GOVLAB Academy

ABOUT THE ACADEMY

Training the Next Generation of Public Problem Solvers

Designed for public entrepreneurs -- passionate and innovative people who wish to take advantage of new technology to do good in the world -- the GovLab Academy offers hands-on, personalized training and coaching to help cross the chasm from idea to practical reality.

ACADEMY OFFERINGS

COACHING PROGRAMS
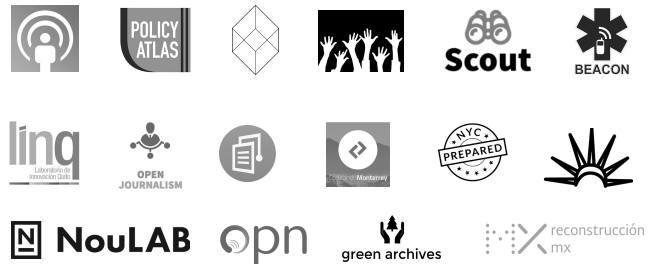Small group online programs to help public entrepreneurs implement a specific project.

CLASSES
Extended topical introductions offered online and off, including courses on Innovations in Governing, designed to deepen learning about new approaches to problem-solving.
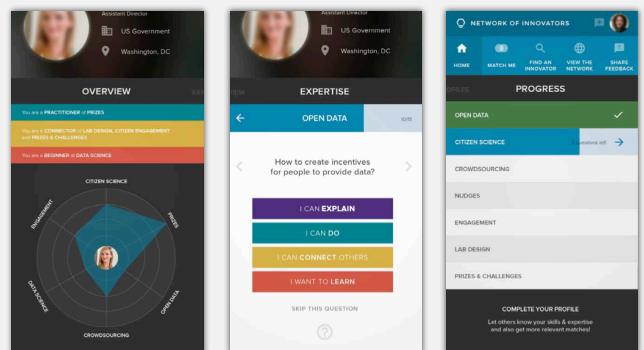
WORKSHOPS
Intensive offline programs to learn the skillset and mindset needed to be a public entrepreneur and use technology for social good.

GovLab Academy has coached projects ranging from building a mobile phone-based emergency medical dispatch for resource-limited settings to creating a city's high impact solutions lab. Visit our project gallery at govlabacademy.org to get to know more about the projects our alumni are working on:

NETWORK OF INNOVATORS

Join the Network of Innovators and connect with our global community of public entrepreneurs at networkofinnovators.org. Network of Innovators is a skill sharing platform that matches people with complementary skills for peer-to-peer learning.

ACADEMY COACHING PROGRAMS

WHAT   Expert-led group sessions with peer-to-peer and one-on-one coaching

WHEN   Every week or every other week for 5 sessions

WHERE   Online in real time

WHO   For individuals and teams with a public tech project ready to go to the next level (a maximum of a dozen teams or individuals per coaching program)

WHY   To enable public entrepreneurs to take a project from idea to implementation

COACHING PROGRAMS INCLUDE

- A flexible, customized program responsive to the participants' specific needs and challenges

- Rigorous diagnosis of impediments to project implementation

- Emphasis on specific and evidence-based problem definition to ensure that the project solves a well-defined problem

- A combination of subject-matter and skills-based training to address both deficits in knowledge about innovation and in know how about how to apply that knowledge to one's own project

- Peer-to-peer support where similarly situated public entrepreneurs counsel and support each other through challenges together

- Mentoring and coaching from experts with a track record of leading successful social change

- High-quality original and curated content, tools, and resources

- Successful participants receive an authenticated, digital certificate upon completion

SELECTED ACADEMY COACHING PROGRAMS & FACULTY

CROWDSOURCING: Karim Lakhani
Lumry Family Associate Professor of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION: Miriam Nisbet
Former Director of the Office of Government Information Services

HUMANITARIAN INNOVATION: Julian Carver
Former CIO, City of Christchurch, New Zealand

DESIGNING PUBLIC LABS: Geoff Mulgan
Chief Executive of Nesta

CITIZEN SCIENCE: Francois Grey
Coordinator of the Citizen Cyberscience Centre, Geneva

ANALYTICS: Amen Ra Mashariki
Chief Analytics Officer of the City of New York

OPEN CONTRACTING: Gavin Hayman
Executive Director of the Open Contracting Partnership

LEGISLATIVE TECH: Arnaud Sahuguet
Director of the Foundry at Cornell Tech

PROCUREMENT INNOVATIONS: Clay Johnson
Chairman of The Department for Better Technology and Former Presidential Innovation Fellow

PROBLEM DEFINITION: Alan Kantrow
Former Chief Knowledge Officer, Monitor Consulting and former Editor, McKinsey Quarterly

Are you a **team** or an **individual** passionate about solving a public problem with technology?

Are you an **organization**? Partner with us for customized coaching programs focused on your community and issues. For more information, contact: **dinorah@thegovlab.org**