

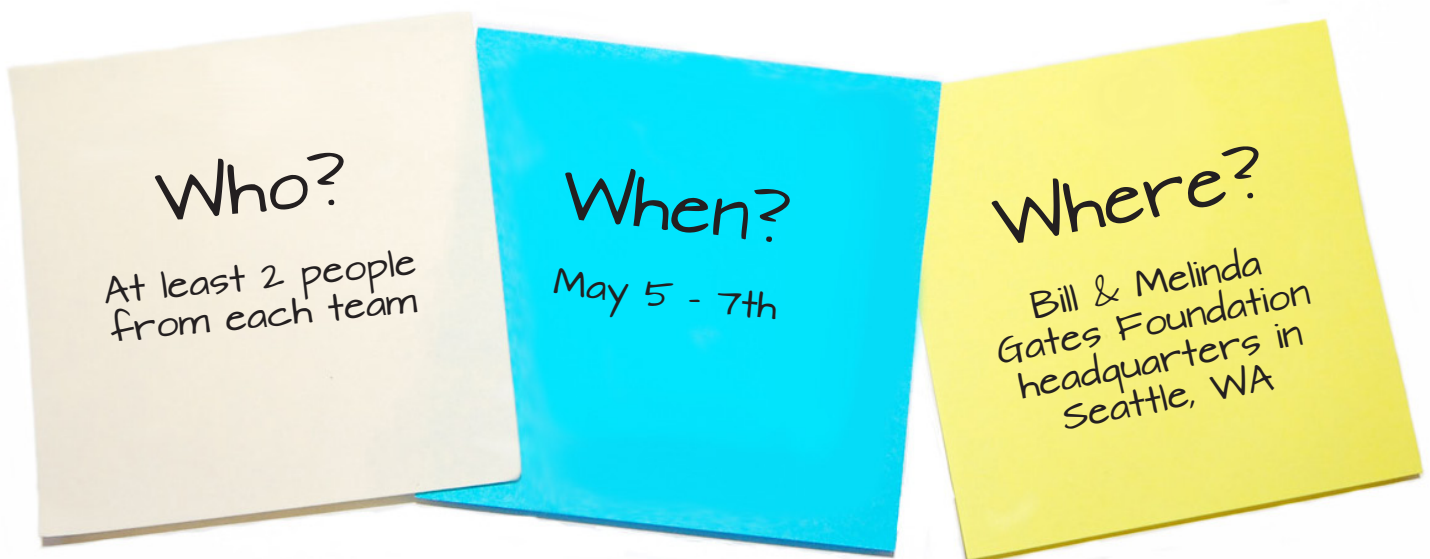
GCE XCELERATOR PILOT WORKSHOPS



Xcelerator: Increasing the Impact of Grand Challenges Explorations Innovations Through Venture Training

DEAR GCE GRANTEE,

You are invited to participate in the inaugural Grand Challenges Explorations (GCE) Xcelerator Pilot Workshop. The Xcelerator workshop is designed to provide training and mentoring on commercialization and venture development to GCE grantees to rapidly advance their innovations, and support them in reaching impact and scale.



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WHAT HAPPENS AT THE GCE XCELERATOR?

The GCE Xcelerator workshop is a three-day immersive educational experience that addresses the complexities of implementing new technology in the developing world. Participants will develop a strategy map, create a business plan, and form working rela-

tionships with mentors and strategic partners. Upon conclusion of the program, teams will have developed a strategic approach to their product development, defined their market, and created a prioritized action plan.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE GCE XCELERATOR?

Our experience has demonstrated that in order to maximize the effectiveness of the program it is essential that at least two members of each team participate in the training. The program is an immersive, experiential effort intended to accelerate a team's innovation, and the training uses a process that requires the active engagement of multiple individuals

working as a team at all stages of development. The participating team members then bring back what they have learned to their full team, collectively reinforcing the shared knowledge and experience of the Xcelerator training through personal interaction and with the online resources. Participants are expected to attend the full 3-days.

WHO SPONSORS THE WORKSHOP?

The GCE Xcelerator Pilot Program workshops are supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and The Lemelson Foundation to enable the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA) to accelerate Grand Challenges Explorations' work in fostering innovation in global health and development research. This initiative leverages: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's commitment to encour-

age scientists worldwide to expand the pipeline of ideas to fight our greatest health challenges supporting over 850 investments to date, The Lemelson Foundation's history of recognizing and nurturing ideas into inventions with the potential to reach the people who can use them most, and The NCIIA's substantial experience in training inventors to turn their ideas into self-sustaining enterprises.



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