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Young SDG Innovators Program Mentors: Call for Applications

Global Compact Network Canada is seeking SDG Innovation Mentors to take part in its inaugural innovation accelerator program, the Young SDG Innovators Program, beginning in October 2020.

The UN Global Compact Young SDG Innovators Program engages young professionals from companies participating in the UN Global Compact around the world to learn how to use the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a catalyst for the development of new products and services. Running in 10+ countries and engaging high-performing young professionals ('Innovators'), the program activates future business leaders and creative minds, and challenges them to rethink traditional business models and unlock new business opportunities. Each team of young Innovators will, over the course of 10 months, work on a challenge specific to their company with the goal of designing more sustainable business models, initiatives and products that will advance the company's sustainability efforts while driving innovation and delivering tangible solutions with potential market value.

SDG Innovation Mentors will help shape the ambitions and plans of the Innovator teams, serving as advisors to the teams as they identify a sustainable development challenge relevant to their company and develop a solution that will address it. Mentors will support the teams in their efforts to frame their challenge, applying sustainable business and innovation concepts to create prototypes and tangible business solutions with real market potential. Throughout the programme, Mentors will play a pivotal role in shepherding the team's journey from ideation to development to a presentation of their solution to their company's senior management.

Time Commitment

Applicants can choose to either mentor a single team, or small group of teams (no more than 6 individuals) over the course of 10 months; or mentor teams during one or more of the program phases. Each program phase lasts a period of 6-8 weeks.

Participation as a Program Mentor combines 5-6 days of virtual meetings and an estimated 3-4 hours monthly of consultations with Innovator teams over the course of 10 months. Participation as a Phase Mentor combines 1-2 days of virtual meetings and an estimated 3-4 hours monthly of consultations with Innovator teams over the course of 2 months. For more information on the program phases, please see the [Program Outline](#).

Benefits

As part of the Young SDG Innovators Program, Mentors will have the unique opportunity to apply their skills to a team project that also has a positive societal impact. In addition, Mentors are able to:

- Contribute to the development of real SDG business solutions working with a talented team of future business leaders and innovators
- Serve as a role model and advisor for high-performing young professionals from leading companies who have a passion for business becoming a force for good
- Develop training and leadership skills on applying the SDGs to the innovation design process
- Gain access to exclusive professional development and capacity-building events



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Desired Qualifications

Professionals with knowledge of organizational change, business model innovation, developing of new products and markets or design thinking are highly encouraged to apply. Mentors from a wide range of industries and organizations are welcome. Mentors should have a deep knowledge of innovation, entrepreneurship or intrapreneurship as it relates to sustainable development and a drive towards seeing business become a force for good. Experience and/or knowledge of design thinking principles and leading or facilitating workshops to cultivate design thinking innovation process is a plus. Working proficiency in English is desirable which will allow for interaction and collaboration with peers from other global companies.

Mentors will be required to agree to confidentiality and to confirm that there is no conflict of interest related to each round of the programme in which they are engaged.

If you wish to take part in the program, please send your resume to programs@globalcompact.ca, or get in touch with us at this email address.

Candidates who fit the profile of Mentors, **can also offer up time as Facilitators.**