



ICBA ThinkTECH Accelerator

Since 2018, the nationally acclaimed ICBA ThinkTECH Accelerator has connected leading best of breed innovators with thousands of community bankers. Promoting growth stage financial technology solutions designed specifically for community banks and the customers they serve.

Through a proven methodology, the program identifies and supports providers and rapidly validates and refines emerging technologies to meet the evolving needs of the industry.

Are you ready to innovate and collaborate with community banks?

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Our Ideal Candidate

- Companies addressing challenges in deposit acquisition/retention, compliance, fraud, AI, data analytics, commercial lending, and connectivity+ more for community banks.
- Seed through Series A stage companies with a passion for community banking and their retail and commercial customers.
- Full production / active users

Your ROI (Return on Investment):

- A 10-week hybrid program with access to our Atlanta Innovation office, including face-to-face sessions with Bankers in Residence, SMEs, and fellow cohort members
- Direct collaboration with community bank decision makers to refine your solution
- Exclusive ICBA access to federal regulatory agencies and top core providers during our Regulatory & Core Day sessions
- An exclusive live pitch + networking opportunity at ICBA LIVE, the largest national conference for community banks worldwide
- Tap into ICBA's deep community bank education library to help you gain a deep understanding of community banking with access to a one-year Principles of Banking e-course and more
- A 1-year complimentary ICBA Corporate Membership (a \$5,500 value). With this membership you will get access to ICBA's detailed industry knowledge and insights through newsletters, Independent Banker magazine, and ICBA's membership only website. Plus, a listing in the ICBA Solutions Directory, a one-stop shop for community bankers to research solution providers.
- [Join a community of 70+ alumni](#)
- Get a chance to compete for the Bankers Choice, MVP (Most Valuable Participant), and the All-Heart Awards



[**Apply now**](#) and truly “accelerate” your company’s growth in the community banking sector.

Questions? Contact:

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Recruiting and Interview Timelines

Winter 2026 Cohort: January 5th -March 8th

September	Application review
October/November	Round 1 and Round 2 Interviews
November	Finalists selected
December	PR announcement
January	Kickoff week in ATL
February	Mid-Program week in ATL (Core Day/Regulator Day)
March	Graduation/Showcase @ ICBA Live

Spring 2026 Cohort: May 18th - July 24th

March	Application review
March/April	Round 1 and Round 2 Interviews
April	Finalists selected
May	PR announcement/Kickoff week in ATL
June	Mid-Program week in ATL (Fiserv Field Trip)
July	Graduation/Showcase @ The Graduate School of Banking in Boulder, CO

We accept applications year-round to support two hybrid programs.
The accelerator runs for 10-weeks including seven virtual and three in person.

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