Chain Reaction Innovations (CRI) is a two-year fellowship for early-stage science startups developing clean energy and climate technologies.

CRI’s mission is “to open Argonne’s door to deliver on our promise of a sustainable, prosperous, and equitable world—one innovator, one startup at a time.”

Through an annual nationwide application call and competition, four to six individuals are selected to join CRI. Using a cohort model, participants get support and encouragement from their peers. Innovators are mentored by an Argonne scientist and supported by the regional ecosystem.

WHAT WE DO
☐ Help startups bring their green technologies to market
☐ Leverage Argonne National Laboratory’s unique capabilities
☐ Shorten hard tech development timeline
☐ Provide a two-year fellowship, benefits, and travel allowance (valued at more than $240,000)
☐ Offer research funding for technical work at Argonne (valued at $200,000) as well as business development coaching and mentorship

WHY IT MATTERS
☐ Unlock the tremendous public assets at a national laboratory to create a higher probability of success
☐ Create an exponential chain reaction effect in STEM workforce development
☐ Level the playing field for clean tech founders to bring their tech more quickly to market
☐ Maintain U.S. global leadership in energy innovation

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