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studystay was born out of a simple yet frustrating reality: subleasing as a college student is a headache. From confusing listings and scattered communication to the constant risk of scams, finding or offering a sublease shouldn't be this difficult.

That's what Mahati and Ryan, students at the University of Virginia, set out to change. After hearing their friends and classmates vent about the hassle of subleasing, they realized the problem wasn't just common, it was systemic. They decided to tackle this issue by building **studystay**: a platform designed specifically to make subleasing safe, simple, and student-friendly.

Since launching, **studystay** has gained real momentum. Mahati and Ryan are part of UVA Darden's 2025 iLab cohort, where they're refining their startup under the guidance of experienced entrepreneurs. The platform also earned 2nd place at the HooHacks Ideathon and is recognized as a VentureForward Fellow by the UVA School of Engineering.

studystay is already helping students find reliable subleases. This is just the beginning of a long journey and commitment to creating a better subleasing experience for students.

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