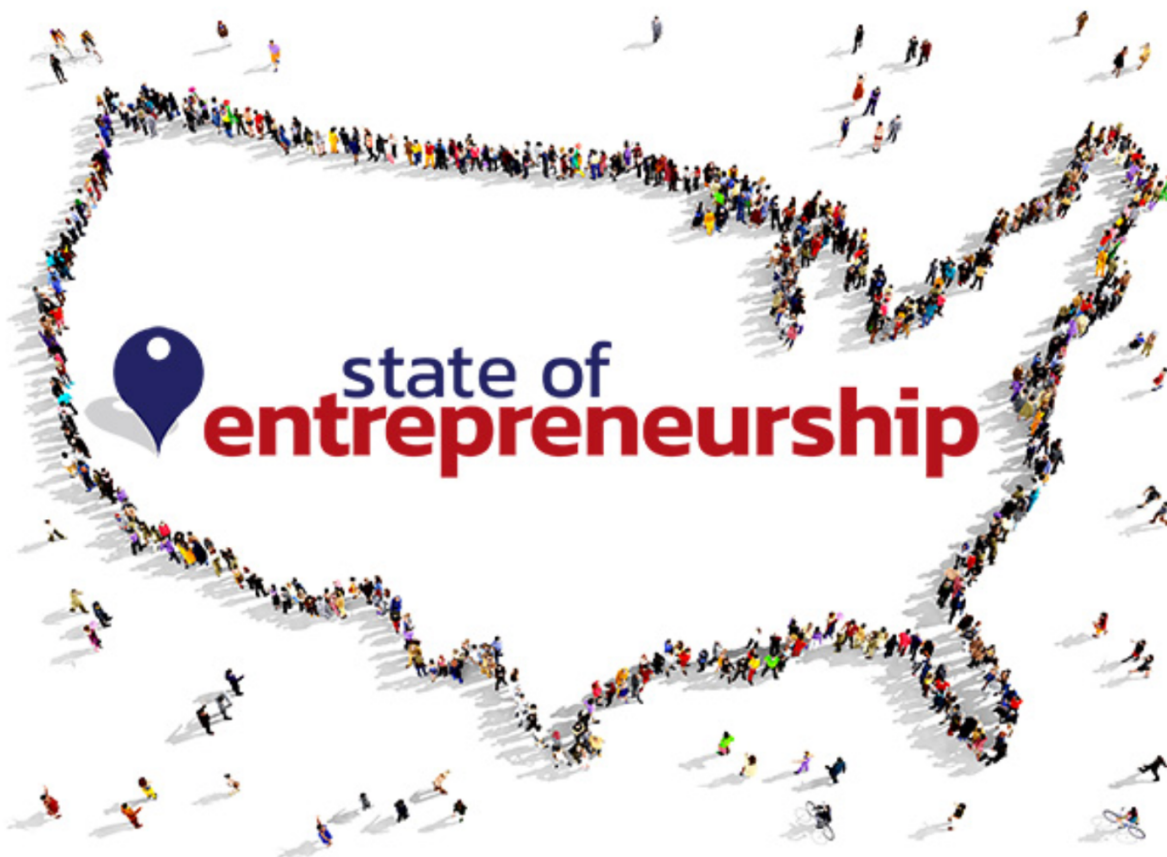


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In 2016 and 2017, the University of Michigan and EFN conducted a multi-institution empirical analysis of mentoring in startup ecosystems to determine what helps entrepreneurial teams and mentors thrive in mentorship programs. This research was funded in part by the Kauffman Foundation.

Effective mentoring programs are very difficult to structure and execute, even with the best intentions and reasonable budget. This report finds that university programs lag behind non-university accelerator programs along several important dimensions when it comes to matching mentees to mentors and providing support during the program and following up after the completion of the program.

This is the largest study to date that examines success factors in mentoring. Respondents included 820 people from university and private accelerator programs: entrepreneurs, founders, students, researchers, mentors, investors, company executives, university faculty and staff and program directors.

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