



# Applied Startup Technology & Research Accelerator - ASTRA 2024 WINNING TOGETHER

Collaborating with Materials to Systems<sup>™</sup> ecosystem to Make Possible<sup>®</sup> a Better Future



# WORLD'S #1

### semiconductor and display equipment company

Applied Materials, Inc. is the leader in materials engineering solutions used to produce virtually every new chip and advanced display in the world. Our expertise in modifying materials at atomic levels and on an industrial scale enables customers to transform possibilities into reality. At Applied Materials, our innovations Make Possible<sup>®</sup> a Better Future.



**\$26.52 billion** revenue



**\$3.1 billion** R&D investment



AMAT stock listing on NASDAQ



~34,000 employees in 150 cities, 24 countries









~19,600

patents

Headquartered

in California's

Silicon Valley



Applied Ventures, LLC is the venture capital arm of Applied Materials, Inc. For more than a decade, Applied Ventures has invested in start-ups that are pioneering innovations in smartphones, augmented reality and virtual reality, AI, driverless cars, big data, life sciences, 3D printing, robotics, cleantech, and advanced materials. Start-ups can gain access to new materials engineering and semiconductor technology innovations and leverage our global fab infrastructure to validate high-performance devices and scale faster. We offer start-ups atomic-level engineering capabilities on 200mm/300mm silicon wafers, glass substrates and roll-to-roll substrates. **Applied Ventures is stage agnostic and invests up to \$100M per year. To date, we have provided capital to more than 90 companies in 19 countries.** 

### Applied Ventures Sample Portfolio



For more details on collaboration and our investment portfolio, visit http://www.appliedventures.com

# About the Program

### Applied Startup Technology & Research Accelerator (ASTRA) 2024

Applied Materials is leveraging its technical and industry expertise to accelerate the growing startup ecosystems in India and Singapore. The aim is to collaborate with deep tech startups and transform disruptive possibilities into reality. With ASTRA, Applied Materials aims to engage with the ecosystem using multiple approaches from consultation and collaboration to joint development and investment opportunities. We also connect the selected startups with our network of customers, supply chain partners, and co-investors across leading corporate and financial venture capital firms.

Startups selected for ASTRA will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Fit to Applied technology & business
- Differentiation from existing market solutions
- High-value problems addressed
- Business model and growth potential



We are excited to engage with startups in India and Singapore through our annual ASTRA event and help bring their breakthrough innovations to market. In 2024, we invested in VVDN India and are looking forward to driving more investments in deep tech startups across the Materials to Systems<sup>™</sup> stack in the region. Our broader focus areas for this year include Generative AI, Semiconductors, Sustainability, Cybersecurity, Displays, Materials, Advanced Manufacturing and Supply Chain.

Anand Kamannavar, Global Head, Applied Ventures, LLC, and sponsor of ASTRA

# Focus Areas for ASTRA 2024

We are looking to engage with startups that have products, platforms and solutions in these areas:



Generative AI



Semiconductor and Display Technologies



Sustainability



Advanced Manufacturing



Cybersecurity and Data Management



Quantum Technology



Advanced Optics and Photonics



AI Hardware



India and Singapore play a critical role for Applied Materials in accelerating our R&D and commercialization of new technologies to address the needs of the rapidly growing semiconductor industry. Startups will play an important role in bringing new innovations and solutions to the challenges of the industry. Applied Ventures, the corporate venture capital arm of Applied Materials, seeks to invest and partner with the deep tech startup ecosystem through the ASTRA event.

Om Nalamasu, Senior Vice President, CTO Applied Materials, Inc., and President Applied Ventures, LLC

# ASTRA Program The Journey

Our program provides its participants access to the best of Applied Materials – its people, network and advanced technologies.

#### **REGISTER ONLINE**



Register here with your brief proposal and background

### STARTUP SELECTION



Shortlist of final selected startups to be announced

#### PITCH DAY



Startups to pitch their product/solution on the event day to a panel of technology SMEs and sector analysts

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#### INVESTMENT



If the proposed product/solution and fit are validated, AV will evaluate the startup as an investment candidate

### **Selection Criteria**

- Available demonstration of proof-of-concept or available within 3 months
- Ongoing engagement with customer/s or potential customers is an advantage but not mandatory
- IP portfolio and/or Freedom to Operate is an advantage
- The product/solution must align with Applied Materials' interest in semiconductor and display technologies, optical/photonics, software (GAI, cybersecurity, data management), advanced manufacturing/supply chain, quantum technology and sustainability.

# To Apply

- Applications for ASTRA 2024 are now open.
  Fill out the application form <u>HERE</u>
- In your executive summary, please include: biographical information of key management, description of the product and/or service, explanation of your market, competition and differentiation, funding history and business plan.

For any queries, reach out to Sankalp\_Patil@amat.com

### • Last date to submit application

- Announcement of shortlisted startups
- Pitch Day
- Venue

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 20th September, 2024
- 27th September, 2024
- 23rd October, 2024
- KTPO, Whitefield, Bengaluru

### Please note:

Once we receive the information, it can take 2-4 weeks for the initial review process. Please try to submit detailed information as part of your application. Upon completion of the initial review, you will either be asked to submit any required additional information or informed of our decision. Please do not disclose any confidential information to us.

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