

Benefits an Entrepreneur Receives by Becoming a Member

Entrepreneur Innovation Center Framingham State University

1. **Use of a co-working space for at least 40 hours per week at the FSU Center.** Also included is a small café with free k-cup coffee and snacks, and use of a refrigerator and a microwave. File cabinet rental space, regular meetings and events, and regular use of a large projection screen in the conference room are available to the entrepreneurs as well.
2. **Assistance on your start-up from a team of University-paid undergrad interns.** Student interns with different competencies are under the supervision of Dr. Krim, the Center Director, or the Assistant Director (Dr. Ndinguri). Most entrepreneurs get between 6 and 10 hours per week of intern work time.
3. **Free parking next to the site.** The center is located one block from Route 9, near the Framingham Green, and 1.5 miles from the Exit 12 on the Mass Pike.
4. **Center space availability 5 days a week, roughly 8-9 hours a day.** It opens at either 8:30 AM or 9:00 AM, and closes at either 5:00 PM or 5:30 PM depending on the day.
5. **Included Workbar Membership.** As a Center member, you also become a member of **Workbar**, a regional group of co-working spaces for entrepreneurs. This permits you to work for free at least 5 days per month in Central Square, Cambridge in Boston's Financial District next to South Station. You can reserve a conference room for meetings at all four Workbar sites for a small fee. (Meetings can be reserved on Wobbe.) You also have the option of joining two networks of the 700 Workbar entrepreneur members – one a business network, the other a social network. The leads are invaluable, and social & networking events made available are great.
6. **Meet expert entrepreneurial speakers.** The Center hosts regular entrepreneur group meetings with expert speakers with particular relevance to start-up businesses: such as financial experts angel investors, Venture Capitalists, intellectual property lawyers, accountant/CPA, etc.
7. **University support.** This new Center has some important backup from the University unlike many co-working spaces.
8. **Surrounded by nearly a dozen entrepreneurs from different fields at the Center.** Some of the of the fields include IT, fashion, nonprofit, higher education, and many more.
9. **Walking distance from restaurants.** A 3-block radius from a dozen restaurants and coffee shops, some only a half-block walk away.