18 months. They are serving markets across the nation and are actively growing revenues.

This fall, Scratchpad will work with four or five female founded, high-potential, high-growth entrepreneurial teams to validate their customer base, value proposition and business model. The selected startups will have access to over \$1 million in perks and discounts through Scratchpad’s participation in the Global Accelerator Network. Founders will be connected to the right mentors at the right time, participate in weekly goal-setting meetings and learn from weekly structured learning sessions to help build capacity and capability.

The accelerator will help entrepreneurs get to “go” or “no-go” decisions quickly — saving them time, money and energy — with the help of the Scratchpad team and statewide supporters.

The program, which will run for 6 months, will culminate with a Demo Day, at which each team will present its company to potential investors, community members and supports of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the greater Bangor region and throughout the state of Maine.

Scratchpad is currently taking applications on its website. The application deadline is September 4. To be eligible, 51% of the company must be owned by women, and the company must be looking to compete on a national or international scale and be open to bring on outside equity investors.

More details about the program is [online](#); questions can be sent to lisa@scratchpadaccelerator.com.