



The Future Founder's Fellowship (F3)

PARTNERS

*"When you want something, all the universe
conspires in helping you to achieve it."*

— Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist*

We'd like to be a conduit for the universe and help make dreams into the reality that will shape the life of growing youth nationally.

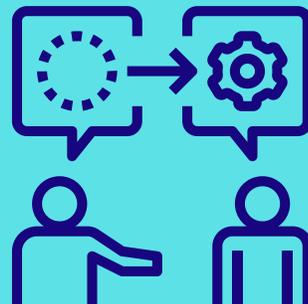


Background

As we continue to pursue financial and job freedom, the **youth of Canada**, while aspiring to be at the forefront of social innovation, face significant challenges in accessing resources, support, venture literacy and mentorship in achieving their dreams. Amongst these aspiring youth entrepreneurs are visible minorities and young girls who face representation and gender gaps. 55% of female Canadian youth tend to exhibit less confidence about their skills and experiences and higher levels of fear of failure in comparison to their male counterparts, amongst whom only 37% felt the same way. Indigenous youth are also heavily underrepresented in studies relating to social entrepreneurship and innovation. We've seen an upwards increase of 65% of youth who identify as Caucasian/White in the social innovation sphere while there is only 1.8% of representation of youth who identify as First Nations.

Our Solution

The **Future Founder's Fellowship (F3)** is a fellowship program that trains teenagers in leadership, entrepreneurship and digital skills. It aims to nurture a formidable network of young social innovators collaborating and leveraging technology to address critical challenges affecting their communities.



About Us

Based out of British Columbia, Impact Toolbox is a digital, social venture incubator providing youth with equitable opportunities to learn, connect and access resources and support to transform their ideas and passion for social change into viable community development projects, business and social careers.



Impact Toolbox provides comprehensive training, collaboration opportunities and ideas incubation programs to social change leaders. We strive to continuously supply the necessary resources to lead socio-economic change and build successful social enterprises and employment. We support our beneficiaries throughout the journey of creating lasting change! To learn more about our impact, you can read our [mission, value and mandate](#).

Here at Impact Toolbox, we demonstrate how our program, Future Founders' Fellowship (F3) closes the gap between those that are underrepresented, unheard and unhelped and where they aspire to be. We've supported and contributed to an increase of 100 people's employment and job promotions, empowered 50+ community ambassadors, engaged 10+ training contributors from around the world, trained 3000+ young change makers, and seen the growth of 80+ viable social ventures.

Program Objectives

1

Help participants understand and appreciate the basics of leadership & social entrepreneurship

2

Introduce teens to in-demand digital skills such as data analysis, UI/UX design, digital marketing, artificial intelligence, and web design.

3

Connect participants to begin meaningful lifelong friendships & peer collaboration through tailored networking sessions

4

Connect Fellows to mentorship and short-term internship opportunities to further hone the skills acquired through the fellowship

5

Assist Fellowship Alumni with college applications (especially resume development and statements of purposes)



Calendar

Each intensive session outlined in the Future Founder's Fellowship activities will be implemented over a flexible time period for each cohort.

Program Activities

Future Founder's Fellowship runs through three phases. The program is sectioned into groups of activities with focused objectives and different running events, workshops and intensive training built within.

Step 1

Participants are involved and invited to training sessions on leadership & social entrepreneurship

Step 2

Participants will be engaged in intensive digital skills training and information session on building tech careers.

Step 3

Participants will undertake collaborative group work with peers, followed by a pitch competition in which participants will present their group projects for a prize. The best three teams will win cash prizes.

Key Statistics

Here at Impact Toolbox, we've seen the birth of 80+ ventures and trained 3000+ social change leaders. We aim to train 850,000+ young leaders and support the creation and growth of over 2,100 ventures through our programs by 2030.



A success story: **KSS Thrifty Thursday**

Julia Soleski & Priscilia Lao, Team Leaders

Thrifty Thursday is helping to combat the global climate change crisis by running a school-based and an online thrift store where students and community members can shop, swap, or donate used clothing. With the swap shop, they promote a circular economy while increasing the wear time of items that could have ended up in the landfill.

Website: www.kssthirtythursday.com



Testimonies

"We were building an online school thrift store with the help of Impact Toolbox through coaching and strategy sessions. It was tremendous help as we were taught step by step in detail with advice and received helpful feedback from an experienced professional. When it comes to entrepreneurship and leadership, I am usually easily intimidated. However, the stories from others' experiences we were told made me realize that it is not as bad as I thought, and I am more capable than I thought."

Priscilla Lao

Kelowna Secondary School Thrifty Thursday

"If I could have gone back in time and told my nine-year-old self about an online thrift shop that I helped to create, I don't think she would have believed me. I always was ambitious in one way or another, but I felt like I never had the tools to make it a reality. The barrier against my dreams was always the uncertainty and the fact that many people believed that I would amount to nothing. Those people had given up on me before I had even gotten the chance to show my true potential. Impact Toolbox, through this program, presented me with an opportunity I could have never imagined."

Julia Soleski

Kelowna Secondary School Thrifty Thursday



Participant Selection Criteria & Eligibility

Future Founder's Fellowship will work with 25 fellows each cohort. At Impact Toolbox, we encourage and will prioritize inclusivity and diversity with every decision concerning the fellowship. Our application process encourages the participation of girls, minorities, and individuals living with disabilities. They must also meet the following criteria:

- Must be 13-19 years old.
- Must demonstrate an interest in digital technologies, community development programs and entrepreneurship.
- Can be nominated by either self-nomination, parents, guidance, staff, teachers or community coordinators and partners
- Must obtain parental consent.
- Must be available for the duration of the fellowship.





Implementation

- The fellowship is for teens between 13 to 19 years old. It is highly inclusive and prioritizes diversity. We strongly encourage the participation of girls, minority youths, and teens living with disabilities.
- We partner with schools, community centres and other organizations serving youth to implement the F3 fellowship.
- The F3 has been designed to be flexible, adaptable and customizable to the circumstances of diverse youth communities.
- The three parts of the fellowship are delivered remotely through a blend of live and pre-recorded training sessions. Depending on our partner(s), we host on-site convening and workshop sessions.
- Partner identifies and nominates a cohort of students and provides support throughout the program.
- Although we prefer to work with registered charities or other qualified donees, we are always happy to partner with any non-profits and mission-oriented for-profits that are working towards a better future for our youth.

Join our league of prestigious partners

University of British Columbia, Okanagan

Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship
and Innovation

The University of Chicago

Chicago Booth

Rustandy Center for Social Sector Innovation

Appalachian State University

Boone, North Carolina



Partnership Motivations

1. Be the face of social impact

Help nurture and empower a formidable network of young innovators collaborating and leveraging technology to address the critical challenges that exist in Canadian societies and communities. Here at Impact Toolbox, we support and promote Canadian youths' socially impactful ideas. As a partner, you will work with us to influence the creative minds of teenagers and secondary school students to ignite the inspirations and aspirations they have to drive social changes that will yield lasting, transformational benefits to society.

2. Stimulate the relationship between academics and entrepreneurship

Partnering with social entrepreneurial organizations like Impact Toolbox will allow institutions like yours to build the bridge between classroom academic training and the exploration of real-life applications. We provide students with a vibrant, creative, and hopeful environment of learning and collaboration. Your students will be able to transfer knowledge gained from business, accounting, finance, science, leadership and art classes to social innovation projects that will improve their immediate communities.

3. Accelerate your role as an educator

Distinguish yourself by exposing your students to practical leadership, social innovation, entrepreneurship and digital skills training so they can convert what you teach them into real world solutions. The relationship between educational institutions and entrepreneurship incubators like Impact Toolbox is necessary as schools are the source of knowledge, research, resources and today's innovation-driven centers. Schools for growing individuals aged 13-19 should allow students to explore parallel real life pathways that cultivate creativity, problem-solving, resilience, ideation, innovation, design, communication, leadership, and the human-centered production of social change and ideas.

4. Amplify your role as a leader

The educational system should create a favorable environment that enables young people to develop their mindset from employees to employers, and equip them with skills and knowledge to create jobs. Many universities already partner with incubators and accelerators. We are leading the adoption of this within the public secondary school system and this is your chance to emerge as a leader in creating a space where students are educated and empowered to contribute to sustainable socio economic development.



Contribute towards creating a world led by competent young leaders through the power of their innovations and entrepreneurial acumen. Your collaborative partnership with us has the potential long term influence on your students and great socio-economic impact on the long run. We are happy to schedule a call with you if you are interested in a partnership.

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