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EDGE is a vibrant community of people from all backgrounds and walks of life who believe entrepreneurship can make lasting change in society. We support changemakers as they explore entrepreneurial approaches to creating a more equitable and sustainable world.

In collaboration with our partners, EDGE provides new and growing ventures with mentorship, learning programs and support to access funding. EDGE is a gateway to Sheridan's innovation resources and offers physical and virtual communities where impact entrepreneurs can thrive.

What We Do

Strengthen the regional innovation ecosystem through collaboration and impact entrepreneurship expertise

Provide inclusive support to impact entrepreneurs

Offer mentorship, learning programs, co-working space and funding

Connect entrepreneurs to Sheridan talent, expertise and resources

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Collaborators

EDGE works in an integrated way with many community collaborators and entrepreneurship ecosystem partners.



Supporters



Incubation Programs

Explore

For anyone curious about entrepreneurship or changemaking to boost creativity and tinker with ideas.

Leap

For aspiring founders with ideas to develop by working on possible revenue models, prototyping product or service and assessing financial viability.

Rise

For founders who are verifying their business or revenue models, developing a minimum viable product and refining process to achieve financial substantiality.

Soar

For ventures with initial traction with customers, developing organizational and operational structures and refining processes to reach profitability.



Co-op on the EDGE: Learn by Creating

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Entrepreneurship Co-op





Benefits

- Opportunity to complete co-op requirements while building your own business or social enterprise
- Access to individual mentorship
- Fast track to enhanced EDGE supports
- Membership in a supportive entrepreneurial community
- Access to EDGE hot desk space and resources
- End of program pitch competition with cash prizes



Program Elements

- Bootcamp Sessions
- Completion of milestones and learning objectives
- Participation in EDGE and other programming
- Mentorship sessions
- Pitch event
- Reflection posts
- Evaluation by mentor
- Creating a minimum viable product
- Creating a business plan



Eligibility

- Open to all students eligible for a co-op work-term
- Venture idea must be in alignment with program of study
- Students can apply as a team to work on the same idea
- Applications will be reviewed and evaluated based on:
 - Strength of the venture idea
 - Relevant skills and experience of the entrepreneur/team
 - Commitment to entrepreneurship and evidence of entrepreneurial abilities
 - Willingness to collaborate with and support peers

Application Process

- Enrolled in your co-op term
- Provide 2 references from your professors
- Attend at least 2 EDGE public events prior to completing your application
(<https://edge.sheridancollege.ca/events/>)
- Being a member of EDGE's Explore program is an asset
(<https://edge.sheridancollege.ca/programs/>)
- Must fill additional application form here <https://edge.sheridancollege.ca/co-op-on-the-edge-application-summer-2020/>

Application Process

- **Please note that this is an unpaid co-op opportunity.**
- Students eligible for a co-op work-term in Spring/Summer will be able to apply online via the EDGE site. Applications scheduled to open **mid Feb. 2021**
- Be sure to select "*Sheridan Student*" when asked "*Are you a ...?*" then select "Yes" when asked "*Are you applying to the Spring/Summer 2020 Entrepreneurship Co-op Program?*"
- **Deadline to apply: April 1st, 2021**
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with interviews starting to be conducted in early March.



Have additional questions?

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