

TAU Community

The TAU Community is a platform for students and young professionals who are passionate about responsible innovation within the textile and apparel supply chain. The goal of TAU Community is to bridge new perspectives with experienced investors and operators to facilitate connection and thought leadership that can factually contribute to the transformation of the fashion industry value chain.

TAU Community members will share thought leadership content on at least a quarterly basis. Content development will include conducting research on existing and emerging technologies, markets, companies, and/or business models that distinguish themselves as responsible innovations for the industry. The platform will include major industry themes around which members' contribution should be articulated. As part of the research process, members may source and engage founders to develop an original thought paper and identify possible investment opportunities.

TAU Community members will benefit from ongoing access to the TAU Investment Management team, its Advisory Board and TAU's network for mentorship. As a long-term membership program, TAU Community will provide a platform for discussion, networking, and career support as students graduate and advance through their career.

What we offer:

- Access to network of experienced investors and operators
- Real world mentorship on how to evaluate startups like an investor
- Support from TAU team on how to develop a thesis and platform for publication of thought leadership on the TAU website
- Access to quarterly events to network with likeminded students and professionals
- Annual opportunity to be selected for a TAU Community award which includes TAU-sponsored travel to Hawaii
- Competitive market rate deal fee for successful deal origination
- Investment tag-along opportunities

Who we are looking for:

Students and young professionals who have a demonstrated interest in technology, investment, and/or entrepreneurship within the textile and apparel value chain.

You would be a great fit if you have had previous professional or internship experience in:

- Textile and apparel industry
- Technology, manufacturing, and/or operations
- ESG investments and responsible/sustainable manufacturing

Preference for students working towards:

- BS or MS in material sciences, engineering, business management, or environmental studies
- MBA

Program Details

- Remote, with opportunity for hybrid in NYC
- Ongoing membership
- This is not a paid role, however we offer competitive market rate deal fee for successful deal origination

Application

Deadline: January 31, 2024

Program Start Date: March 1, 2024

You can find the application [here](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

▼ What is TAU Investment Management?

TAU is a New York- and Hong Kong-based investment and advisory firm that enables leaders to make critical decisions at every connection point in the global apparel supply chain with a vision of seeing shorter, stronger, more sustainable upstream supply chain linkages as one of the biggest investment opportunities over the next decade.

TAU is an agitator for change. We believe that it is essential to understand the challenges and opportunities facing innovative start-ups, major manufacturers, big brands, and retailers. Alongside our advisory work, TAU makes investments in companies of all sizes to spur growth and development, including large growth equity commitments and early-stage venture deals.

You can learn more about us at <https://tau-investment.com/our-approach/>

▼ Is this a paid role?

This is not a paid role, however we offer introduction fee at market rate for successful deal origination that results in an investment from TAU Investment Management.

▼ How long is the program?

TAU Community is an evergreen initiative. Active membership to TAU Community requires quarterly contribution of thought leadership content. We welcome members to maintain membership for as long as they wish.

▼ What sectors do you invest in?

We focus on B2B innovation within the apparel and leather goods value chain. This include themes like manufacturing digitization and automation, water conservation, advanced materials, and supplier traceability.

▼ Can I apply even if I don't have experience in the apparel industry or investing?

Regardless of your experience, if you have a demonstrated interest in the apparel manufacturing and sustainability sector then please apply. We welcome diverse backgrounds and appreciate unique perspectives.

▼ When do applications begin?

We are actively reviewing applications on a rolling basis. The application deadline is January 31, 2024 for cohort to start March 1, 2024.

▼ Is TAU Community an internship/fellowship?

This is not an internship program, however exceptional contributors may be invited to apply for a paid internship with TAU Investment Management.

If you have any questions, please contact tau.community@tau-investment.com