Mini Workshop Series: Grant Writing and Financial Simulation of a Startup

- Hosted by Social Innovations @ Venture Center -

	Understand various grant options and how to write successful startup grant proposals		
Gains	 Understand how to do a financial simulation for your startup 		
Course Coordinator	Mugdha Lele, Head, Social Innovations, Venture Center		
Organized and Hosted by	 Venture Center Social Innovations @ Venture Center 		
Supported by	 Department of Biotechnology Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad 		
For whom	 Early stage inventive enterprises and science-based startups Budding/ aspiring entrepreneurs (Researchers, students, engineers, clinicians etc) 		
When	Friday 3 Nov 2023 Time: 0930 – 1530		
Where	 Workshop will be held in hybrid mode Online via ZOOM platform Venue @ Venture Center: Lecture Theatre, 900, NCL Innovation Park 		
Contact	Technical: Niruta Killedar niruta.killedar@venturecenter.co.in +91-8956226080 Registration & Payment: Vineet Joshi vineet.joshi@venturecenter.co.in +91- 9156465141		
Cost and Registration	Registration Fees Rs 500/- (Registration fees will be waived off for Biodesign fellows from THSTI) Registration Process: • Step 1: Interested participants need to fill in registration form at the following link. • Register online at: https://tinyurl.com/EES-2023 • Step 2: Payment details will be shared with candidates who successfully complete the verification process. Attendance only on confirmation of payment of registration fees NOTE: • More details at: https://www.venturecenter.co.in/socialinnovations/events/ • REGISTRATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT DEADLINE Registration closes once 10 seats are full or 4 days prior to the workshop (whichever comes sooner) • Fees paid is not refundable and non transferable under any circumstances • The organizers reserve the right to accept or refuse or delay registrations so as to optimize the composition of the group and hence maximize learning for all participants		



Introduction

The workshop focuses on giving the participants a primer on the various funding opportunities and how to explore those opportunities by writing startup grant proposals. Workshop will also help the participants to simulate the financials for their own ventures via deep dive hands-on sessions. This will help the participants to incorporate the same in their grant writing efforts.

The workshop methodology focuses on brief conceptual sessions combined with a brief discussion time and hands-on exercises for participants to work through and internalize the learning.

Terms and Conditions for Participants

- Participants shall arrange their own devices (preferably Laptop/ Tablet) to work on the workshop assignments.
- Participants to arrange for their travel and accommodation
- Attendance is mandatory for all sessions once registration is confirmed.
- No sessions will be repeated if a participant is unable to attend due to any reasons.

Program Includes

- Free membership in mailing list to follow-up on program and intimation of relevant events/ funding opportunities from Venture Center
- E-Certificates will be given to only those candidates who have 100% attendance for all the sessions in the workshop.

Program Schedule

Time	Session	Faculty	
0900 – 0930	Registration and Welcome and introduction to the workshop	Mugdha Lele	
0930 – 1100	Understanding funding opportunities and Grant Writing	Smita Kale	
1100 – 1130	Networking Tea/Coffee @ Foyer Area, 900, NIP		
1130 – 1300	Financial Simulations of a startup	Premnath V and Shruti	
		Devasthali	
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break: Innovation Cafe		
1400 – 1530	Hands on activity 01 - Financial Simulation for your startup	Premnath V and Shruti	
		Devasthali	
1530 – 1600	Networking Tea/Coffee @ Foyer Area, 900, NIP		







Speakers (in alphabetical order of last names)



Smita Kale

Smita is Advisor for Bio-incubation at Venture Center. She is leading Bio-incubation activities, is responsible for the technical aspects at the Center for BioPharma Analysis and BIRAC's Regional Bioinnovation Center (BRBC) projects at Venture Center. She is actively involved in mentoring startups at Venture Center. She is Ph. D in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai and prior to joining Venture Center has had academic experience of 12 years which includes research experience of 3.6 years.

Shruti Devasthali



Shruti is currently Head for Equity and Grant Portfolio at Venture Center. She is a Chartered Accountant and a certified Financial Risk Manager. She is currently operating seed fund activities for Venture Center and monitoring the investments in Venture Center's portfolio companies. She is also responsible for mentoring lab2mkt companies on corporate governance; and management of financial and legal matters relating to grant programs. During her previous work engagements Shruti has worked with CRISIL Limited and Dun and Bradstreet Information Services India Private Limited in the areas of credit and financial analysis.

Premnath V



Premnath is Scientist-Polymer Science & Engineering Division at NCL and Director-Venture Center. He is a technologist and commercialization expert having previously successfully commercialized two technologies. He has a keen interest in technology development for biomedical products. He holds a B.Tech from the IIT Bombay and a Ph.D. from the MIT, USA. He has also been a Chevening Technology Enterprise Fellow with the Centre for Scientific Enterprises, London Business School and Cambridge University, UK. He brings with him considerable experience in technology development and commercialization (two successfully commercialized families of products), working with start-up companies (in Cambridge-UK and India) and engaging with large corporations on research and consulting projects as project leader.

In-house team (in alphabetical order of last names)



Niruta Killedar

Niruta is Senior Associate for Social Innovations at Venture Center. She is primarily responsible for assisting in the implementation of the Social Innovation Immersion Program at Venture Center. Overall she assists in driving the Social Innovations portfolio at Venture Center and coordinates events and related mentoring activities. She is a Microbiologist by training and has more than 7 years of experience in interdisciplinary areas of science. She has been passionately working in border areas for the last 15 years as a volunteer through the NGO Aseem Foundation, which adds value to the Social Innovations portfolio at Venture Center.

Mugdha Lele



Mugdha is Head – Social Innovations at Venture Center. She is a Ph.D from School of Health Sciences, University of Pune and has teaching and research experience in a State Government medical university. At Venture Center, she is responsible for driving the Social Innovations and related activities and is responsible for providing technical mentoring for incubatees at Venture Center. Mugdha has been a Fellow of the Chevening Rolls Royce Science, Innovation, Policy and Leadership Programme (CRISP) at the Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK in 2016. In 2018 she has also been part of the Aritra Accelerator Program for Leadership in the Social Sector at IIM Bangalore with Phicus Solutions and Dr. Reddy's Foundation.

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