

Research Dialogues

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**From Acceleration to Independence: An Empirical Validation of
a Mechanism-Based Model**

Abstract

This study investigates how startup accelerators influence ventures' ability to operate independently after program completion. Drawing on a mechanism-based framework, it examines how capability formation, resource autonomy, and program-venture fit contributes to post-program venture independence. Using survey data from accelerator alumni, the research explores the conditions under which accelerator support translates into lasting entrepreneurial autonomy. The findings contribute to a deeper understanding of accelerator effectiveness by moving beyond traditional measures of growth and funding success toward the longer-term development of independent ventures.

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