



We're Hiring: Executive Director – Accelerate Augusta

600 Broad Street, Augusta, GA

Full-time | Up to \$90,000/year (commensurate with experience)

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Are you an entrepreneurial leader with a passion for innovation and community impact? Augusta Technical College is seeking a dynamic **Executive Director** to lead **Accelerate Augusta**, our hub for startup growth and economic development in the Greater Augusta region in collaboration with the Augusta Downtown Development Authority.

In this pivotal role, you'll design bold programs, forge powerful partnerships, and position Augusta as a regional leader in business innovation. If you're a strategic thinker, connector, and doer—this is your opportunity to make a lasting impact.

About Accelerate Augusta

Accelerate Augusta is a regional entrepreneurship initiative that helps founders, small businesses, and innovators turn ideas into scalable ventures. We provide programming, mentorship, resources, and community connections to foster inclusive, sustainable economic growth. Anchored within Augusta Technical College, we're building a collaborative ecosystem to support the next generation of local leaders and job creators.

About Augusta, Georgia

Located on the Savannah River, Augusta is a thriving hub for **cybersecurity, biotech, medicine, and manufacturing**. It's home to the **U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence**, a rapidly growing startup scene, and a culture-rich downtown.

Named one of the **Most Neighborly Cities in America** and a **Top Place to Start a Business**, Augusta offers a high quality of life—with the famous **Masters Tournament**, scenic riverwalk, and a vibrant blend of Southern charm and modern opportunity.

About Augusta Tech

Augusta Technical College, part of the Technical College System of Georgia, has been driving workforce and economic development since 1961. With 100+ programs across high-demand fields and a deep commitment to access and innovation, we serve thousands of students across five counties. We're accredited by SACSCOC and proudly lead regional efforts in technical education, adult learning, and entrepreneurial support.

What You'll Do

As Executive Director, you'll be responsible for:

- **Strategic Vision:** Lead Accelerate Augusta's long-term growth, aligning innovation with community and college goals.
- **Program Development:** Build and scale programs that help entrepreneurs start, grow, and thrive.
- **Partnerships & Fundraising:** Forge collaborations with business leaders, investors, nonprofits, and government. Identify and pursue funding opportunities.
- **Thought Leadership:** Represent Accelerate Augusta across the region—online, on stage, and in the media.
- **Team Leadership:** Mentor and manage staff, faculty collaborators, and volunteers to deliver results.

You'll report to Augusta Tech's leadership and work cross-functionally to elevate innovation across the college and community.

What You Bring

Required:

- Bachelor's degree or 5+ years of relevant experience
- 5+ years in entrepreneurship, small business, venture capital, or economic development
- Experience launching or scaling a business, program, or accelerator

Preferred:

- Graduate degree (MBA, MS, or PhD in business, tech, or related fields)
 - Proven success in partnership-building, fundraising, and strategic planning
 - Strong communication skills and comfort working with diverse teams and stakeholders
 - Knowledge of current business trends, innovation ecosystems, and entrepreneurial best practices
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Why This Role Matters

This isn't just a leadership job—it's a chance to shape an entire region's future. You'll empower entrepreneurs, spark new ventures, and help Augusta grow as a nationally recognized innovation hub.

How to Apply

This position will remain open until filled. To be considered, please apply through our Online Job Center and include your resume, cover letter, and unofficial transcripts. (Official transcripts will be required if hired.)

Finalists will complete a background check, and depending on the role, may also need to complete a motor vehicle report, drug screening, or fingerprinting. Male applicants ages 18–26 must provide proof of Selective Service registration.

Due to high interest, we're not able to contact every applicant. If selected for an interview, we'll be in touch directly.

Apply Now

If you're ready to lead boldly, build intentionally, and create meaningful impact—we want to meet you. ***Apply today and join us in accelerating the future of business in Augusta.***

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

The Technical College System of Georgia and its constituent Technical Colleges do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, sex, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam Era, spouse of military member or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of all technical college-administered programs, programs financed by the federal government including any Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I financed programs, educational programs and activities, including admissions, scholarships and loans, student life, and athletics. It also encompasses the recruitment and employment of personnel and contracting for goods and services.