

Lumenuity Selected as Finalist for Pepperdine's Most Fundable Companies of 2025

Revolutionary Optics Company Recognized Among Top Companies from Thousands of Applicants

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 24, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- the innovative optics company whose technology can substantially boost optics performance for phones, drones, and augmented reality today announced it has been selected for Pepperdine's Most Fundable Companies Winners' Circle for 2025. This recognition, presented by the Pepperdine Graziadio Business School, honors the most innovative and investment-worthy companies in the United States.

The competition's finalists and winners together represent the top 1% of the estimated 2,300 early-stage companies that participated in the competition, and Lumenuity was among those awarded this honor after going through a rigorous evaluation process that focuses on investor due diligence criteria, including financial viability, market opportunity, intellectual property strength, and business model innovation. The announcement was made today at the annual gala showcase event in Malibu, California, attended by over 200 investors, venture capitalists, and industry leaders.

"We are deeply honored to be recognized by Pepperdine as one of the Most Fundable Companies of 2025," said Dr. Benjamin Shapiro, CEO and co-founder of Lumenuity. "This award is a testament to our team's dedication to transforming mobile optics through our groundbreaking Light Unfolding technology. We're grateful to the distinguished judges for their time and thorough evaluation, and we're humbled to be selected from such an exceptional pool of innovative companies. This recognition validates our vision of bringing DSLR-quality imaging to pocket-sized devices and opens new opportunities to accelerate our mission."

The recognition comes as Lumenuity continues to gain momentum in the competitive mobile optics market. The past year has been one of remarkable success and momentum for Lumenuity. The company successfully completed a prestigious DARPA project, demonstrating the versatility and advanced capabilities of their optical technology for government applications. This achievement is anticipated to lead to additional company development in the AR (augmented reality) space. Additionally, Lumenuity has continued deep technical discussions with multiple tier-one smartphone manufacturers, positioning the company for potential partnerships that could bring their revolutionary technology to consumers worldwide.



As part of that momentum, Major General Stephen T. Sargeant, USAF (Ret.) has recently become an advisor to Lumenuity. Sargeant has 30 years of senior leadership experience in aerospace and defense operations, strategic planning and other areas of business. He is currently the CEO of a test and measurement company that supports military, aerospace and manufacturing organizations.

Sargeant added, "Lumenuity's technology could double the effective range and resolution of current optical sensor systems on both UAS and satellites, delivering superior performance in a more compact and lightweight form factor than competing solutions. This breakthrough enables enhanced imaging capabilities while reducing the size, weight, and cost constraints that have traditionally limited sensor deployment on space-constrained platforms."

Beyond smartphones, Lumenuity's technology offers widespread applications in drones, augmented reality systems, and other compact optical devices.

About Lumenuity:

Lumenuity is a cutting-edge optics company delivering groundbreaking technology for enhanced optical performance in compact systems. Co-founded by Dr. Benjamin Shapiro and Dr. Edo Waks, experts in optics, electrical engineering, and quantum technologies, the company's Light Unfolding® technology unlocks new imaging possibilities across multiple applications. Lumenuity provides custom solutions tailored to partners' needs and is backed by a prestigious advisory board with decades of leadership experience at top-tier smartphone and AR companies.

Learn more at www.LumenuityInc.com.

About Pepperdine Most Fundable Companies

The Most Fundable Companies List is an annual program hosted by the Pepperdine Graziadio Business School aimed to promote startup business development by providing pathways for startup funding and inspiring entrepreneurial spirit across the nation. An estimated 2,300 companies across all 50 states applied for the 2025 program. The Pepperdine Graziadio Business School's Most Fundable Companies Showcase presented by the Singleton Foundation for Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship took place on September 24, 2025 at Pepperdine University's Villa Graziadio Executive Center.

SOURCE Lumenuity, Inc.