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# EMPOWER

PROGRAM FOR

HEALTH + WELLNESS

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# PURPOSE

The program is dedicated to bolstering the health and wellness fields by nurturing MBE and WBE entrepreneurs, providing vital support, and promoting diversity and innovation.



## PROGRAM SCOPE + OVERVIEW

### Empowering Diversity in Health & Wellness: Bridging the Gap for MBE and WBE Entrepreneurs.

The EMPOWER program is a holistic initiative aimed at empowering MBEs and WBEs in the health and wellness sectors. It offers technical assistance in crucial areas such as intellectual property, business incorporation, financial projections, market analysis, and website development.

The program includes an Accelerator, providing financial support and access to resources, alongside networking events and a workshop series. The mission is to support and elevate MBE and WBE entrepreneurs, fostering diversity and innovation in the health and wellness spaces.

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## WORKSHOP + LECTURE SERIES

The EMPOWER Workshop Series is designed to support Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises in both the health and wellness sectors, providing them technical assistance that has historically been less accessible to these groups. The program covers topics including intellectual property protection, business incorporation, financial projections, market analysis and validation, and website development.



## ACCELERATOR PROGRAM



The Accelerator is a component of the EMPOWER program that provides financial support to participants. Five participants will receive grants of up to \$10,000 each in financial assistance. This accelerator offers an environment that fosters growth, innovation, and collaboration, making it pivotal for MBE and WBE entrepreneurs who want to bring their health and wellness solutions to life.

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# INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

## WHO

- MBEs and WBEs in Medical Technology and Digital Health
- Minority and Female Entrepreneurs
- Minority and Female Industry Professionals
- Minority and Female Clinicians
- Any minority or woman interested in a holistic view of the health and wellness space

## WHEN

Applications open September 12.  
Program Start Date:  
Based on participant availability

## WHERE

Classes + workshops are held virtually and in-person at NEMIC and other spaces throughout RI.

## COMMITMENTS

This program is inclusive of Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises who identify as Black, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian American, Portuguese, and/or a Disadvantaged entrepreneur, inventor, and/or small business owner working on health and wellness solutions, and all are encouraged to apply.

## REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be an MBE and/or WBE who are working on health and wellness solutions or want to learn more about the industry, as well as other a Rhode Island resident, employed by a RI-based company or organization, or a student of a RI academic institution.

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Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis

## Questions about this program?

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