

# The Oxford Angel Fund Announces First Close of Fund III and Rebrands to Oxonian Ventures

*Oxonian Ventures the leading early-stage investor in Oxford Alumni founded companies, announces First Close of its \$15 million, Oxford Alumni Venture Fund III.*

PALO ALTO, CA, USA, July 9, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Oxford Angel Fund, the leading early-stage investor in Oxford Alumni founded companies, announces the First Close of its \$15 million, Oxford Alumni Venture Fund III, and has rebranded to [Oxonian Ventures](#) to reflect its investment focus on pre-seed, seed and Series A investments in Oxford Alumni founded companies.



With the growing emphasis by the University of Oxford on innovation and entrepreneurship, we are excited at the companies that Oxford Alumni are founding.”

*Paula Skokowski, General Partner, Oxonian Ventures*

Since its inception in 2016 the Oxford Angel Fund has invested, across two Funds, in 30+ companies founded by Oxford Alumni. Over this period the Fund has shifted its investment focus beyond angel stage to early stage venture investing. Now raising Fund III, Oxonian Ventures has completed its First Close and is open to Oxonians who

are U.S. accredited investors.

“Fund III represents an important milestone as we scale up investments.”said Paula Skokowski, General Partner, Oxonian Ventures adding “With the growing emphasis by the [University of Oxford](#) on innovation and entrepreneurship we are excited at the companies that Oxford Alumni are founding.”

The University of Oxford has an 800 year history as an educational institution and has been ranked the #1 University in the World in 2022 and 2023 by the Times Educational. The word, “Oxonian” refers to a student or member of the University of Oxford. The new name, Oxonian Ventures, reflects the unique focus on investing in Oxonian founded companies, using investment capital from Oxonians. An alma-mater relationship between founder and investor has been shown to afford ventures a higher likelihood of success, with alumni-connected investments 33% more likely to lead to an IPO.

The Fund is led by general partners, all Oxford Alumni: Neil Wolff (Management Studies, Lincoln), Paula Skokowski (Engineering Science, St. Edmund Hall) and Cameron Turner (MBA,

Christchurch.)

“The University of Oxford is a leader in innovation - attracting some of the most brilliant, innovative and entrepreneurial students, researchers and faculty, from all corners of the world” says Chas Bountra, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Innovation, University of Oxford. “We are fortunate to have great leadership and critical mass in medical sciences/ STEM subjects, social sciences and humanities. We are determined to use the might of our university, our brand name, our convening power and our global alumni/ industry/ government and funder networks to address the most pressing problems facing our planet. To date we have spun out more than 300 companies. We are now attracting more investors, corporates and scale up entrepreneurs into our local ecosystem. Another important priority is to enable many more female founders.”



Oxonian Ventures Logo showing Oxford Spires Skyline

News in conjunction with this rebranding announcement:

- Investment in Oxonian Ventures Fund III is now open to U.S. accredited investors who have studied at the University of Oxford.
- The target size for Fund III is \$15M.
- With the announcement of the First Close of Fund III, Oxonian Ventures will now begin making investments.

#### About Oxonian Ventures

Oxonian Ventures is the leading early-stage venture fund investing in Oxford alumni founded companies, using investment capital from Oxford alumni and affiliated institutions. With a portfolio of over 30+ companies Oxonian Ventures brings together Oxonian founders and investors to move ventures forward and elevate the visibility and reputation of Oxonian founded companies.

[www.oxonianventures.com](http://www.oxonianventures.com)

Paula Skokowski

Oxonian Ventures

+1 650-224-9561

[email us here](#)

Visit us on social media:

[LinkedIn](#)

---

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/725191379>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2024 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.