



2025 HealthTech|X Accelerator

Recap Report



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2025 HealthTech|X Accelerator was another incredible success, thanks to the continued support provided by the US Department of Economic Administration grant, supplemented by The Florida High Tech Corridor through the University of South Florida Research & Innovation Center and USF Health/CAMLS (Center for Advanced Medical & Learning Simulation), Foley & Lardner, Insight Assurance, Levo Health and Thoropass, among others. As a nonprofit 501(c)(3), Tampa Bay Wave does not take any equity from participating companies, thus the impact of this third year's accelerator program would not be possible without this critical financial support. We are very grateful and happy to share the impressive impact metrics and examples in this report.

The 2025 cohort consisted of 16 healthtech startups recruited from across the US and beyond, selected from 139 applicants. The highly-credentialed startups selected for this year's cohort participated in an intensive multi-week program that included dedicated mentors, one-on-one coaching with notable tech founders, sales and pitch coaching, and investor introductions, all in an environment designed to support high-scale growth. The companies also benefit from ongoing support through Tampa Bay Wave's connections and access to further accelerate their development.

These companies received over 500 hours of mentoring and other support during the program, as well as invaluable exposure through press, social media, and Wave's signature events. The Welcome Reception was hosted at Hyatt Place/Hyatt House in Downtown Tampa, with opening remarks from Ed Buckley, Founder of Peerfit, a Wave alumni company, and by Dr. Haru Okuda of USF Health/CAMLS. Pitch Night was hosted again at the incredible CAMLS facility, also in Downtown Tampa; USF Provost Prasant Mohapatra was the keynote speaker.

Included herein are highlights from the 2025 HealthTech|X program, as well as spotlights on Otomo Health, Endless Health, VitVio and Superb. We have also included a 2024 alum update story from Ovum Health, to showcase the impact this startup had on just one of the lives they touched.

In aggregate, the healthtech companies who have come through Wave's Accelerators reflect \$80M revenue, 1,800 jobs, and raised \$468M in capital raised. This outstanding cohort accounted for \$8M revenue, 180 jobs, and \$30M in investor capital raised, but that's just the beginning. We look forward to reporting their achievements as they continue to scale.

On behalf of all of us at Tampa Bay Wave, we are incredibly grateful to all our supporters who have helped our startups to create 6,600 jobs and raise \$1.6 Billion in investor capital, up 600 jobs and \$600 Million just since January 2025. We can't wait to celebrate successes at our upcoming third annual Hall of Fame Awards Celebration in December 2025. The combined impact that investing in Wave's mission delivery has had for the participating founders and for the recipients and users of the technologies they introduced to the market has been incredible.



Linda Olson
CEO, Tampa Bay Wave

Thank you to our HealthTech|X Accelerator Sponsors

Tampa Bay Wave, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, expresses sincere gratitude to the generous sponsors of our 2025 HealthTech|X Accelerator. Their support is vital in enabling us to continue our mission of fostering cutting-edge startups and driving the growth of Florida's innovation economy!



Sam Li

EVP Cybersecurity & Compliance Services

“Our partnership with Tampa Bay Wave has been ongoing since 2023, and we’ve had the privilege of working with dozens of companies emerging from their programs.”

We appreciate the meaningful work Tampa Bay Wave does to support founders and we always enjoy seeing where their journeys lead.”



Alumnae Ovum Health's Client Story

When Ashley (client) found **Ovum Health**, she told them that it took 12 years of symptoms to be diagnosed with Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS). She was not getting the nutrition and lifestyle support she desired from her PCP or OBGYN, and was concerned that she would struggle to have a healthy pregnancy one day.

Ovum diagnosed Ashley with three additional conditions, common in those with PCOS, that her previous caregivers had not even looked for. She started on a 4-6 month preconception treatment plan that included medication management, custom supplementation, and lifestyle medicine.

Each week she met with her Ovum care team to review her nutrition, movement, restorative sleep, healthy habits, environmental exposures, hydration, emotional health and social support. At-home monitoring tracked her progress; she submitted diet and lifestyle logs, and tracked her compliance with Ovum's program.

For the first time in her life, Ashley's cycle normalized from 74 days to 34 days, with ovulation confirmed every month for four months in a row. When she decided to start trying for a baby, Ovum advised on medicated, timed intercourse, to control the growth of her egg and the timing of the release of the egg for the best possible chance at conception.

And she got pregnant!

The Ovum team then immediately started on a loss-prevention protocol, as chemical pregnancies are common for those with her condition. At 4.5 weeks pregnant a pregnancy-induced condition that often leads to loss was uncovered, so a supportive medication was added. In a routine setting, she wouldn't even see her delivering OBGYN until week 9 or 10 when it's often too late to catch what Ovum caught thanks to early and ongoing monitoring.

Ashley is now halfway through a healthy pregnancy with no signs of adverse pregnancy outcomes. Baby Boy is due in November and the Ovum team could not be more proud of her or her commitment to being a healthy mama with a healthy baby.



Alice Criscti
Founder and CEO of Ovum Health

OVUM

2025 HealthTech|X Cohort Spotlight



Mike Sanchez
Co-founder & CEO
Cambridge, MA

Otomo Health, co-founded by CEO Mike Sanchez, Kiyofumi Takanishi, and Dr. Kevin Yang, joined the 2025 Tech|X Accelerator to scale its AI-native healthcare platform that automates administrative workflows for healthcare providers.

During the program, Otomo successfully completed their funding round with investments from Roo Capital and Milemark Capital. The company's platform combines multilingual AI agents with EMR integrations to streamline patient engagement, addressing fragmented patient journeys and administrative inefficiencies. Otomo is transforming healthcare delivery with a focus on operational efficiency, improved patient outcomes, and enhanced provider profitability.

Endless Health, co-founded by CEO Cooper Galvin, joined the 2025 Tampa Bay Wave HealthTech|X Accelerator to scale its preventive cardiovascular medicine platform combining at-home blood testing with AI-powered coaching.

Endless Health successfully raised \$4.5M in Series Seed funding led by Next Coast Ventures and Asset Management Ventures, while expanding strategic partnerships with major healthcare organizations including the Family Heart Foundation and American Academy of Family Physicians. The company also developed the healthcare industry's first fully at-home clinical trial platform, completing early trials for medical devices in summer 2024.



Cooper Galvin
Co-founder & CEO
Austin, TX

Alumni Spotlight



Thomas Knox
Co-founder & CEO
London UK
2024 HealthTech|X

VitVio, co-founded by CEO Thomas Knox, joined the 2024 Tampa Bay Wave HealthTech|X Accelerator to scale its AI-powered computer vision platform that transforms surgical operating room efficiency and safety.

After the program, VitVio successfully raised an \$8 million seed round, while launching a pilot program with the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, one of the UK's leading medical institutions. The company also expanded its technology deployment capabilities and finalized partnerships with leading hospitals across the US, UK, and Europe.



Superb, co-founded by CEO Molly (Motsinger) O'Neil, joined the 2024 Tampa Bay Wave HealthTech|X Accelerator to scale its senior care staffing platform that connects healthcare workers with available shifts through a mobile app.

During the program, Superb successfully raised \$4.68 million in funding led by Proven Ventures, with participation from Invest Nebraska and Nebraska Angels, while expanding operations into Kansas and multiple states across the Midwest. The company also won the AIM Tech Startup of the Year Award in 2023 and has facilitated over 1,000 shifts for healthcare workers.



Molly (Motsinger) O'Neil
Co-founder & CEO
Omaha, NE
2024 HealthTech|X

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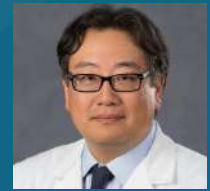
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Mentor & Investor Networks

Advisory Council + Mentor Network

Participating companies tapped into a network of 250+ volunteer mentors passionate about supporting early-stage startups. Some offer expertise in areas like HR, go-to-market strategies, or trademark law, while others provide ongoing CEO coaching. Various programming is designed to facilitate mentor introductions and relationship building between the startups and mentors. On average each participating startup gained 20–30 direct connections and received 100+ hours of hands-on guidance.



Investor Network & Demo Day

Startups in the 2025 HealthTech|X Accelerator tapped into Tampa Bay Wave's national network of 630+ investors and actively closed funding rounds through introductions made in the program. The program also drew 150+ registered investors for Demo Day, leading to dozens of follow-ups and investor meetings.

Wave's investor team continues to expand its reach in markets like NYC, Austin, and San Francisco while providing hands-on support with investor readiness and non-dilutive funding (SBIR/STTR). With portfolio companies surpassing \$1.5B raised, Wave ranks among the top five nonprofit startup accelerators nationwide.

2025 Tech|X Recruitment & Selection

139 Total Applications	75% Applications Outside of FL	27% Applications Outside of US	16 Companies Selected
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The 2025 HealthTech|X Accelerator year-round recruitment efforts attracted another cohort of exceptional healthtech startups ready to scale. Tampa Bay Wave's reputation as a "best-in-class" accelerator, combined with its extensive networks, continues to help attract top-level founders seeking strategic connections and expert guidance needed for long-term success in the healthcare technology sector.

We also credit the success of this year's recruiting cycle to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the University of South Florida (USF) for their long-term support, which has enabled Tampa Bay Wave to build a national reputation and a strong track record for scaling diverse-led healthtech startups. Because of this long-term support, we continue to see an increasing number of applicants, along with strong applicants referred by our alumni companies.

The 2025 HealthTech|X cohort exemplifies the exceptional talent we're attracting. The founders brought impressive backgrounds from leading organizations such as Microsoft, Meta, Apple, Intel, NVIDIA, JPMorgan Chase, McKinsey & Company, Blackstone, NASA, CVS Health, Pfizer, HSBC, Barclays, Tencent, Cardinal Health, Citi, LinkedIn, U.S. Air Force, and Intuitive Surgical.

Additionally, with degrees from top institutions like Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Columbia, Yale, Duke, Johns Hopkins, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, Emory, University of Chicago, Notre Dame, University of Texas at Austin, NYU, Case Western Reserve, University of Washington, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Purdue, University of Tampa, Baylor, National University of Singapore, and Dartmouth, the 2025 cohort represented the elite caliber of talent advancing through Tampa Bay Wave's HealthTech|X program. Several of this year's participants also bring deep academic expertise from leading research institutions, further demonstrating the value of Tampa Bay Wave's growing network of academic partnerships in the healthcare innovation space.

2025 HealthTech|X Accelerator Cohort

ACT MEDICAL

Architect
Health



curie dx

E N I A X

Endless Health

exact Rx

Hera
Fertility

GOLDFINCH
Health

PatientX

MOXIE
360

nurtur



otomo

Paterna

MetaPause
Personal Health Intelligence System

2025 Cohort Companies



I feel like I had to stumble and fall so many times before joining this program. But now, hearing everything you're sharing, it's all starting to click. It feels like there's a clear line in my journey – everything before this program and everything after. I'm truly grateful for the program and for all of you.

Alicia Tulsee Founder & CEO

ACT Medical (Cambridge, UK)

ACT Medical is a MedTech start-up looking to revolutionise the standard of care for penetrative trauma and reduce the mortality rates associated with violent crime.

Founder(s): Joseph Bentley

Website: actmedical.co.uk

Architect Health (New York, NY)

Architect Health is an AI-powered vendor management system that slashes costs and fast-tracks the right vendors for payers.

Founder(s): Sohumi Shah, Ibraheem Abdul-Malik

Website: getarchitecthealth.com

Asante Bio (Tampa, FL)

Asante Bio is a joint preservation company developing biomanufactured devices and orthobiologics for regenerative spine, orthopedic & sports medicine indications.

Founder: Dr. Michael Francis

Website: asantebio.com

CurieDx (Baltimore, MD)

CurieDx is building an AI software platform that predicts diseases, like strep throat and urinary tract infections with just a smartphone image. With 5+ conditions in our pipeline we're building a Lab in your Pocket.

Founders: Theres Canares

Website: curiedx.com

2025 Cohort Companies - cont'd.

Endless Health Inc. (Austin, TX)

Endless Health is building the infrastructure for longevity healthcare—starting with the most accessible, accurate, and actionable lab testing ever developed. Endless Health is reimagining how we detect and act on early signs of disease.

Founder(s): Cooper Galvin, Jiabao Li

Website: endless.health

Eniax (Doral, FL)

Eniax partners with healthcare providers to meet their administrative needs through a conversational AI solution (Patricia™) that ensures efficient and seamless patient communication across multiple digital channels, driving revenue growth, cost reduction and improving care quality across the entire outpatient journey.

Founder(s): Milan Djidara

Website: eniax.care

ExactRx (Nashville, TN)

ExactRx is a purpose-built platform for surgical services to recapture revenue leakage at transitions of care through intelligent workflow automation.

Founders: Athena Doshi, Ellard Li, Krumsiek

Website: exactrx.ai

Goldfinch Health (Austin, TX)

Better surgery and recovery. Lower costs. Fewer opioids.

Founders: Brand Newland, John Greenwood

Website: goldfinchhealth.com

Hera (New York, NY)

Hera Fertility is an AI-powered at-home sperm lab test platform that accurately predicts male fertility and overall men's health. We combine clinical-grade diagnostics, personalized insights, and treatment recommendations to give men a better fertility experience, from testing to improvement.

Founders: Thiv Paramsothy, April Rutter

Website: herafertility.co

Kelli Care (San Francisco, CA)

Voice AI teammates that move patients to care, cut admin work, and close critical care gaps.

Founders: Emily Sheng, Yutong Liu, Neil Movva

Website: kelli.care

2025 Cohort Companies - cont'd.

Moxie360 (Boston, MA)

Leveraging the success, brand trust, and national recognition of Moxie Scrubs, Moxie360 is a next-generation AI workforce enablement platform that empowers hospitals to strengthen nurse retention, improve clinical outcomes, and drive financial performance.

Founder: Alicia Tulsee

Website: moxiescrubs.com/moxie360

nurtur (Cambridge, MA)

Pioneering prevention of postpartum depression using AI and clinically validated protocols

Founder: Kristen Ellefson

Website: nurturcare.com

Otomo (Cambridge, MA)

AI-native concierge platform using voice and text agents to automate patient intake and engagement, enhancing clinic efficiency with predictive analytics.

Founders: Mike Sanchez, Kevin Yang, Kiyo Takanishi

Website: otomohealth.com

Paterna Biosciences (Salt Lake City, UT)

Paterna Biosciences is developing in vitro spermatogenesis for the treatment of male and couple infertility, helping the 50% of IVF failures related to sperm problems and men who make no sperm or poor quality sperm.

Founders: Alexander Pastuszak, Jim Hotaling, Brad Cairns

Website: paternabio.com

PatientX (Miami, FL)

PatientX is elevating the voices of clinical trial participants to capture real-time data, providing key stakeholders insights and benchmarking data to improve clinical drug development and clinical trial outcomes

Founders: Farah Ahmad, Jodie Huddleston, Elizabeth Sternke

Website: patientx.net

Kelli Care (San Francisco, CA)

The MetaPause is a foundational AI model + consumer app designed to help women 40+ take the wheel of their hormonal health, put an end to symptoms of perimenopause, and reverse the clock on aging.

Founders: Lauren Weiniger, Alisha Outridge

Website: themetapause.com

Programming

The 2025 HealthTech|X cohort companies had access to **over 500 hours of mentoring and support, including 70 workshops and training sessions** featuring an impressive lineup of expert speakers. Founders also benefited from numerous one-on-one coaching with our Mentor Network over 260 professionals.

Featured Speakers

- **Government/Military**

- David Wilkinson (SBIR/STTR expert)

- **Venture Capital**

- Raymond James
- Deepwork Capital
- Atlantic Health Ventures
- Altitude Ventures
- Orlando Health Ventures

- **Industry Experts**

- JustWorks
- Locality Bank
- Omni Public
- FounderSuite
- Rocket Proforma
- Thoropass
- Nvidia
- Gunderson Dettmer
- Insight Assurance
- Levo Health
- RevStar

- **Founders/Alumni**

- Koda Health
- Peerfit
- Allies
- Simplifed
- Beagle Labs
- VitVio
- Rook
- Pulse Charter Connect
- Futurecardia
- Davinci Wearables
- Winter Innovations
- Finni Health
- RxLive
- Ovum

- **Founders/Alumni**

- SBIR Funding, Process, and Hacks
- Navigating the Payer Landscape
- State of Venture Capital
- Financial Projections and Modeling Best Practices
- Maximizing Investor Outreach
- Building with an Exit in Mind
- Adding Generative AI to your Stack
- Leveraging AI and Infrastructure to build around AIs
- Immigration Best Practices with Tukki
- Professional Business Presentations
- Growth Strategies and Scaling Up
- Demystifying Payroll and HR
- Maximizing Revenue Opportunities Through Network Effects
- Sourcing and Managing Talent

Press & PR

Tampa Bay Business Journal Inno [article link](#)

Tampa Bay Business & Wealth Digital Magazine [article link](#)

Mentor & Community Partner Networks

Founders coming through Wave programs talk extensively about the connections they made by being in our Accelerators. Below are some examples of the networks they meet.

Wave's Mentor Network

Wave member companies have access to a wide network of professionals in our 260+ all volunteer Mentor network. These professionals have a passion for helping early stage startups. Some offer their expertise on specific topics (such as HR or trademark laws), while others may coach a startup on an ongoing basis, depending on what support the founder(s) need. We host regular Mentor mixers to build strong trusted relationships. Startups receive at least 20-30 direct mentor connections during their time in the program resulting in easily 100+ hours of consulting help.

Here is the [link](#) to the page on Wave's website, showcasing our Mentor network.

Wave's Community Partner Network

Wave has also built a strong community partner network, with both formal and informal agreements in place. We connect our member companies to a wide range of community partners, such as our economic development partners and others who can help our startups build their base in our community.

We also provide introductions to others ESO (entrepreneur support organizations) in the ecosystem to encourage their participation and to magnify their visibility and exposure. Logos from several of our community partners are shown below but more may be found under this [link](#) on our website.

Notables from Tampa Bay Wave's Community Network



Tampa Bay



Curriculum Days



Panel with **Ed Buckley** and **Dr. Richard Munassi**



Alumni Panel with **Andrea Ippolito**, 2024 HTX Alumni and Founder of Simplified



Cohort Bonding at a Team Dinner



2025 HealthTech|X Mentor Surge



Cohort Happy Hour!

Signature Events

Tampa Bay Wave opens every program with a Welcome Reception, and culminates with a Community Pitch Night. Both events serve to engage local business community and other partners.



Linda Olson
CEO,
Tampa Bay Wave



Key Speaker Ed Buckley,
Founder of Peerfit



Key Speaker Dr. Haru Okuda, Executive
Director of USF CAMLS



David Ioffe of Thoropass, a 2025 HTX sponsor,
connecting with cohort members.



Paul Sohl, CEO of Florida High Tech Corridor,
connecting with other attendees.

Signature Events – Pitch Night

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2025 HealthTech|X PITCH NIGHT

JULY 10, 2025 | 5:30PM - 8:00PM
Center For Advanced Medical Learning & Simulation (CAMLs)

FEATURED SPEAKER

Prasant Mohapatra
Provost and Executive Vice President,
University of South Florida

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Key Speaker



Dr. Prasant Mohapatra
Provost and Executive VP, University of South Florida



A crowd of 200+ guests enjoyed powerful presentations from our HealthTech|X founders and featured speakers!

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SBIR/STTR Consultant

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Shane Needham



Nick Outman



Penny Parks



Miraj Patel



Lance Raab



Cathy Ryan Reneer



Inga Schmitzer



Kathleen Shanahan



Andrew Smith



Elizabeth Urbanski



Lauren Weiner



Aaron White

ECONOMIC IMPACT



600+
STARTUPS SUPPORTED



1.6B
CAPITAL RAISED



6,800
NEW JOBS CREATED



24
EXITS

ACCELERATING FLORIDA'S INNOVATION ECONOMY

- AI
- DefenseTech
- MedTech
- FinTech
- EdTech
- CyberTech
- IoT
- SaaS
- eCommerce
- Hospitality
- HealthTech
- MarTech
- CleanTech
- BlueTech
- InsureTech

BUILDING BETTER FOUNDERS



STARTUP FOUNDERS FROM
30 COUNTRIES SHOWCASED TAMPA
AS AN INNOVATION HUB



23 COMPANIES RELOCATED
TO TAMPA BAY

ANNUAL REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT



1,248
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



1,300
HOTEL ROOMS



450
FLIGHTS THROUGH TPA



500
MENTORING HOURS



2,500+
TRAINING HOURS

Tampa Bay Wave Sponsor & Partner Community

Federal Support



Economic Development Partners



Pillars of Innovation



Tidal Wave Sponsors



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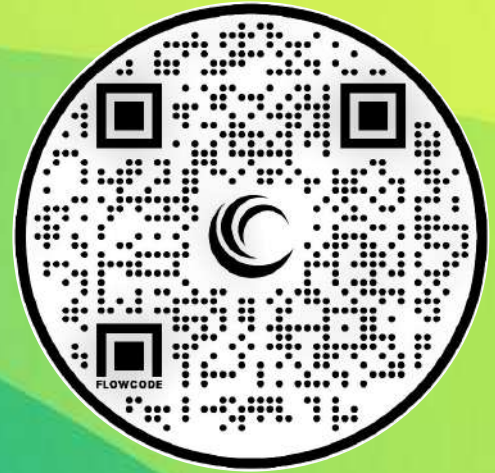


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