

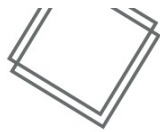


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ICUBE NEWSLETTER  
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ICUBE is the place for social entrepreneurship at the University of Toronto. We offer resources, programs, workshops and mentorship for people who are changing the world. If you want to make a difference, ICUBE is here to help you make it.

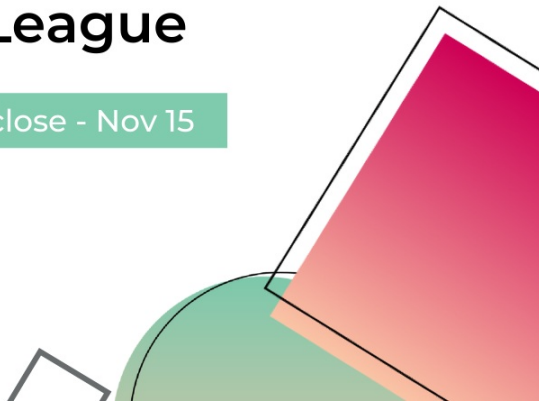
## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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# Leap Startup League

Applications close - Nov 15



## Leap Startup League Applications Now Open!

**Apply by November 15, 2021**

The deadline to apply for the new Leap Startup League cohort is quickly approaching!

Presented by EDGE Sheridan and ICUBE, Leap Startup League helps entrepreneurs develop the skills to plan and implement their startup idea through experiential learning and various innovation tools.

EDGE and ICUBE works with changemakers from all backgrounds and industries to help turn your big ideas into reality. Sustainable and community-oriented enterprises will be guided through hands-on learning opportunities and supported by a network of entrepreneurs, social innovation experts, and advisors.

All social entrepreneurial thinkers, creators, and leaders are encouraged to apply!

[Learn more here](#)

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### Sauga Start-up Pitch & Showcase

December 15th, 2021 from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm



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**December 15 - 5:00pm to 7:00pm**

Join us from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 for Mississauga's 2021 Flagship Startup Pitch Competition! Watch finalists compete for prize money, see examples of how the pitching process works, and understand what to expect from investors and interested parties.

This partnered event is facilitated by ICUBE at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM), Sheridan College's EDGE Entrepreneurship Hub, and the Mississauga Business Enterprise Centre (MBEC), who are all delighted to support entrepreneurs' innovative concepts.

[Register here](#)

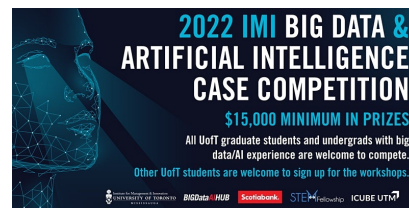


#### Lo Social Venture Fund

**Apply by November 12th**

Are you a U of T student or recent graduate working with a #UofT accelerator on a promising social venture? Apply to the Lo Family Social Venture Fund Impact Award for your chance to win \$10k in funding to grow your venture.

Established in 2020, the Lo Social Venture Fund fund helps take the most promising, solutions-based U of T social enterprises to the next level, providing support for student-driven ventures that will positively impact the global community—particularly in



#### 2022 IMI Big Data & Artificial Intelligence Case Competition

**November 27 - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

The 2022 IMI Big Data & Artificial Intelligence Case Competition is a multi-faceted competition that is open to graduate students and undergrads with big data/AI experience from any academic discipline, in any year of their academic career at the University of Toronto. Some level of prior experience in working with big data / artificial intelligence is required.

The event is designed as a developmental opportunity for

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[Learn more here](#)

students. If selected to compete, they will gain additional hands-on exposure to big data and artificial intelligence as well as an opportunity to practice their formal presentation skills in a safe, fun and collegial, yet competitive, environment.

[Register here](#)



### Enactus Canada Student Entrepreneur National Competition

**Nominate your startups!**

**Apply by November 30th**

The Student Entrepreneur National Competition, proudly presented by HSBC Bank Canada, is the largest national program to focus solely on full time Canadian post-secondary student entrepreneurs. It recognizes and rewards student entrepreneurs from across the country for their dedication and ambition, while offering support to ensure the success of their business.

Since 1997 Enactus Canada has operated this competition to celebrate the commitment, determination and achievements of student entrepreneurs. This competition is open to full-time students at Canadian universities or colleges who are simultaneously operating their business.

[Learn more here](#)



### Nature X Carbon Tech Challenge

Calling all innovators! WWF-Canada's Nature X Carbon Tech Challenge is now accepting proposals for cost-effective, innovative and user-friendly technologies to support community-led carbon measurement of nature-based climate solutions in Canada. Award recipients could receive up to \$125,000 in grants and contracts, in addition to other awards, to support the application of their technology in the field.

Up to five finalists of the Nature x Carbon Tech Challenge will have the opportunity to test their technology solutions on the ground with communities that are already implementing nature-based climate solution projects.

[Learn more here](#)



### OBIO Event with Dan Breznitz: A Health Industry for a Healthy Canada

**November 15 - 12:00 PM - 1:30**



### Applications Now Open for Rice Business Plan Competition 2022

**Apply by January 31st**

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OBIO will host Dan Breznitz as the keynote speaker for OBIO's 2021 Annual Public Meeting. Dan is an award-winning author, speaker and educator, and one of the world's most renowned authorities of innovation policies and economic growth

Dan will address some of the most compelling and thoughtful topics from his book highlighting:

- Invention, innovation, and prosperity for all
- Why do Canada's best companies always seem to get pulled to the USA?
- Building innovation capacity takes time, money, and energy. We have it all.
- What do finance, intellectual property rights, and data have to do with it?
- The policy change that must happen to build, "A Health Industry for a Healthy Canada."

[Register here](#)

The competition, entering its 22nd year, gives collegiate entrepreneurs real-world experience to pitch their startups, enhance their business strategy and learn what it takes to launch a successful company.

Hosted and organized by the Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship—which is Rice University's internationally-recognized initiative devoted to the support of entrepreneurship—and Rice Business. Over 20 years it has grown from nine teams competing for \$10,000 in prize money in 2001, to 54 teams from around the world competing for more than \$1.6 million in cash and prizes. For the first time in competition history, the 2021 event showcased 54 student-led startups.

[Learn more here](#)

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