

Reid Hoffman

Co-Founder, LinkedIn, Manas AI & Inflection AI. Founding Team, PayPal. Author of Superagency. Podcaster of Possible and Masters of Scale.

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My current priority is investing in and building with AI to benefit humanity. Recently, I've co-founded Inflection.AI and ManasAI.co.

I am active in all facets of the consumer internet and software industries. My focus spans product development, innovation, business strategy, and finance. My expertise also extends to general management, operations, business development, talent management, and marketing. I have founding and investing experience with seed-stage to massive scale companies such as LinkedIn, OpenAI, PayPal, Airbnb, Facebook/Meta, Mozilla, and Zynga, as well as world-scale companies like Microsoft. My specialties include general management, product development, strategy, negotiation, financing, deal structuring, international business, marketing, brand development and management, business development, public relations, press strategy, payments infrastructure, financial services, mergers and acquisitions, startups, software development, operations centers, board management, and investing.

EXPERIENCE

Member, World Economy Advisory Board

Jan 2026 — Present

SEMAFOR

Semafor World Economy is dedicated to empowering global decision makers to navigate extraordinary complexity by curating the richest insights, ideas, and diverse perspectives on the new world economy.

Dean's Senior Fellow

Jun 2025 — Present

Cambridge Judge Business School

Cambridge, England, United Kingdom

Visiting Senior Fellow

Feb 2025 — Present

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

London Area, United Kingdom

Appointed as a Visiting Senior Fellow at LSE's Data Science Institute (DSI).

I will interact with LSE students and faculty and participate in events including discussions and workshops during my visits to London. In the role, I will draw on my experience in technological entrepreneurship and the impacts of new technologies on society, the function of education and the university, and geopolitics of technology.

Co-Founder, Executive Board Chair

Jan 2025 — Present

Manas AI

Manas AI leverages proprietary AI, generative computational chemistry, and best in class biology to cut the timeline and costs of traditional therapeutic discovery and transform the treatment of cancer and rare disease.

While we're still in the early stages of contemporary AI development, initiatives like Manas AI show how close we already are to advances that can profoundly change the world. Success in our quest will give thousands of oncologists around the world new therapeutics to combat diseases that have shaped human existence since before recorded history, constraining human possibilities and causing immense suffering and loss. The future of medicine has never held more promise.

Distinguished Fellow

Oct 2024 — Sep 2025

Columbia University

New York, United States

Institute of Global Politics

Co-Founder, Board Member

Mar 2022 — Present

Inflection AI

Palo Alto, California, United States

Inflection AI is a public benefit corporation leveraging our world-class large language model to build the first AI platform focused on the needs of the enterprise.

I helped start Inflection AI to further a vision where artificial intelligence empowers individuals and amplifies human capabilities. In March 2024, an expanded team of kind, innovative, and collaborative individuals grew Inflection's scope to focus on building enterprise AI solutions.

Board Member

Aug 2021 — Jun 2024

Joby Aviation

Santa Cruz, California, United States

Joby Aviation is an electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft company aiming to redefine urban transportation. Its aircraft promise zero-emission, quiet, and efficient air travel.

Joby is a pioneer in the future of sustainable, urban transportation.

Board Member

Mar 2019 — Feb 2023

OpenAI

San Francisco Bay Area

OpenAI is creating Beneficial Artificial Intelligence for society, humanity, and industries. OpenAI's mission is to ensure that artificial general intelligence (AGI) benefits all of humanity.

In 2015, I was honored to be the earliest investor in OpenAI, and serving on the company's board during the launch of Chat GPT – which kickstarted the broad AI revolution. In 2023 I stepped down from the company's board to avoid conflicts of interest, though I still remain dedicated to OpenAI's growth, and the larger mission to use AI to benefit humanity.

Board Member Jan 2019 — May 2023
Neeva *Mountain View, California, United States*
Neeva is search re-imagined. Always ad-free, private, and personal. Co-founded by Sridhar Ramaswamy (ex-SVP of Ads at Google) and Vivek Raghunathan (ex-VP of Monetization at YouTube).
I served on Neeva's board until their acquisition by Snowflake in 2023

Advisory Member Aug 2018 — Present
Reinvent Capital *Seattle, Washington, United States*
Reinvent partners with bold leaders of category-defining companies to help them grow and innovate at scale.

Board Member Jan 2018 — Present
Aurora *Palo Alto, California, United States*
Aurora is a leading autonomous vehicle technology company, focused on self-driving solutions for freight, delivery, and passenger transport. The Aurora Driver platform integrates hardware, software, and data services to enable safe and efficient transportation.
Aurora is a bet on the transformative potential of autonomous technology to revolutionize logistics and mobility while addressing pressing challenges like safety and efficiency in transportation.

Board Member Sep 2017 — Present
Entrepreneur First *London Area, United Kingdom*
Entrepreneur First identifies founders with extraordinary futures before anyone else, embedding them in a community of ambitious peers and giving them the tools they need to succeed, fast. We back them before they have a company, a team, even before they have an idea, based purely on talent.
Serving on Entrepreneur First's board has allowed me to play a small role in fostering entrepreneurship by investing in individuals and giving more exceptional leaders access to capital.

Chair Aug 2017 — Present
Village Global *Seattle, WA*
Village Global is a network-native VC firm backed by tech industry luminaries. When you join a Village, seed capital is just the beginning. Village helps you go faster with an incredible founder community, expert advice, and game-changing introductions.
As the Chairman of Village since 2017, I have supported the community as we've built a network of experienced founders and advisors who are democratizing access to startup wisdom.

Board Member Aug 2017 — Present
NAUTO *Palo Alto, CA*
Nauto develops AI-powered driver and fleet safety systems to reduce collisions and improve driving behavior. By leveraging real-time insights, it enhances operational efficiency for businesses and supports safer roads for all.
Backing Nauto is an opportunity to leverage AI to make the roads safer while driving value for thousands of businesses.

Board Member Mar 2017 — Present
Microsoft *Seattle, Washington, United States*
Microsoft's mission is to empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more.
I believe in technology's power to empower people and transform industries. Microsoft exemplifies this mission at a global scale. Joining the board allowed me to contribute to a company that is using AI and cloud computing to amplify human potential and enhance productivity and creativity for billions.

Honorary Fellow Oct 2016 — Present
Wolfson College, Oxford *Greater Oxford Area*
I first attended Wolfson College at the University of Oxford as a Marshall Scholar, earning an MSt in Philosophy in 1993.
It was a privilege to be awarded an Honorary Fellowship by my alma mater in 2016.

Board Member Jan 2016 — Oct 2023
Convoy Inc *Greater Seattle Area*
Convoy is a digital freight network that uses technology to optimize trucking logistics, reducing costs and environmental impact. It connects shippers with carriers through a seamless platform.
I served on Convoy's board until 2023, when the company transitioned to become a part of Flexport.

Board Member Nov 2014 — Sep 2024
Blockstream *London Area, United Kingdom*
Blockstream is a leader in Bitcoin and blockchain technology, offering solutions for scaling, security, and decentralized financial systems. Its products include the Liquid Network and Bitcoin mining services.
Since 2015, I have been writing about the power of Blockchain technology to redefine finance and ownership online. Serving on Blockstream's board allowed me to support that vision and a dedicated team of builders.

Board Member Oct 2014 — Dec 2024
Coda *Palo Alto, CA*
Coda is a collaboration platform that combines the power of spreadsheets and databases into a flexible, dynamic workspace. Their technology makes it so everyone can work together, in their own way, off a single source of truth.

Partner

Greylock

Greylock partners with entrepreneurs to build market-transforming companies. Notable Greylock portfolio companies include Linkedin, Airbnb, Facebook, Workday, Roblox, Palo Alto Networks, Dropbox, Pure Storage, Instagram and Discord.

My primary focus is world-class entrepreneurs with bold new ideas with the possibility of massive scale. I also focus on companies in domains where my product and entrepreneurial experience applies strongly: artificial intelligence, consumer internet, enterprise 2.0, mobile, social gaming, online marketplaces, payments, SAAS, and social networks.

Nov 2009 — Present

Seattle, WA

EDUCATION

Università degli Studi di Perugia	May 2024 — May 2024
Honorary Doctorate in Human Sciences	
University of Oulu	Jan 2020 — Jan 2020
Honorary Doctor in Faculty of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering	
The University of Oulu is an international science university which creates new knowledge, well-being and innovations for the future through research and education. The University of Oulu, founded in 1958, is one of the biggest and most multidisciplinary universities in Finland.	
Babson College	Jan 2012 — Jan 2012
Honorary Doctor of Laws in Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies	
Oxford University	Sep 1990 — Jun 1993
M.St. in Philosophy	
Activities and societies: Wolfson College, Matthew Arnold Prize (Proxime Accessit)	
Stanford University	Jan 1985 — Jan 1990
B.S. in Symbolic Systems	
Activities and societies: Marshall Scholar, Dinkelspiel Award, Golden Grant, Founder of the Symbolic Systems Forum	
The Putney School	Jan 1982 — Jan 1985
Diploma in Highschool	
Activities and societies: X-country skiing, soccer, rebuilding Nova Scotia house	

CERTIFICATIONS

Sigillum Magnum, University of Bologna	Sep 2023
Member, Academy of Arts and Sciences, Academy of Arts and Sciences	Apr 2018
Marshall Medal, UK Marshall Commission	Jun 2017
CBE, Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom	Mar 2017
Global Benefactor, Churchill Club	Aug 2016
Distinguished Citizen Award, Commonwealth Club	Apr 2014
David Packard Medal of Achievement Award, TechAmerica	Aug 2012
Martin Luther King "Salute to Greatness", Martin Luther King Jr. Center	Jan 2012
Visionary Award, Silicon Valley Forum	Jun 2010
Superagency,	
Impromptu,	
Masters of Scale,	
Blitzscaling,	
The Alliance,	
The Startup of You,	

SKILLS

CEOs · Founding · Early-Stage Startups · Start-ups · Entrepreneurship · Strategy · Product Management · Venture Capital · Business Strategy · SaaS · Business Development · Social Media · Mobile Devices · Leadership · Viral Marketing · Product Development · Angel Investing · Product Innovation · Management · Consumer Internet