

Building Future Leaders using Entrepreneurial Thinking

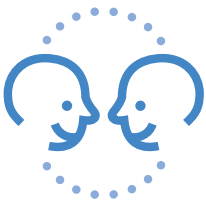
Tomorrow's leaders will be those with the ability to generate creative solutions to complex problems. You can start preparing your students to become future leaders by incorporating the core competencies of entrepreneurship into the lessons and activities you are already delivering.

MaRS Discovery District offers two mutually reinforcing ways to foster the creative potential of your students. Firstly, through a collection of activity building blocks that K-12 teachers can combine and modify. Secondly, through a range of training experiences for both students and teachers.

Activity Building Blocks

Visit the Building Future Leaders website at marsdd.com/buildingfutureleaders to access free educator resources. Organized into the categories below, you can select individual activities to teach specific skills, or combine them to scaffold long-term projects.

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GETTING
STARTED

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RESEARCH &
DISCOVERY

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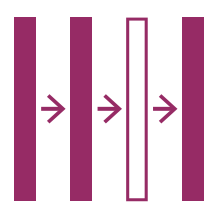
IDEA
DEVELOPMENT

4



PERSUASIVE
COMMUNICATING

5



IDENTIFYING
NEXT STEPS



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Experiences for Students & Teachers

Entrepreneurship education should be as creative and adaptable as the innovators it teaches. With this in mind, MaRS offers a number of customizable experiences for both students and teachers. Email us at futureleaders@marsdd.com to learn more.

Student Programs

IDEA JAMS & HACKATHONS

Students collaborate with entrepreneurs, teachers, and mentors to explore significant problems and prototype creative solutions.

Held over 1 - 2 days, these inquiry-based events are opportunities for students to actively engage with the challenges they are passionate about solving.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAMPS

An entrepreneurship camp is a scaled-up version of an idea jam or hackathon. Lasting 3 - 5 days, these events expose students to a larger number of entrepreneurial techniques, and offer more opportunities to work with entrepreneurs.

With more time to test and iterate on their ideas, bootcamps help students build the mental flexibility and resilience that is paramount to innovation.

Teacher Training

HALF OR FULL DAY

These sessions show teachers from across disciplines how to harness entrepreneurial techniques for inquiry-based learning.

Hands-on activities are used to demonstrate practical techniques for helping students improve their collaboration, research, idea development and communication.

MULTI-DAY

This approach involves 2 - 5 training sessions spread out over a period of weeks or months. Each session exposes teachers to a new set of tools they can explore with their students and share with their colleagues.

Between these sessions, schools may request additional support in the form of in-school demos, supplemental resources, and on-demand feedback.

THE SUMMER INSTITUTE

During this comprehensive training experience, teachers participate alongside students during our 5-day Future Leaders entrepreneurship camp. Teachers then collaborate with MaRS facilitators to:

1. Investigate the pedagogical underpinnings of the entrepreneurial process
2. Apply the entrepreneurial process to prototype, test and iterate on new lesson and assignment approaches

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