

Venture Cup University Coordinator at ITU

I read the ad for the position as University Coordinator with great interest. I have always thought highly of Venture Cup and would very much like to be part of the team that makes it happen. In particular I would like to bring ITU closer into the fold of participating universities. It is good that ITU is finally a member but there is still a lot of work needed to get more students to participate in events and competitions.

I am a Master's student in Software Development & Technology and plan to graduate summer 2015. I know full well that you would likely prefer someone that can commit for a longer time period but I believe that I can contribute a lot in the time that I do have left at ITU.

I have been a part of the Copenhagen startup community since I became a co-founder of ITU Innovators in 2011. A small group of ambitious students, we set up the organization and soon started to host events that had people visiting from all over Copenhagen. I was instrumental in much of the administrative stuff, including writing the bylaws and organizing the first general assembly.

Through my work as a member of ITU Innovators I have built an extended network of people in the startup community. I have hosted events, some as small as a few participants to our large Startup Live Copenhagen with about 60 participants and organizers.

Apart from my involvement in ITU Innovators I have also been active in student politics, where I recently stepped down after a two-year stint as member of the university Board of Directors. Through this I have come to better understand how universities function and who to work with to improve things. I am happy with the direction that ITU has taken with a greater focus on entrepreneurship and innovation and I see a great place for Venture Cup in this strategy.

ITU has some facets that make it unique in its possibilities to create future entrepreneurs, especially in the domain of IT and tech. Our students span every part of the processes involved in creating startups and the local culture is quite receptive to the idea of startups, innovation and entrepreneurship. There is still a lot of way to go though. It is still far too easy for graduates to just pick their first offer from a large company without considering an option in a startup.

With more and more possibilities for graduates and students to become part of the startup community, I think Venture Cup still has a claim to its importance. It's a perfect way to be both introduced to the idea of being an entrepreneur, learning the skills needed, but also an impressive accelerator in its own right.

I would like to do my part to make Venture Cup more visible at ITU and attract more ambitious students to the events and competitions - and to the life as an entrepreneur. I look forward to hear back from you.

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