

Call for Proposals: Milwaukee Public Library Entrepreneur-in-Residence @ the Business Commons

Innovative, impactful, and community-focused entrepreneurs are invited to submit proposals for a six-or-eight week Entrepreneur Residency with the Milwaukee Public Library. Working collaboratively with library staff, the MPL Entrepreneur-in-Residence will develop and lead public workshops and offer one-on-one mentoring to support and educate entrepreneurs while helping build an ecosystem that develops, sustains and grows future entrepreneurs in Milwaukee.

The Entrepreneur-in-Residence will facilitate a minimum of six workshops during the length of the residency, host 4 hours per week of one-on-one mentoring appointments and collaborate with library staff to develop marketing materials and promote the residency. The Entrepreneur-in-Residence will be housed in the Business Commons @ Central Library, a unique co-working space in Milwaukee Public Library's Central Library.

Entrepreneur-in-Residence Stipend: up to \$3,300

Residency Dates: between March-April, resident must be available to collaborate on program development at least a month prior to the start of the residency

Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) Details:

- Six-or-eight-week residency between March-April 2025, up to \$3,300 stipend
- EIR will lead a minimum of six workshops or events
- EIR will host weekly office hours (4hrs/week) in the Business Commons @ Central Library

EIR Required Qualifications:

- Committed to developing Milwaukee's small business community by mentoring and inspiring new entrepreneurs
- Three or more years of successful business experience
- Excellent communication skills
- Proven record of starting a successful small or medium sized business in the Milwaukee area
- Experience evaluating business ideas and plans

EIR Desired Qualifications

- Bilingual English and Spanish, Hmong or American Sign Language

Proposal Deadlines:

Open Date: Monday, October 28, 2024, 9:00 AM CDT

Questions Due Date: Friday, November 22, 2024, 5:00 PM CDT

Close Date: Sunday, December 1, 2024, 5:00 PM CDT

Proposal must include:

- Cover Letter & Resume
- Proposal that addresses the following:
 - Please summarize skills and experience that will prepare you to be a successful library Entrepreneur-in-Residence (for example: mentoring & coaching, public speaking and presenting, developing business plans, certifications, and/or leadership experience).
 - The Library Entrepreneur-in-Residence will offer six workshops through the course of the residency. What are your proposed workshops and their intended audience(s)?
 - How would you ensure Entrepreneurship-in-Residence activities are welcoming and inclusive of diverse community members?

Entrepreneur-in-Residence Proposals can be sent to Library Procurement at libraryprocurement@milwaukee.gov