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We are the home of Social Entrepreneurship and early-stage startups at UTM, offering 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

A Review of #UofTPRIDEPITCH: The Third Annual Pride Pitch for UofT's LGBTQ2S+ Entrepreneurs



The Third Annual #UofTPRIDEPITCH was a Success!

The third annual #UofTPRIDEPITCH was a success! The event included students, staff, and community members from all three UofT campuses. The competition offered \$5,000 in cash prizes to recognize, reward and accelerate the U of T's 2SLGBTQ+ entrepreneurs. Selected individuals and teams competed by showcasing their idea via a five-minute pitch to a panel of judges. The competition took place on Wednesday, June 15th at The University of Toronto Mississauga. The panel of judges had criteria consisting of: opportunity, viability and impact, growth potential, talent, and communication skills. The winners of third Annual Pride Pitch were: Diana Virgovicova (CulturExpo), Crystal Wong Kruger (LIOHAN Inc), Laura Rosales, Valeria Vazquez (Ramuri)!



Entrepreneurship for Cardiovascular Health Opportunities (ECHO): Call for Applications



ECHO is a fully virtual program!

A call for applications for the 2022-2023 ECHO program is now underway! ECHO is a 12-month online training program led by veteran entrepreneurs and high-calibre consultants across a variety of sectors. Comprised of a unique combination of five complementary modules, ECHO provides innovators of cardiovascular technologies with entrepreneurship training, mentorship, and networking opportunities, and the chance to pitch for start-up funding from a \$250,000 pool. If you have any questions regarding ECHO, please contact Soror Sharifpoor (soror.sharifpoor@utoronto.ca).



Submit your entry for the James Dyson Award!



A Head Start for Budding Inventors

Dyson's international engineering and design competition, the James Dyson Award closes in less than one month! In addition to the \$8,500 awarded to the national winners, there are two \$50,000 global prizes for the taking: the International Sustainability Winner and Overall International Winner. Entrants can also gain international media exposure. The deadline to submit your entry is July 6 at 11:59pm PT. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Americas James Dyson Foundation manager at Samantha.kuderna@dyson.com.



Apply to The DMZ Black Innovation Connections (BIC) Program!



The DMZ Black Innovation Connections (BIC) Program is Back!

The The Black Innovation Connections Program (BIC) paims to draw black founders in technology. BIC is a 3-month coaching program that puts highpotential #BlackFounders on the fast track to success and prepares them for the DMZ Incubator with access to investors, marketing support, scaling, and so much more. On top of all that, thanks to the Dream Legacy Foundation, they'll also get access to: an offfice, a hotel suite, event space, a marketing consultant, and pitching opportunities to venture funds. Also, each accepted startup gets \$5,000! Apply by July 6th!

Apply Now



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