



INCLUSIVE INNOVATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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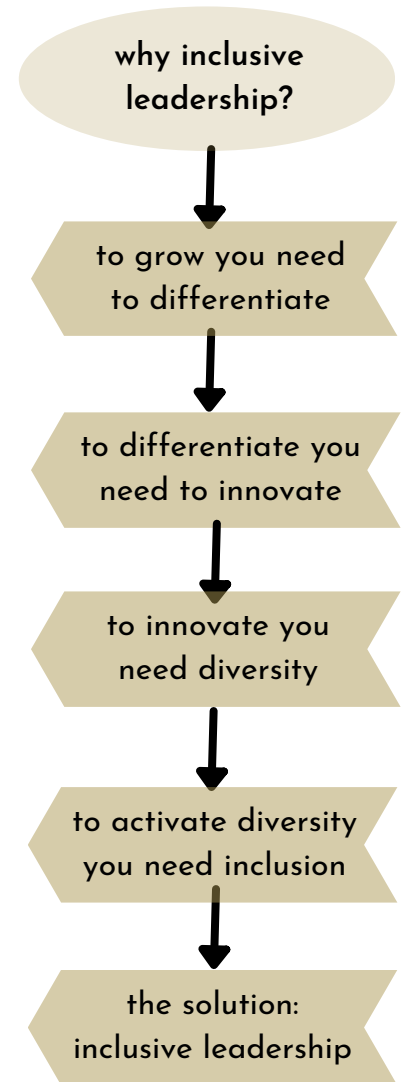
Benefits

1. **Contribute as a decision-maker** - You will have the chance to be matched with different organizations seeking innovation and entrepreneurship leaders, mentors, and decision-makers.
2. **Create Change Makers** - This program connects you with entrepreneurs seeking to solve big problems that can benefit from your expertise.
3. **Learn New Skills** - The program encompasses four workshops designed to prepare you to be a mentor and leader in the innovation and entrepreneurship community.
4. **Build Your Network** - You will have the opportunity to meet and network with organizations from across the state including serving as a venture investment reviewer for the NC IDEA Foundation.

Purpose

Diverse perspective matters. The Center of Entrepreneurship and Innovation and City Startup Labs want to encourage more diversity among the individuals who mentor local entrepreneurs and make decisions in funding new startup ventures. This collaborative learning program educates, empowers and inspires women and underrepresented minorities to use their leadership expertise to advance an inclusive environment that helps drive North Carolina's economic growth. Experience in entrepreneurship is not required, but welcomed.

The mission of the Inclusive Innovator Leadership Academy is for graduating participants to serve as leaders, mentors and decision-makers in the North Carolina entrepreneurship ecosystem.



Features

Venture Reviewers

Upon completion of the workshops, participants will serve as venture reviewers for startups seeking funding through the NC IDEA grant program.

Workshop Series

Participants will attend in-person and virtual workshops in provided by Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, City Startup Labs, Georgia Tech Venture Labs, and the NC IDEA Foundation. The programming will cover entrepreneurial thinking, mentoring startups, Lean LaunchPad curriculum, customer discovery process and venture readiness and review.

Match Day

North Carolina entrepreneurial ecosystem organizations will pitch opportunities for graduates to serve in leadership, mentorship and decision-making roles in their organizations.

Eligibility

Participant Qualifications:

- Underrepresented minority status
- North Carolina Resident
- 5+ years experience in field
- Must attend all workshops and serve as a Venture Reviewer
- Interest in entrepreneurship, innovation and commercialization

Program Dates

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN AND WILL BE REVIEWED ON A ROLLING BASIS. DEADLINE IS JULY 20TH.

NC IDEA MICRO GRANT REVIEWER TRAINING: JULY 26TH

THIS IN PERSON TRAINING WILL GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF HOW TO REVIEW A MICRO GRANT APPLICATION AND INTRODUCE YOU TO ENTREPRENEURIAL CONCEPTS THAT YOU WILL LEARN DURING THE ACADEMY. HOSTED BY THE NC IDEA TEAM.

IILA KICKOFF! AUGUST 15TH AND 16TH

JOIN US FOR 2 HALF DAY SESSIONS COVERING ENTREPRENEURIAL THINKING, INCLUSIVITY, COMMERCIALIZATION, INNOVATION, BUSINESS MODEL CANVAS AND DIVERSITY GAPS IN PATENTING. WORKSHOPS HOSTED BY INDUSTRY LEADERS INCLUDING IILA ALUMNI, CEI AND CITY STARTUP LABS STAFF.

MENTOR WORKSHOP: AUGUST 21ST

THIS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP FOCUSES ON COACHING VS CONSULTING (THEORY AND PRACTICE) AND BUSINESS MODELS. HOSTED BY GA TECH.

MATCH DAY: SEPTEMBER 20TH

NETWORKING EVENT WITH OVER 15 ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS AND IILA GRADUATES.

Questions about the program?

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