### **EDGE-NEXT** by The University of Tokyo

Transform society by the diverse team combining each specialty!

EDGE-NEXT(Exploration and Development of Global Entrepreneurship for NEXT generation) is subsidized by MEXT.



### What is EDGE-NEXT Pre-Basic Phase?

Objective : Understand program through briefing, understand social problems through invited talks, and find team members through self introduction

Target : Persons who would like to challenge social problems by research output / business experience (Basically graduate level or higher for university)

Self introduction: All participants do self introduction within one minute by using template 1.\*\*

Networking : After self introduction, persons who would like to find team members can explain business ideas within two minutes by using template 2.\*

### Merit of EDGE-NEXT program

- ▶ Can learn basic of starting business (entrepreneurship, defining problems and customers, team building, competitive advantage, fund raising, etc.)
- ▶ Can create business value from research output and confirm future direction (Receive comments from investors at US training)
- ▶ Fee is free for university researchers, national laboratory researchers, government persons (Participants from corporation pays the fee except Pre-Basic Phase.)
- ▶ Can create diverse human network

### Self introduction & Program briefing & Invited talks & Networking are held online Eight professors at the Univ. of Tokyo talk about the essence of the SDGs

- 1st session: May 7 (Fri) 17:30-19:30
   Talk: Executive Vice President Naoko Ishii, "Global Commons Stewardship: System transformation of the world"
- 2nd session: May 14 (Fri) 17:30-19:30
   Talk: Professor Ryuji Matsuhashi, "Realization of a carbon neutral society and novel business schemes of energy systems"
- 3rd session: May 21 (Fri) 17:30-19:30
   Talk: Professor Hiroaki Furumai, "Strategic urban flood management for climate change adaptation"
- 4th session: May 28 (Fri) 17:30-19:30
   Talk: Professor Hisashi Nakamura, "Manifesting global warming with extreme weather conditions Utilizing weather/climate data for creating safe future society -"
- 5th session: June 4 (Fri) 17:30-19:30
   Talk: Professor Junichiro Inoue,
   "A seed of COVID-19 therapeutics born from basic research at the University of Tokyo"
- 6th session: June 11 (Fri) 17:30-19:30
   Talk: Professor Gento Mogi, "Transition to sustainable global energy systems"
- 7th session: June 18 (Fri) 17:30-19:30
   Talk: Professor Yuichi Tei,
   "Development of ME-BYO index"
- 8th session: June 25 (Fri) 17:30-19:30
   Talk: Professor Yasuhiro Nakashima,
   "Towards establishing of sustainable food systems"

\*\*Please pre-register by the URL below or QR code in advance. Self introduction is done at the beginning and networking within 1-2 minutes, so please fill out template on the application site and send it to EDGE-NEXT Office by e-mail (see below) by three days before the session. After receiving it, we will send URL for online participation.



■Application

http://bit.ly/3fy0zi0



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Program structure 4 Phases structure

# Research Output XSDGs Entrepreneur development program connecting SDGs & research

# Pre-Basic Phase

Target University (basically graduate leve or higher) & national laboratories (research or business development) (research), government, corporation

Recruitment Persons who have passion to solve Energy, Agriculture & Food) by Infrastructure, Health & Medical business experience) specialties (research output or & Aging, Environment, Power & SDGs problem (Disaster

Fee Free

## **Basic Phase**

Target ● About 40 persons from university (basically graduate level or higher) & national laboratories (research), government,

corporation (research or business development)

Recruitment

Recruit by individual or team for each SDGs problem (Disaster & Infrastructure, Health & Medical & Aging, Environment,

Requirement • Have passion to solve problems and Power & Energy, Agriculture & Food) have specialties

(research output or business experience)

Fee University & national laboratory researchers, government persons: Free, Corporation: 100K yen per person

## **Practical Phase**

Target Team considering start of business seriously (2-3 teams will be selected.) Recruit by team all year and select by document and interview test Condition 1: Business plan and also activity plan for 4-6 months

Fee University & national laboratory researchers, government persons: Free, Corporation: 700K yen per person (document Condition 2 : Adopted by VCs such as UTEC, IPC (interview test)

## Advanced Phase

Target About 35 persons, 12 teams from university (basically graduate level or higher) & national laboratories (research), government, corporation (research or business development)

Condition 1: Theme is appropriate. Condition 2: Team member struct Condition 2: Team member structure is appropriate

Fee • University & national laboratory researchers, government persons: Free, Corporation: 300K yen per person (Additional 300K yen per person if overseas training is done in the US.) Recruitment & selection: Recruit by team and accept based on the above two points

Recruit all year Selection

## **Practical Phase**

Activity of team to lift up to fundable leve



market verification Make the business concrete through

Aim for fund raising

We are recruiting participants for practical phase at any time.

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July - August

Jnderstand the essence of SDGs problems Introduce yourself for mutual understanding

Pre-Basic Phase

problem hearing, and make each team targets and do Deepen the problem which

Ability to build diverse team

**Basic Phase** 

customer hearing.

Valley and San Diego

Present to overseas investors in English at overseas training in Silicon Make presentation of business plan which is made through mentoring and

**Advanced Phase** 

Selection -

nderstand overall program through briefing

Clarification of problem Communication skill

Complete an assumption level business plan

team members through networking

May - June

September - February

4-6 months period

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