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### ICUBE NEWSLETTER August 2022

We are the home of Social Entrepreneurship and early-stage start-ups 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

### Take Part in the Ideation Lab this Fall



#### Attend the upcoming information session!

Calling on innovators from all backgrounds! ICUBE at UTM is excited to facilitate the Ideation Lab during the Fall of 2022 to help you put big ideas into action! By taking part in the program, you will access webinars, live events, and mentorship, needed to map out a sustainable business or organization. You will also be eligible to participate in a pitch competition and showcase at the end of the program for an opportunity to win prize money and other supports. So, whether you've been building an invention, dreaming of starting a non-profit, or see a nagging problem you know you could fix – the Ideation Lab will help you make it happen!

Any interested students, alumni, or community members with start-up ideas are encouraged to attend the information session on Thursday, August 25, 2022, from 11:00am – 12:00pm.

Please send inquiries to Kayla Sousa, ICUBE Program Coordinator at [kayla.sousa@utoronto.ca](mailto:kayla.sousa@utoronto.ca).

Note: The deadline to submit applications to the Ideation Lab is Monday, September 12, 2022.

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#### Ideation Lab Summer Pitch Competition

Join us from 5:00pm to 6:00pm on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 for the Ideation Lab Pitch Competition! Watch 5 finalists compete for prize money and in-kind prizes, see examples of how the pitching process works, and understand what to expect from investors and interested parties.

This event is facilitated by ICUBE at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) and will be held virtually via ZOOM. Sign-up information is to follow!

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## **Ignacio Mongrell Wins Principal's Staff Award for Advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion**



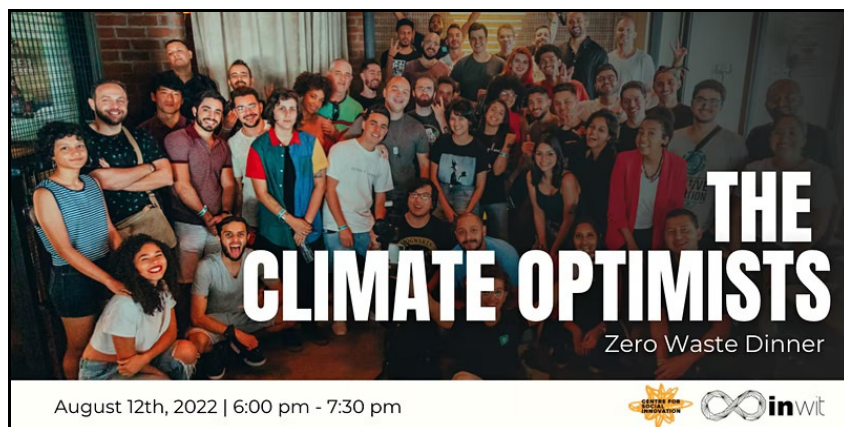
### **Congratulations to ICUBE's Assistant Director!**

Ignacio has been described by nominators as “a fierce advocate for broadening representation at UTM.” Ignacio Mongrell of the Institute for Management and Innovation is this year’s recipient of the UTM Principal’s Staff Award for Advancing Equity, Diversity & Inclusion.

Mongrell is praised for his “openness, enthusiasm and energy” as he works to expand opportunities for students, alumni and Peel residents with start-up ventures. Ignacio was named Chair of the Positive Space Committee at UTM in January 2020. Since then, he has created a variety of activities to support 2SLGBTQ+ students, staff, faculty and community members, from raising awareness for tri-campus pride concerts, speaker events and dance parties to suggesting allies decorate offices for Pride and share preferred pronouns in signatures. “He reminds all of us that we can all take part in supporting positive change,” says one colleague.

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## Toronto's Climate Optimists - Zero Waste Dinner



### **A night full of stories, delicious local zero-waste bites and a connection with other like-minded professionals!**

As the world gets warmer the news about climate change can be a bit overwhelming sometimes, that is why we are bringing together a group of expert modern philosophers and doers to create a space that brings hope to each other around climate change. Join well-known and unknown entrepreneurs, academics, professors, researchers, philanthropists, scientists, innovators, artists, environmentalists, activists and more Climate Optimists in our City, people that are on the front lines fighting climate change today.

Climate Optimists Zero Waste Dinner is a space where we can collaborate, support, and learn from each other's successes and failures, a space where we can collaborate and support each other in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Because, we believe that a community sharing the collective conciseness that a better world is possible is key to fighting climate change.

Come and join us on August 12th at 6pm to 7:30pm for a night full of stories, delicious zero-waste bites and a connection with other like-minded professionals. Your ticket includes a zero waste dinner via Inwit.

Use code: INNOVATOR to save 15% on tickets.

Get Your Ticket



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