INNOCITY YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Who can participate?**
   - Any student pursuing bachelors or post-grad degree.
   - Students in the final year of studies or completed in 2021.
   - The student should have an intention to start a startup post completion of studies.

2. **How many maximum team members can be there for applying?**
   A team of minimum 1 and maximum 3 students.

3. **Who amongst the team should register?**
   The application should be filled in by the team leader, founder or the CEO. In case you are not any one of these, please ensure that you have got the approvals from you leader(s) for participation in the program. Such approvals would be verified in subsequent stages of the program and entries without proper approval of the team leader or the Intellectual Property owner shall be disqualified.

4. **Does the team necessarily need to have members from the same university/college or can I form a team with other university/college as well?**
   No, It is not necessary for all team members to be from the same institute.

5. **What are the focus sectors of the Programme?**

   The sectors that we usually support include-

   a. Environment (Soil, Water, Air), Circular Economy
   b. Skilling and Livelihood Generation
   c. Education- Quality and Access Improvement
   d. Technology Interventions in Craft Sector
   e. Affordable Assistive Technology
   f. Farm/Agri/Food/Dairy Tech
   g. Financial Inclusion
   h. Digital Inclusion
   i. Industry/IoT/Robotics

6. **What should I do if my sector/ industry is not included?**
   If a sector / industry is not included, choose the sector which is closest to the one which you believe your application should fall under. If you firmly believe that none of the sectors are applicable to your application, please choose Others.

7. **Can I submit more than one application for this program?**
   We encourage you to think through and submit only one application with a very strong solution in place and well articulated to capture your thoughts. Any duplication in application and candidature will be subjected to scrutiny. In case you still apply for multiple ideas, only one application that has more content and context will be taken forward.

8. **If one person submits more than one application, will one affect the evaluation of the other?**
   Each application would be treated independently and in all likelihood, would be evaluated by different sets of evaluators. Hence the evaluation of one application is not expected to affect the evaluation of another.

9. **How will I know my application has been successfully submitted?**
   Once an application has been submitted, an auto generated email confirming the successful submission will be sent to your registered e-mail address. Incase you have not received the email confirmation, please check your mailbox spam folder.

10. **What is the deadline for the application?**
    The call for applications commence from 10th June, and the applications will be accepted until 18th July.

11. **Do I need to have a registered company to apply?**
    No, Company registration is not required for application

12. **Is there any fee for applying to the program?**
    No, there is no fee required for applying to the program.

13. **What does mentoring include?**
    Mentoring will include the guidance from the CIIE.CO expert network on business modelling, market validation and pitch deck. Mentoring sessions will be conducted in a virtual environment.

14. **What is the meaning of Boosters that will be conducted for the selected start-ups?**
    During the booster Shortlisted applicants will pitch their idea in front of a panel and they in turn will provide feedback on your startup idea as well as assess the application for the final round. It will be a 15 Min session where 5 mins will be provided to present the idea and next 10 mins will be reserved for the jury to discuss. The session will be conducted in a virtual environment.

15. **Can I take the grant amount but not the incubation support?**
    Incubation support is provided to support the founders in their startup journey and also to track fund utilization.

16. **My startup has received grants or awards under different schemes and has been funded by another organization, can I still apply to this program?**
    You may apply for this program irrespective of other funds, grants, awards received by you.

17. **In case of general queries, with whom do I get in touch?**
    Check the contact details at the bottom of the webpage.

For any other query, whether general or application related, please write to us at innocity@startupoasis.in