

**Empowering teens through
real-world experience in
high-skilled careers.**



Why we need a dedicated space

A dedicated space with equipment is the key to providing an opportunity that changes the experience youth have with learning:

- *Our goal is to attract youth who may not be a good fit for traditional schooling; a space that is unaffiliated with any school or public institution is more attractive to teens and gives them the freedom and power to make the space and the fellowship their own*
- *This space will allow us to create an untarnished culture around our core values of empowerment, pride, diversity and community. Fellows will “own” the space, and a centralized hub allows us to accept diverse youth from all around the city to learn and work together*
- *A dedicated space will serve as a real creative agency for our SPIRE fellowship. This creates a dynamic that allows us to take project-based learning to the highest level: learning will more closely model the professional world, meaning our fellows get higher-quality career preparation*