



Entrepreneurship Incubator Lab (EIL) at the Upper Keys Center

Supplemental Form

Thank you for your interest in the Entrepreneurship Incubator Lab (EIL) at The College of the Florida Keys Upper Keys Center. The EIL is designed to support aspiring entrepreneurs, small business owners, and innovators through hands-on workshops, mentorship, networking opportunities, and a culminating Pitch Night Showcase.

Please complete all sections of this supplemental form. Selected applicants will be notified via email.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Applications Open: August 1, 2026

Application Closes: September 25, 2026

Cohort Begins: October 5, 2026

SECTION 1: APPLICANT BACKGROUND

Full Name:

Are you currently affiliated with CFK?

- ☐ Current CFK Student
- ☐ CFK Alumni
- ☐ Community Member
- ☐ Local Business Owner
- ☐ Other:

Current Occupation or Area of Study:

SECTION 2: BUSINESS IDEA OVERVIEW

Business Name (if applicable):

Industry/Business Category:

- ☐ Hospitality & Tourism
- ☐ Food & Beverage
- ☐ Retail
- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Marine Industry
- ☐ Health & Wellness
- ☐ Creative Services
- ☐ Professional Services
- ☐ Nonprofit/Social Enterprise
- ☐ Other:

Describe your business idea in 250 words or less:

What problem does your business solve?

Who is your target customer?

What makes your idea unique?

SECTION 3: BUSINESS STAGE

What stage best describes your business?

- ☐ Idea Stage
- ☐ Early Startup
- ☐ Operating Business (Less than 6 months)
- ☐ Established Business Seeking Expansion

Have you previously launched a business?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please briefly explain:

SECTION 4: GOALS & COMMITMENT

Why do you want to participate in the EIL?

What do you hope to achieve through the program?

The EIL requires participation in workshops, mentorship sessions, and presentations. Are you able to commit to active participation throughout the program?

☐ Yes

☐ No

SECTION 5: SUPPORT & RESOURCES

Which areas would you most like assistance with? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Business Planning
- ☐ Marketing & Branding
- ☐ Financial Planning
- ☐ Pitch Development
- ☐ Social Media Strategy
- ☐ Legal & Licensing Guidance
- ☐ Operations Management
- ☐ Networking & Mentorship
- ☐ Funding & Investment Readiness
- ☐ AI & Technology Tools
- ☐ Other:

SECTION 6: OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Would you be interested in competing in the EIL Pitch Night Showcase?

☐ Yes

☐ No

How did you hear about the EIL?

☐ CFK Website

☐ Social Media

☐ Friend/Referral

☐ CFK Faculty or Staff

☐ Community Organization

☐ Newspaper/Radio

☐ Other:

SECTION 7: CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURE

I certify that the information provided in this supplemental form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that participation in the Entrepreneurship Incubator Lab requires attendance, participation in program activities, and collaboration with mentors and fellow participants.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

QUESTIONS:

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