

## **SOSventures Establishes IndieBio, the World's First Accelerator Program for Biology Startups in SF, CA and Cork, Ireland**

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – September 22, 2014 – SOSventures a global venture capital firm, today announced the creation of an intensive program designed to give biotech companies broad support to explore and build new technologies and solutions using biology. The program is geared for consumer and enterprise companies in areas ranging from synthetic biology to bioinformatics and lab automation.

“Understanding and manipulating the genome will usher in a completely new way of living for all of us,” said Arvind Gupta, Partner at SOSventures and Co-founder of IndieBio. “When this happens, our society will be as fundamentally changed as we have seen from the invention of computers.”

Bill Liao, Partner at SOSventures and Co-founder of IndieBio program adds, “The first batch of six companies in Cork have exceeded all of our expectations. From synthesizing Cannabinoids in yeast to cow free milk, we believe this is the right time to double down on synthetic biology”

The accelerator program runs three batches a year: First in SF on Jan 15th, 2015 then in Cork on May 5th, 2015 and again in SF on Sept 1st, 2015. Companies will be selected by how disruptive their product will be to an industry and a demonstrable ability to execute the vision. Program participants will receive \$35,000 in seed funding in exchange for 8% equity. In addition, these companies will be housed in accelerator office in downtown San Francisco where the companies will have direct access to a biosafety level two lab and staff. Accomplished entrepreneurs, designers and executives will also serve as advisors during the duration of the program.

More information about the program, including details about the application process, can be found at [www.indieb.io](http://www.indieb.io)

### **About SOSventures**

We are a collaborative team of engineers, designers, mentors, problem solvers, inventors, technology pioneers, entrepreneurs and founders of global organizations. We are dedicated to our entrepreneurs and their vision of changing the world for the better.

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