About VentureWell
Early-Stage Innovator Training
Our Mission

VentureWell is on a mission to cultivate a pipeline of inventors, innovators, and entrepreneurs driven to solve the world’s biggest challenges and to create lasting impact.

The E-Team Program

Cultivating innovators to move ideas out of the lab and into the marketplace.
E-Team Program Reach

Grants

We have awarded nearly $10 million since 1996 through 761 E-Team Grants, to teams from 142 universities in the United States.

Ventures

E-Teams have formed 378 ventures and have secured $470 million in funding, including 23 catalytic investments made by VentureWell.

Individuals

We have trained 1,166 individuals since 2013, reaching 449 unique teams.
The Benefits of the E-Team Program

**Grant funding**
Our grants are competitive and recognized nationally, and are some of the earliest funding teams can receive.

**Sponsored training**
Explore possible pathways for your venture. Our innovation curriculum combines lean startup principles with company building, professional development, and individual cultivation.

**Networking & mentorship**
Tap into the VentureWell mentor and alumni network and build lasting relationships with mentors.

**National recognition**
E-Teams have been named to the Forbes “30 Under 30” list, appointed as AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassadors, and have appeared in the New York Times, National Geographic, and more.
E-Teams Stage 1
Discover the best market for the invention

$5,000 grant* + PIONEER

Understand possible pathways for their venture and innovation.

Articulate value proposition – problem, solution, customer, and differentiators.

Assess the broader environment, landscape, and value chain.

*CGI U and Verizon are offering individual living stipends in addition to this $5K
E-Teams Stage 2  Develop and validate a business model

$20,000 grant + PROPEL

Confirm value proposition

Develop business model hypotheses and plans to test them.

Build out business model canvas

Identify assumptions and prepare for more customer discovery

Understand resources required to launch a startup
E-Teams Stage 3
Develop a case for partners and investors to invest in the business.

Opportunity for investment +

Prepare a fundraising strategy

Develop a **due diligence packet** and deal room that is vetted by investors who serve as mentors-in-residence.

Post-program, startups are eligible to be considered for matching **investments of up to $50,000** from VentureWell’s investment fund.
Social Innovation Challenge Accelerator Program Timeline

Verizon and CGI U 2021 Social Innovation Challenge E-Team Program runs June 1 – August 31, 2021 and consists of three phases.

**PHASE 1**
June 1 - 20

**PROGRAM ONBOARDING**
- Orientation webinar
- Intro call with VentureWell staff
- Preparatory work assignments

**VIRTUAL PIONEER WORKSHOP**
- 5 day intensive virtual workshop to work on value propositions and market discovery
- Consists of lectures, breakout groups, and individual team work

**COACHING**
- Biweekly one-on-one calls with VentureWell staff
- Office hours with mentors
- Webinars and learning sessions
- Independent work on customer discovery and tech development

**PHASE 2**
June 21 - 24

**PHASE 3**
June 25 – August 31
Thank you

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