Question 1

Funding programs to support seed accelerators like the Ohio Third Frontier’s One Fund program, angel investor incentives such as the Pre-Seed Capitalization Program, and entities that support venture capital funds such as Ohio Capital Fund are examples of programs put in place to increase access to capital and mentoring for start-up companies. Are these types of programs even necessary in an entrepreneurial hub like Silicon Valley? Would this type of support be useful and if so, feasible in your community?

--Give a short overview of the investment climate in your country.

--Are you aware of active seed funding, incubation, mentorship, and other investment opportunities for entrepreneurs that support different stages of growth (early, later, late stage)?

--How do their investment sizes differ?

--Which are the most active investors in your country (based on number of deals made)?

--If no such programs exist in your community, why do you think that is?

--Based on your knowledge of your local region or country, what would your advice be for local entrepreneurs seeking capital?

What would your advice be for local and/or foreign investors?

Word Count requirement: Minimum 150 words \*\*NOTE: Check your writing in a word count program before submitting to be sure you have achieved the required word count \*\*

Soft Deadline (for full credit): Thursday, November 6, midnight EST

Hard Deadline (for partial credit): Thursday, November 13, midnight EST

Note: Your assignment MUST BE WRITTEN IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Please do not copy and paste text from another source. This is meant to be a thought-provoking assignment that helps you to think about your own entrepreneurial ecosystem. If you do use other source material to back up your claims, please make sure to cite your sources.

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