2021-2022 Innovate WithIN Teacher Training Cohort

A collaboration between the STARTedUP Foundation & the Indiana Department of Education

Innovate WithIN Teacher Training Cohort Overview

Through the 2021-2022 Innovate WithIN Teacher Training Cohort program, the StartedUP Foundation (SEUF) will provide leadership development training and support to Indiana educators, with the mission of creating an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across Indiana schools. This program's training and support, which will run the span of eight months, is intended to build the capacity of innovative teacher leaders throughout the entire state of Indiana, to help with teacher retention, and to enhance opportunities for teachers and high school students. Throughout the year, SEUF will equip and support Indiana high school teachers to ignite innovation and creativity into their classrooms.

Objectives

Program highlights throughout the year include the following:

- Curriculum to empower students' mindsets and foster innovation.
- Collaborate with a network of teachers to focus on improving student outcomes beyond academics.
- An opportunity to work with your city leaders to build an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Networking opportunities with key leaders around the state and nationally known innovators, and entrepreneurs.

Innovate WithIN Teacher Training Cohort Participation

The Innovate WithIN Teacher Training Cohort will be composed of up to 45 teachers across the state. SEUF will host two in-person and two virtual workshops throughout the year to build the capacity of innovative teacher leaders, with the goal of enhancing opportunities for students within their respective communities. Not only will this help educators better understand industry trends but it will empower educators to teach their students the skills necessary for next steps in their educational, entrepreneurial, and workforce journey.

Upon successful completion of the 2021-2022 cohort, graduates will receive a $750 stipend and Professional Growth Plan (PGP) points. School districts must agree to pay the stipend amount, and it will be reimbursed by SEUF after the final session (April 2022)**.**

Application

Participants must be practicing Indiana high school educators in grades nine through 12. The application can be found here. Within the application, please upload the signed Assurances page.

Note: ***You do NOT need to be a business teacher*** to be a part of this cohort. In fact, many of the educators who have participated in Innovate WithIN hold a variety of educator roles and cover a wide range of subjects. If you have a passion for solving problems, collaboration, and improving your community- this is for you!

Applications are due by close-of-business on Friday, October 8. Accepted participants will be notified on or before Wednesday, October 13.

Innovate WithIN Teacher Training Cohort Expectations

- Participate in the two in-person (October and April) and at least two virtual workshops (December and February).
- Recruit 10 students to participate in the Innovate WithIN Pitch Competition. Additional details on the Pitch Competition can be found here.
- Meet with local mayor/city leaders to get more students involved to help build an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Help build a culture of innovation and serve as an ambassador in your school/town/state.

Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Topic
Saturday, October 23, Time: 11 a.m. (subject to change)	Indianapolis Motor Speedway Gasoline Alley Suite	SEUF will host up to 45 teachers to kick off the Innovate withIN Teacher TrainingCohort around the Indy Autonomous Challenge, hosted at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. SEUF will provide each teacher with the tools, networking, and resources to learn the following during the in-person workshop: ● How to integrate innovation and open-source learning into the classroom ● Purpose-driven entrepreneurship and innovation ● What is Innovate WithIN and how to get your students involved in the program ● Specific tools for teachers to implement this new way of thinking into their classrooms After the 1.5-hour teacher training, the cohort is free to attend and explore the Indy Autonomous Challenge, walk on the track, and watch pit-side.
Monday, November 15 Time: 7 p.m.	Virtual	SEUF will provide virtual check-ins to follow up on topics from the initial in-person workshop to ensure each teacher has the resources needed. Additional lessons and guest speakers will be introduced.
Monday, January 10, 2022 Time: 7 p.m.	Virtual	SEUF will provide a second virtual check-in to follow up on topics from the last meeting, share successes, and provide networking with other teachers in the cohort to learn from their experiences. Promote and check in on the student Innovate WithIN Pitch

		Competition progress to ensure students are prepared to submit their applications in February 2022
February-March 2022	As needed program administration	Between the in-person and virtual check ins, SEUF will act as a resource to all teachers when they need additional guidance and support.
April 2022 During the day (tentatively 11 a.m. to -4 p.m.)	In-person teacher workshop and event in each of the nine ESC regions at the Regional Innovate WithIN Pitch Competition	Each teacher in the cohort will attend the Regional Innovate WithIN Pitch Competition. We encourage them to bring their classes to either participate, or observe the competition. We will also host a pre-networking meeting to recap their cohort experience. ***This is the capstone to the cohort experience.***
May-July 2022	Open resources available	SEUF will continue to support this initial cohort. Cohort teachers are welcomed and encouraged to attend the State Innovate WithIN Pitch Competition in June 2022.

District Reimbursement

SEUF will reimburse the district to cover the $750 stipend payout for each participant and up to $250 in any associated costs, e.g., hotel, mileage, food, TRF benefits, etc. for a total of $1,000 in reimbursement.

Contact Us

If you have questions regarding the 2021-2022 Innovate WithIN Teacher Training Cohort, please contact Don Wettrick, CEO at the STARTedUP Foundation via email at dwettrick@startedupfoundation.org or via phone at 317-488-7040.