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## Young Immigrant Entrepreneurs

# Living the American Dream

One of the most highly-motivated, capable groups of individuals in America is often taken for granted: young immigrant entrepreneurs. They leave their home countries to bring their dreams to live in the land of opportunity. Immigrants are some of our most brilliant innovators, researchers, and scientists. They make up only 12% of the U.S. population but in recent years hold 30% of its patents, 47% of its doctorates in science and engineering, and 25% of its Nobel Prizes.\* Young immigrant entrepreneurs are tackling challenging problems, building successful companies, creating jobs, and adding to the economy.

While there are political factions with anti-immigration agendas, the facts will not change: immigrants are twice as likely to start businesses than U.S.-born citizens. According to *Inc. Magazine*, between 1995 and 2005 immigrants founded 52% of all new Silicon Valley companies, with 25% of them raising VC funds. In 2012, tech companies founded by immigrant entrepreneurs employed over 560,000 people and generated over \$63 billion in sales.

Well-known immigrant entrepreneurs, including Sergey Brin, Elon Musk, Peter Thiel, and Vinod Khosla, have built some of the world's most successful companies. If not for immigrants, Google, PayPal, Tesla, Evernote, Reddit, and many other companies would not exist. With new ideas and diverse perspectives, young immigrant entrepreneurs are leading promising startups that could be the next unicorns.

- What drives these young entrepreneurs to immigrate?
- How do they overcome the many challenges that they face?
- · Are they concerned about immigration reform affecting their companies?

Join us on January 30, 2018, to find out.

\* Source: Bernard Munos, Senior Fellow, FasterCures

#### Moderator

Mohit Aron Founder and CEO, Cohesity

#### Panelists

Iba Masood Co-Founder and CEO, TARA.AI Tenzin Seldon Co-Founder and CEO, Kinstep Gary Kurek Founder and CEO, Kügar Adelanwa Adesanya Co-Founder, Moving Analytics

#### **Special Presentation**

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#### Tuesday, January 30, 2018

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

6:00 pm: Reception and demos 7:00 pm: Panel discussion (with Q&A)

SRI International Conference Center 333 Ravenswood Drive Menlo Park, CA 94025

Register at the link below.

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