

Spring 2025 DESIGN CATALYST

Eligibility Guide

To be eligible to participate in the spring 2025 design catalyst program, you must meet ALL of the below requirements



All business owner(s) must be of low-moderate income as determined by the RI Department of Housing and Urban Development's requirements for Providence, RI. View the full requirements [here](#), or see the chart below. Accepted applications will be required to present their 2023 Tax Returns

HOW TO DETERMINE YOUR INCOME LEVEL:

1. Determine the number of people in your household (children and adults) as claimed on your 2023 taxes & select the appropriate column. For example, if you claimed 3 children on your 2023 taxes, you would select the "4 Person Column."

	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
80%	\$62,950	\$71,950	\$80,900	\$89,900	\$97,100	\$104,300	\$111,500	\$118,700

2. Using your 2023 tax return (Form 1040), locate your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on Line 11. This number includes the total income from adults aged 18 or older claimed on your taxes.

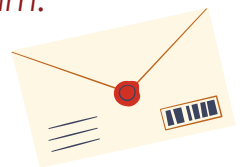
11	Subtract line 10 from line 9. This is your adjusted gross income	11	\$83,020
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3. If your Adjusted Gross Income is LESS than the amount in the household size column you selected in Step 1, you fall below the 80% threshold set for Providence by the RI Department of Housing and Urban Development. For example, if you selected the "4 Person Column," and your AGI on your 2023 Tax Returns was \$83,020, you made less than the 80% threshold of \$89,900. Therefore, you qualify as low-moderate income and are eligible for the Design Catalyst Program! If your AGI was higher than \$89,900, you are above the 80% threshold and do not qualify.

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Business owner(s) must maintain a primary residence in Providence, RI. This includes all owners, even those not participating in the program. Accepted applications will be required to produce proof of residence (ex. a signed lease or utility bill) with the business owner's name and address.



Participating businesses must have a Providence, RI business address. This can be demonstrated through a registered business address, utility bill, or lease. If you do not have a separate business address, you may use your home address.



Participants must have an existing creative or design micro-enterprise (five or fewer employees including the owner(s) / current interns).



Participating business must be a commercial enterprise (full-time student-owned businesses or nonprofits are not eligible).



Participants must accept the commitment to participate in the full six-month program including attending classes, meeting with their mentor, submitting status reports, submitting reimbursement requests, engaging with their peers, and participating in the final showcase.