

**SEED Innovation Hub at Longwood University**  
**Participation and Release of Liability Agreement**

**Participant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Text

Student/Employee ID (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Text

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Text

Campus Address(if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Agreement of Terms:**

I understand that the SEED Innovation Hub at Longwood University provides access to tools, equipment, workspaces, and mentorship for innovation, entrepreneurship, and technical projects. The Innovation Hub operates with both staff and volunteer mentors, and Longwood University makes no express or implied representation regarding the adequacy of training or supervision provided. I agree to the terms outlined below.

**2. Safety and Conditions of Use:**

I agree that I am personally responsible for my safety and actions while using the SEED Innovation Hub. I agree to use the facilities, tools, equipment, and materials as instructed, for their intended purpose(s) and to utilize safety gear for each task. If I need to perform an activity about which I am unsure, or if I have any question questions regarding proper use of tools or equipment, I will consult with Innovation Hub personnel. I will not use any tool, equipment, or material until I have received appropriate instruction. Further, I will not use any equipment that requires prior certification (e.g., CNC machines, saws, etc.) unless I have obtained proper certification from Hub personnel. I will comply with all Hub policies, guidelines, signage, and instructions. I acknowledge that fees may apply for use of certain equipment, tools, or materials and that I am responsible for any damage or loss caused by my use. I understand that the Innovation Hub is open to other participants and

that confidentiality is not guaranteed. I am responsible for monitoring and labeling any materials I bring into the space, and the Hub is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen property.

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### **3. Assumption of Risk:**

I acknowledge that participation in activities at the SEED Innovation Hub involves inherent risks, including but not limited to, exposure to hazardous tools and machinery, electrical equipment, chemicals, and fabrication processes. These activities can result in injuries such as cuts, burns, eye injuries, allergic reactions, strains, fractures, or more severe bodily harm. Additional risks include but are not limited to, slips, falls, electrical shock, exposure to dust and fumes, improper tool use, equipment malfunction, and risks due to negligence of other users or Hub personnel. I assume full responsibility for any and all risks of injury, damage, or personal loss resulting from my participation, whether caused by my own actions, the actions of others, or the negligence of Longwood University or Longwood University affiliated entities, including, but not limited to, the Longwood University Real Estate Foundation.. I affirm that I am in good health and do not have any conditions that would prevent safe participation.

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### **4. Release of Liability:**

With full awareness and appreciation of the risks involved, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, and personal representatives, hereby forever release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue Longwood University, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and affiliates, including but not limited to the Longwood University Real Estate Foundation, from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly arising from my participation in SEED Innovation Hub activities. This release includes but is not limited to liability for negligence, property damage, injury, or death resulting from my use of the Hub's facilities, tools, equipment, or materials.

### **5. Indemnification:**

I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Longwood University and its affiliates, including but not limited to the Longwood University Real Estate Foundation, from any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, costs, and expenses (including legal fees) arising from my participation in SEED Innovation Hub activities. This includes claims due to bodily injury, property damage, or financial loss, whether caused by my negligence, the negligence of others, or the negligence of Longwood University.

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**6. Rules and Conduct:**

I agree to follow all safety protocols, equipment usage guidelines, and rules set forth by the SEED Innovation Hub. I understand that failure to comply with these rules may result in loss of access to the facility. I further agree to respect staff, mentors, and fellow participants while engaging in activities at the Hub.

**7. Intellectual Property and Work Product:**

I acknowledge that any projects, designs, or prototypes I create within the SEED Innovation Hub remain my intellectual property unless otherwise agreed in writing. However, I grant Longwood University permission to photograph, document, and use my image and any images of my work for promotional and educational purposes.

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**8. Acknowledgment and Signature:**

By signing this agreement, I confirm that I am at least 18 years of age (or have obtained parental/guardian consent), have read and understood the terms of this waiver, and acknowledge that I have the right to seek legal counsel before signing.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Participant is under 18:**

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SEED Innovation Hub Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_