



Entrepreneurship Development Academy
Small Business Boost 2.0 Programme – 100 Scholarships
Entrepreneurship Education for those in Green Economy
October 2017 – July 2018

Overview The Small Business Boost 2.0 Programme, funded by J.P. Morgan, aims to promote small business growth and job creation for those involved in providing solutions for the green economy. The programme will provide 10 months of practical business and management education as well as mentorship and support services to 100 small businesses across Gauteng, Western Cape, Northern Cape and KZN provinces. It seeks to empower entrepreneurs with the knowledge, skills and resources to grow in this niche sector.

Details: The programme is funded by J.P. Morgan. A refundable commitment fee will be charged for participants. There are two days of classes every second week for four months followed by six months of support services. Classes start in October 2017 and end in July 2018. During this time, entrepreneurs will attend academic classroom-based sessions; receive mentorship and support from entrepreneurial coaches; engage in dialogue sessions; attend field visits to industry leaders.

Benefits to you: Foresee and address challenges faced by businesses in this niche sector;
Communicate and market the value of your solution;
Anticipate and manage change better;
Navigate the supply chain of big businesses;
Approach financing for growth using unique modelling techniques relevant to the sector;
Learn how to overcome challenges using cutting-edge business management strategies relevant to the sector; and
Identify strategic growth opportunities that exist across the rest of the continent.

In order to apply, entrepreneurs must fulfil the following criteria: Operate within the manufacturing/green-economy sector in Gauteng;
Have been in operation for at least one year;
Have an annual turnover of between R200 000 – R20 million;
Employ at least three people; and
Work in the business full-time and have minimum 35% shareholding.

Programme Methodology

Business training will take place in province (around four days per month) on the subjects of business modelling and planning, marketing, finance, operations management, leadership skills and new business development as is relevant to the green economy;
of support services, including: monthly mentorship sessions and coaching circles, access to capital through financing partnerships, networking events, access to new markets and peer learning opportunities;
Field visits, soft skills workshops, and entrepreneur guest lectures; and
Four dialogue events with the manufacturing/green economy sector to share perspectives on sector challenges.

Follow this link to apply: Small Business Boost 2.0
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<https://www.gibs.co.za/about-us/pages/scholarships.aspx>

Festival of Ideas

Description: Festival of Ideas

Do you have a business idea that addresses a social or environmental problem?
Together with our partners, we're giving away up to R 150 000 in cash prizes!

If you think you have what it takes to pitch to a panel of experts and a live audience, we want to hear from you. The GIBS Entrepreneurship Development Academy, will be hosting the 4th annual Social & Green Entrepreneurship Festival of Ideas Competition at the GIBS campus in November. The festival casts the spotlight on sound business ideas that drive a social or environmental mission to achieve social change. Aspirant social entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to pitch their unique social or environmental business ideas to a panel of experts for a chance to win spot cash prizes of up to R150,000.

Link: <https://www.gibs.co.za/Pages/Festival-Of-Ideas.aspx>

