

“ The support and mentorship I received through the **FAST Launch** program were transformative for our company. As a student entrepreneur, I had an innovative product concept, but the program helped me refine that idea into a viable business. The guidance from mentors and collaboration with fellow participants helped me identify critical areas for improvement and gave me a solid foundation in business principles. The resources provided allowed us to secure early funding and achieve our first sales, which were pivotal moments for our company. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity and would recommend the **FAST Launch** program to any aspiring entrepreneur looking to bridge the gap between innovation and market success.”

– Zack Holloway, Co-Founder of Airborne Dynamic Systems

SD FAST Launch testimonial

“The grant money PorchLight received in our early stages of development was critical at that time for us. It allowed the company one more bridge of funding prior to our first sale and I am grateful to this day for the belief and support from South Dakota Biotech.”

– J Meyers, CEO and Founder of PorchLight

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“ I am definitely grateful for the support, mentoring, and financing I received from the **SD Biotech FAST Launch** program. As an academic, I started my company by developing a technology that I thought was "cool", then looked for a market to fit in. I was fortunate to go through the **FAST Launch** program early on, as I now know that my "cool" technology had no market. As of now, I have pivoted toward solving a real problem, found a supporting customer segment, and made more progress within the past semester than I have over the past two years. I hope that other reserachers, like myself, will get a chance to investigate a problem before investing years of development into a "cool" technology. Thank you.”

— *Marc*

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“ Being part of the **FAST Launch** Program led by Dr. Cota helped me establish my knowledge base so I could begin to understand what makes “a business” a business. It was encouraging to be part of a cohort where everyone received critical education and feedback from Dr. Cota and other mentors. In addition, the collaborative atmosphere among participants (and facilitators!) within the **Fast Launch** Program helped everyone identify opportunities for improvement within each venture. The training and experience in the **Fast Launch** Program is invaluable for individuals without a classical business background and I would recommend this program to anyone considering starting a business.”

– *Randy F.*

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