



Accelerators

Successful Venture Creation and Growth

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Accelerators are a rapidly growing new form of organization that aim to stimulate entrepreneurship through intensive, limited-period educational programs, including mentoring and networking for the cohort of start-up participants selected for each program, to improve their ability to attract investment at the end of the program. Drawing on novel evidence from across the world, this is the first book to provide rigorous analysis of the nature and effectiveness of accelerators that will be invaluable for researchers, policymakers and entrepreneurs.

'The editors have assembled a distinguished group of scholars to weigh in on a timely, important, and under-researched topic: the role of accelerators in venture creation and growth. The end result is a lucid and insightful book. This is a "must read" for scholars, policymakers, and practitioners with an interest in the role of incubators/accelerators in entrepreneurship and regional economic development.'

– Donald Siegel, Arizona State University, US

'In this book, Mike Wright and Israel Drori do a masterful job in bringing together some of the best thinkers about accelerators and their growing role in today's dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystems. These authors address the functioning, contributions and the factors that shape the success of these accelerators. They also address how to manage them for greater value creation. The chapters are well written and highly integrated, making for a great scholarly contribution to the field of entrepreneurship.'

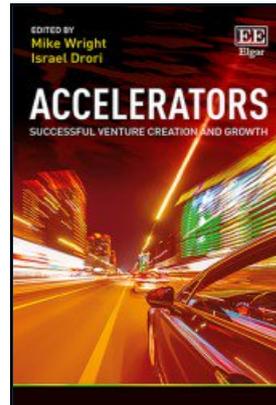
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'Professors Wright and Drori have written the definitive book on accelerators, which are an important new vehicle for supporting entrepreneurship. I recommend this book to anyone interested in contemporary entrepreneurship.'

– Martin Kenney, University of California, Davis, US

'Scholars as well as thought leaders in business and policy have been searching for the elixir to entrepreneurial growth. They need look no further. Wright and Dori have assembled and directed a leading team of internationally acclaimed scholar to highlight and analyze the key and unique role that incubators play in spurring entrepreneurial growth. The volume is loaded with compelling insights that will be invaluable to academics and practitioners alike.'

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