



Study and Stay™ Entrepreneurship Program

Overview

The Study and Stay™ Entrepreneurship Program will run from May 17th, 2023 – August 2nd, 2023. The opportunity provides student entrepreneurs with a transformational learning experience, while offering an opportunity to focus on the development of their own business while surrounded by resources. If you own a business or have an idea and are looking for support to help move your business forward this summer, apply to the Study and Stay™ Entrepreneurship Program today!

The primary objective of this program is to help students with:

- Fewer cultural barriers
- Clearer path to bright future in Canada
- Access to entrepreneurship and business resources
- Enhanced communication skills and confidence
- Immigration support to international participants
- Expanded professional network
- Engagement opportunities with mentors
- Enhanced access to regional and provincial programs and resources
- Community of student entrepreneurs who can support each other and collaborate on future projects.
- Providing students with funding opportunities and resources to help launch their businesses.

Eligibility Criteria for Summer Entrepreneurial Experience:

- Applicant must be domestic or international student studying at a Nova Scotian post-secondary institution, enrolled at one of the following institutions:
 - Acadia University
 - Cape Breton University
 - Dalhousie University (Either Campus)
 - Mount Saint Vincent University
 - Nova Scotia Community College
 - NSCAD University
 - St. Francis Xavier University
 - Saint Mary's University
 - Université Sainte-Anne
 - University of King's College

- While there is no set GPA (Grade Point Average) requirement, students are expected to be in good academic standing and to have contributed to their academic and social communities.
- Participants are required to complete program milestones and have a good attendance during the Study and Stay™ Entrepreneurship Program to be eligible to give a pitch session during our main in-person event scheduled for August 2nd at Saint Mary's University to be considered for funding prize money. Students will have an opportunity to pitch for up to \$10,000, with \$20,000 to be awarded in total to students as they build their ventures
- You must have a LinkedIn profile.

The program cannot provide you with any kind of work authorization for running your own business, please confirm your eligibility with your Registered International Student Immigration Advisors (RISIAs) in your campus or institution. You should also be sure that you are able to accept the grant based on your permit. It is your responsibility to determine if your study visa allows you to participate in the program, please check before applying. Apply now by completing the form below and taking your business idea to the next level!

Application form: https://smuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3rAn4YiHh5uaXI2

In case of any concerns or doubts, feel free to reach out to Chirag Narang, Consultant at chirag.narang@smu.ca