

# IGE Mentorship Opportunities

The Institute for the Global Entrepreneur invites experienced entrepreneurs and industry leaders to join us in our mission to educate, train and mentor high-potential leaders in engineering and technology.

## SHARE EXPERTISE, MAKE AN IMPACT

### NSF I-Corps

NSF I-Corps™ is a hands-on workshop series that will guide teams on how to validate their ideas for the market using the Lean Startup Methodology. Teams will learn entrepreneurship basics and the art of pitching ideas to investors. Admitted projects will receive NSF Seed Funding for market validation and prototype development.

### Mentorship

Expertise: business acumen, entrepreneurship, industry expert  
Commitment: 5-week time frame, classroom and office hours

Learn More: <https://ige.ucsd.edu/i-corps>

### Mentorship

Expertise: subject matter expertise, business development, commercialization  
Commitment: speaker or office hours, student projects

### Technology Management Program

The Technology Management Program provides business education designed for engineering graduate students. The course teaches the language of business, venture discovery, and project management, and thereby enabling students to cultivate valuable leadership skills and develop their technologies.

Learn More: <https://ige.ucsd.edu/technology-management>

### Mentorship

Expertise: subject matter expertise, business entrepreneurial experience  
Commitment: Judging- Semi-Finals or Finals

### Competitions

The Triton Innovation Challenge (TIC) is a business plan competition focused on fostering creativity and highlighting commercially promising, environmentally focused technologies generated at UC San Diego. The Border Innovation Challenge (BIC) brings the spotlight to promising solutions and technologies to meet the efficiency and security challenges of the region's ports of entry.

Learn More: <https://rady.ucsd.edu/centers/ciid/border-innovation-challenge/index.html>



## MedTech/Technology Accelerator

The MedTech Accelerator program provides teams with training, guidance from domain experts, and access to resources to help translate their medical technologies to the market in collaboration with our campus partners. The Technology Accelerator supports teams in developing a prototype or minimum viable product and helps elevate them to the next stage in their startup journey.

## Mentorship

Expertise: healthcare, business development, commercialization, investment, industry expert  
Commitment: 6-months time frame, speaker or office hours

Learn More: <https://ige.ucsd.edu/medtech-accelerator> | <https://ige.ucsd.edu/technology-accelerator>

## Global Innovation Program/GEA

IGE Global Innovation Training workshops introduce participants to commercialization skills including team formation, customer validation, defining value proposition, building the business model, and go-to-market planning. With expert guidance, instruction, and tech company visits, students are equipped with the tools they need to pitch their ideas to investors.

## Mentorship

Expertise: business development/network, investment, entrepreneurship, industry expert  
Commitment: 6 to 9 month time frame

Learn More: <https://ige.ucsd.edu/global-innovation>

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