

Finding the best stream for your venture

Do you need clarification on what [CDL stream](#) is best for your venture?

To help decide which stream is right for you, here are some of the questions to ask yourself:

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How far are you willing to travel?

CDL streams require 1-3 in-person mentorship sessions that founders must attend at their cost. CDL covers the day-of experience.

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Do you want a domain-focused or tech-focused mentor pool?

If you have already selected your target application, consider a domain-focused stream (e.g., Climate, Energy, Risk, Fintech, Advanced Therapies, Cancer, Oceans, etc.) where you'll meet industry-specific entrepreneurs, executives, and investors.

If you are tech-based with multiple potential markets, consider a tech-focused stream (e.g., Prime, Matter, AI, Blockchain, Quantum, etc.) where you'll meet mentors who understand your tech.

There is a Stream for everyone!

CDL is a business mentorship program for deep tech startups. The experience for each participating team is rooted in the advice or "judgment" our mentors offer. All of our [streams](#) run the same program format; the difference between each stream is the people who participate (the mentors/partners) and the geographic location of the session days (the associated site).

Each specialized [CDL stream](#) pools mentors with similar interests and backgrounds to increase the probability that a participating venture meets the right collection of people to help them work through their specific objectives and challenges.



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Are you interested in pursuing non-local markets?

Yes - then consider a stream associated with a site that is in that market (e.g., a Health stream offered in Europe versus a Health stream offered in North America).

No - consider the stream most proximal to your venture.

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What mentors are best suited to supporting your venture?

The mentors you meet with are the core part of the CDL program. Review the [CDL mentors](#) from each stream to determine the pool that is the best fit for you and your venture. Each site/stream has a different collection of mentors.

Still unsure?!

Speak to a CDL staff member! Our team is trained to ask you questions to understand better where you might get the best experience.

Contact admissions@creativedestructionlab.com with a list of potential streams you are interested in (and/or a brief overview of your venture), and we can connect you to the appropriate team member.

Are multiple streams aligned with your venture?

Most ventures will think they could fit more than 1 stream. The best ventures are relationship builders, and CDL's mentorship program is a relationship-centric experience. Top ventures tend to have a valuable experience in any stream they participate in. You are allowed to select up to 5 site/stream preferences in your application. The CDL recruitment team will review your selections in order of preference to find the best stream fit. Here you will be able to explain your rationale for your choices, which will aid the CDL team in your matching process.

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