



Clearbridge Accelerator

About Us

Clearbridge Accelerator is the new Singapore incubation and early stage venture arm of Clearbridge Partners, an Asian venture capital firm. All our team members are Singaporean technopreneurs and young scientists who share the desire in building inspiring and impactful companies back in our nation. Clearbridge Accelerator has been selected by the Singapore National Research Foundation (NRF) as a government supported incubator under the Technology Incubator Scheme (TIS) to nurture early stage technology start-ups.

Our objective is to translate core technologies from the laboratory into commercial products that will result in sustainable and lasting enterprises. We focus on key emerging and disruptive technologies that we believe will make a dramatic impact in tomorrow's world, and our incubator will provide the necessary funding, mentorship, operational and execution discipline to deliver determined and accelerated results.

Initiatives and Investment Focus Areas

BioMedical Devices, Nanotechnology, Advanced Material Sciences/Ceramics and Computational Algorithms.

Management Team

Johnson CHEN Managing Partner

Mr Chen is the Managing Partner for Clearbridge Partners, a Hong Kong venture capital firm. Prior to founding Clearbridge, Mr Chen worked at Pacific Century CyberWorks Limited, the incumbent and leading telecommunications company in Hong Kong. Mr Chen is a member of the pioneering team at PCCW and was the President of CyberWorks Ventures, the venture capital and direct investment arm of PCCW. Mr Chen was also the youngest member of PCCW's Mergers & Acquisitions executive committee, and was responsible for much of PCCW's strategic expansion and many of its successful acquisitions and investments.

Mr Chen has more than 12 years of entrepreneurship experience with start-ups, being the co-founder of 2 start-up companies, and where both companies were successfully exited. Mr Chen has also given talks on entrepreneurship in Hong Kong and the United States, including the Sloan School of Management at MIT. Mr Chen is an active angel investor and is a member of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park (HKSTP) incubator selection panel.

Mr Chen is also the recipient of the prestigious Sword of Honour, awarded by the President of Singapore, for graduating top in his officer cadet course during his national service with the Singapore Armed Forces, and holds a B.A., M.A. and M.Eng from the University of Cambridge, U.K.

Chee-Wah CHONG Partner

Mr Chong previously worked as a Communications Security Program Manager at the DSO National Laboratories. He won the prestigious KINETIC Award in DSO for his outstanding technical contributions to various initiatives in the defence sector. He oversaw various cryptographic and communication systems as well as direct research & development investments in excess of S\$5 million annually. He was also the key technical decision maker on various national level projects.

Prior to working at DSO, Mr Chong was with the Directorate of Research & Development (under the Defence Science & Technology Agency) as a Country Manager, where he was responsible for the long term strategic R&D plans for the Ministry of Defence. Mr Chong was also the Assistant Director of Finance Policy at the Ministry of Health (MOH) where his responsibilities included policy matters on Singapore's key medical financial schemes.

Mr Chong is the recipient of the Public Service Commission's Local Merit Scholarship and has a B.Eng and M.Eng (Electrical Engineering) from the National University of Singapore.

LIM Chwee Teck Affiliated Partner

Professor Lim holds a joint appointment at both the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Bioengineering at the National University of Singapore (NUS). His research includes nanobiomechanics of human diseases, biomedical devices and nanobiomaterials. He is founding member of both the Bioengineering Programme and the NUS Nanoscience & Nanotechnology Initiative. He heads the Nano Biomechanics Lab which conducts research in cell and molecular biomechanics with a focus on human diseases such as malaria and cancer as well as the mechanics and applications of polymeric nanobiomaterials.

Professor Lim has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed articles and delivered more than 130 invited talks in international conferences and institutions. He holds 10 pending or filed patents for his inventions. He has also won several research awards including Best Paper awards, Best Poster awards and a Young Investigator Award in international conferences.

He is currently the associate editor or editorial board member of 8 international journals. He is also a Professional Fellow of the Institute of Nanotechnology, U.K. and a Fellow of the MIT-Singapore Alliance. He has technopreneurial experience being the co-founder and shareholder of an NUS spin-off company and has licensed his technologies to the industry.

Professor Lim's research was cited by MIT Technology Review as one of the top ten emerging technologies of 2006 that will "have a significant impact on business, medicine or culture".

Professor Lim holds a B.Eng (First Class Honours) from the National University of Singapore and a Ph.D from the University of Cambridge, U.K.

YANG Chang Huei Affiliated Partner

Professor Yang is a full tenured Professor of Electrical Engineering and Bioengineering at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). He is the world's leading authority on optofluidics and has recently been included in Discover's "20 Best Brains under 40 in Science" (2008) list as one of the best young scientists in the world.

Professor Yang is also the recipient of the MIT Lester Wolfe Fellowship (1997-2001), the Institut National de la Sante et de Al Recherche Medicale Post-doctoral Fellowship (2002) and the Singapore Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*Star) Post-doctoral Fellowship (2002-2003). His awards include the NSF CAREER award (2006), the Coulter Foundation Early Career Translational Research Award Phase I (2006) and the Coulter Foundation Early Career Translational Research Award Phase II (2008). A/P Yang is also the associate director of the DARPA Center for Optofluidic Integration (2004-2008), and the Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optic (CLEO) 2008 biomedical optics committee chair.

Professor Yang is a prolific writer and inventor, and holds more than 15 patents and inventions in his name, and has numerous research and book publications.

Professor Yang is one of the very few individuals to complete a triple degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) having read B.Sc Mathematics, B.Sc Physics and B.Sc EECS concurrently. He also holds an M.Eng in EECS and a Ph.D in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from MIT.