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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.

OPPORTUNITIES

The advertisement features a background image of a woman with dark curly hair, smiling and talking on a mobile phone. She is sitting at a table with a white tablecloth. The text is overlaid on this image. At the top left is the CILAR logo in yellow. At the top center is the Pitch Better logo in white. At the top right is the Black Opportunity Fund logo, which includes a circular icon and the text "Black Opportunity Fund". The main title "CILAR Grant Program for Black Businesses" is in large white font. Below it, "Funded by Facebook Canada" is in smaller white font, followed by the Facebook logo. At the bottom is an orange button with the text "APPLY NOW" in white.

CILAR Grant Program for Black Businesses **Deadline: August 20**

The Coalition of Innovation Leaders Against Racism (CILAR) has developed a Grant program for Black-led businesses, funded by Facebook Canada, in partnership with Black Opportunity Fund and Pitch Better.

The grant seeks to establish a sustainable pathway to support economic and social empowerment for Black-led businesses in Canada. The program will provide support ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 per business, with the goal to provide capital resources for as many Black-led businesses as possible.

Criteria:

- Be an organization that is Black-led. The majority of owners

- and/or leadership team identify as Black
- Be a Canadian business with a valid business registration number
- Share how COVID has impacted the business
- Provide an overview of how funds will be used to help sustain the business through the pandemic (e.g., technology support, certifications, skilling, digitizing, etc.)
- Submit a full and accurate application

[Apply here](#)

EVENTS



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Pride Hacks 2021

August 5 - August 7

Queer Tech is hosting their fifth year of PrideHacks, their annual hackathon bringing together people from Canada's tech ecosystem to design, build and implement technology solutions for nonprofit organizations that serve the LGBTQ2S+ community across Canada.

As a participant, you will use your skill set to help a broad range of impactful nonprofits solve their technology challenges all while getting to know other tech professionals and their partner companies.

[Register here](#)



Leaders in Social Enterprise

Thursday, August 12, 2021 - 6:00pm EST

Q&A with two amazing women who have led the design and growth of social enterprises to create much needed support

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Driven by:

 **Social Venture Circuit**

Q&A with Leaders in Social Enterprise

August 12, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Social Venture Circuit is hosting a Q&A panel with two amazing social impact leaders. They will share their experience with managing social enterprise organizations, how to create impact effectively and the ideas, innovation and challenges that came along their journeys.

The Panelists:

Mary Bone is a 30-year charitable sector C-level professional, having worked with Habitat for Humanity, Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness & the Starlight Children's Foundation.

Dr. Golnaz Golnaraghi is an award-winning Leadership and Equity and Inclusion expert, social entrepreneur, TEDx speaker and author. She is the Founder of Accelerate Her Future™, one of the leading career accelerators in Canada dedicated to advancing Black, Indigenous, and self-identifying women of colour pursuing early-careers in business and tech.

[Register here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mommy Monitor accepted into Google for Startups Black Founders accelerator

U of T startup Mommy Monitor is the only Canadian venture that was accepted into Google for Startups Black Founders accelerator program. Mommy Monitor won ICUBE's Pitch with a Twist competition in March.

[Mommy Monitor Incorporated](#) is a social enterprise that offers customized maternal health support and education. Mommy

Monitor's mission is to meet all mothers at their individual needs and to provide solutions for a safe and happy pregnancy.

[Learn more here](#)



2021 MNP Future Leaders

[The MNP Future Leaders Program](#) aids young entrepreneurs. Whether you need assistance scaling your business, expanding your distribution channels or developing your business plan, the MNP mentors have the knowledge and experience to help elevate your existing business or bring your business ideas to life.

MNP is excited to announce their 2021 MNP Future Leaders! Congratulations to Emil Sylvester Ramos of [IRIS Inc. - Smart City & Transportation Solutions Company](#), Tahbit Chowdhury of [Elizion Tech](#), Maya Saggat of [Maya Saggat Consulting](#) as they embark on a year of mentorship!



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