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My hope for St. Louis is to create an open and inclusive work culture where qualification and achievement are celebrated no matter what your background. I am excited to be a part of that conversation and change.

*company: b&c designers
origin: india*

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Be persistent and always believe that the American success stories for all immigrants are real and achievable.

*company: fro-yo
origin: malaysia*

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Immigrant Entrepreneurship Program



St. Louis Mosaic Project

GOAL: As foreign-born in the St. Louis region are 60 percent more likely than native born to start a business, the Mosaic Project wants to connect immigrant entrepreneurs to the resources to successfully launch a business. Increasing the number of immigrants who start high-tech or neighborhood businesses will add to St. Louis' economic prosperity.

IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEURSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

Eight entrepreneurs representing various ethnic groups meet quarterly, host receptions at regional locations for potential foreign-born entrepreneurs, and evaluate the progress of Mosaic Project's outreach to foreign-born entrepreneurs in the community.

ANNUAL IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

Develop an immigrant entrepreneur award program.

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM

Neighborhood business ecosystem for neighborhood/retail business ideas providing access to funding, competitions, business plans and space. St. Louis County Library connects immigrant entrepreneurs with training at the regional level. Leverages the International Institute's business and loan programs.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS

Sponsor space/prizes for international student entrepreneurs through local universities, ITEN and co-working spaces such as TechArtista.

HIGH-TECH BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

Connects immigrants with a high-tech concept to groups, including: CET, BioSTL, ITEN, T-REX, STLventureWorks, and Cambridge Innovation Center. Works with Arch Grants' foreign-born winners.

ST. LOUIS FELLOW

Select an entrepreneur to serve as a part-time "fellow" with foreign-born entrepreneurs, leveraging high-tech and neighborhood resources, while connecting them to tools and providing education on business planning.

To be the fastest growing major metro for foreign-born by 2020.

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