

The Center for Advancing Innovation Included in TIME's America's Best Incubators & Accelerators 2026 List



Bethesda, Maryland Aug 19, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The Center for Advancing Innovation (CAI) has been awarded on TIME's list of America's Best Incubators & Accelerators 2026. This prestigious award is presented in collaboration with Statista, the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. The award list was announced on August 18th, 2026, and can be viewed on [TIME.com](https://www.time.com).

The **America's Best Incubators & Accelerators 2026** ranking awards the top 80 incubators and accelerators across the United States based on three key dimensions:

- **Alumni Evaluations:** Feedback from more than 2,000 founders who participated in incubator and accelerator programs between 2020 and 2025. Alumni rated their overall experience through a general recommendation and assessed six key aspects, including mentoring and training, infrastructure, legal assistance, funding opportunities, networking, and business development advice.
- **Track Record:** An evaluation of each incubator's and accelerator's measurable founder outcomes, based on the top five startups they reported from their programs. These startups were assessed using information provided by the organizations, complemented by Statista's desk research drawing on publicly available sources such as official websites, presentations, and media coverage.
- **Expert Recommendations:** Endorsements from startup investors and seasoned entrepreneurs, who recommended the incubators and accelerators they know and regard most highly.

Based on the results of the study, The Center for Advancing Innovation is honored to be recognized on TIME's list of America's Best Incubators & Accelerators 2026!

Statista publishes hundreds of worldwide industry rankings and company listings with high-profile media partners. This research and analysis service is based on the success of statista.com, the leading data and business intelligence portal that provides statistics, relevant business data, and various market and consumer studies and surveys.

"Recognition is wonderful. Results are what matter," said Rosemarie Truman, Founder and CEO of the Center for Advancing Innovation. "At CAI, we have never believed in innovation theater. We believe in rigor, accountability, and measurable results. Our extraordinary community of entrepreneurs, mentors, judges, partners, and supporters has helped transform promising ideas into more than 480 startups that have raised over \$3.3 billion, while training more than 4,000 entrepreneurs. This recognition belongs to all of them. It is powerful validation that when you give talented people access to the right innovations, the right experts, and a rigorous pathway to execution, they can build companies, create jobs, solve meaningful problems, and generate extraordinary impact."

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