



Global Compact
Network Canada

**YOUNG
SDG
INNOVATORS**



Invest in the Next Generation of Innovators

The UN Global Compact is proud to introduce the Young SDG Innovators Program (YSIP), a development program designed to accelerate business innovation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The program activates future business leaders and change makers, challenging them to rethink traditional business models and unlock new business opportunities.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

During this ten-month virtual accelerator program, select young professionals ('Innovators') from companies participating in the UN Global Compact will:

- Connect to entrepreneurial young professionals from around the world to leverage the Sustainable Development Goals as a catalyst for the development of new products and services relevant to their business.
- Collaborate with thought leaders in a series of team exercises and interactive learning opportunities involving real-world challenges, peer feedback and sparring, and mentoring and coaching.
- Build organizational learning skills that will enable employees across different functions to develop innovative solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals through new technologies, initiatives and business models.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

The Young SDG Innovators Program is designed to engage your company's brightest and best talent in not only advancing your sustainability efforts but driving innovation and delivering tangible solutions with potential market value for your company.

PARTICIPANT BENEFITS

- Learning and development resources. A comprehensive curriculum with a blend of learning opportunities, including online workshops, case studies and forum discussions.
- Professional experience. Connect with other business units and collaborate on innovative projects relative to the company and industry.
- Coaching, mentoring and peer-to-peer networking opportunities. Build working relationships and learn from some of the brightest minds working on sustainability and innovation from around the world.
- Be part of a global network of leading young professionals from some of the top companies across every continent.

COMPANY BENEFITS

- Accelerate integration of the SDGs into your company's business strategy through collaboration, innovation and knowledge sharing.
- Create a culture of innovation to address the SDGs and showcase the program's tangible outputs and results.
- Increase employee engagement and professional development opportunities for valued talent, including:
 - » High-quality, cutting-edge, and inspirational workshops from thought-leaders in the sustainability and disruptive technology fields.
 - » Tools, resources and expertise by some of the leading innovative companies.
- Gain global recognition for participation in the program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

As a participating company of the UN Global Compact based in Canada, your company is eligible to nominate up to three (3) high-performing young professionals as 'Innovators' for this inaugural program.

This program is designed to target high-performing employees who are:

- 35 years or younger
- Interested in business model innovation, sustainability and disruptive technologies

READY TO NOMINATE?

Interested companies must first apply and be confirmed before they can nominate Innovators and Champion candidates for the program. Companies can apply via online Company Application Form.

TIMELINE

Call for company applications:
June 2020 – October 2020

Program begins:
January 2021

Program ends:
October 2021