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Campus Innovators Network (CIN)

Proposal for Establishing a CIN Chapter By Shuaib Bashiru

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Introduction

CIN is an industry–
student innovation
ecosystem that
empowers students

to build solutions in
education, technology,
and community
development.

PROBLEM STATEMENT



Despite the abundance of talented, creative, and innovative students across tertiary institutions, most ideas never grow beyond the imagination stage.

Students have the passion and curiosity to build impactful solutions, but their innovative potential is limited by:

- Ideas Not Scaling
- Skills Gap
- Lack of Collaboration
- Limited Visibility & Opportunities
- Campus Challenges Remain Unsolved
- Underutilized Youth Potential

Ideas Not Scaling

Many students have
innovative ideas



But lack support systems to
turn ideas into real solutions




Great concepts die early
because there is **no structure,
mentorship, or funding**

Skills Gap

Students often learn theory without practical execution

Limited access to innovation labs, tools, or project-based learning

Weak exposure to industry standards & emerging technologies



Lack of Collaboration

Talented students work in isolation

No platform to connect with industry experts, faculty, and like-minded innovators

No ecosystem that drives cross-department collaboration

Limited Visibility & Opportunities



Student innovations
rarely get showcased



Few pathways to pitch
ideas to investors,
NGOs, or tech leaders



No mentorship
pipeline for long-term
project development.

Campus Challenges Remain Unsolved

Students see daily problems
they *could* solve

But lack a channel to convert
these insights into structured
solutions

Schools miss out on student-
driven innovation that
improves systems



Underutilized Youth Potential

Nigeria & Africa have a
huge youth population
But creativity is under-
supported

Innovation ends at the
idea stage, not scalable,
not implemented

CIN Solutions



Identifies and nurtures
student innovators



Provides training in
technology, leadership,
entrepreneurship



Connects students with
industry mentors and
faculty advisors



Creates platforms for
showcasing innovations

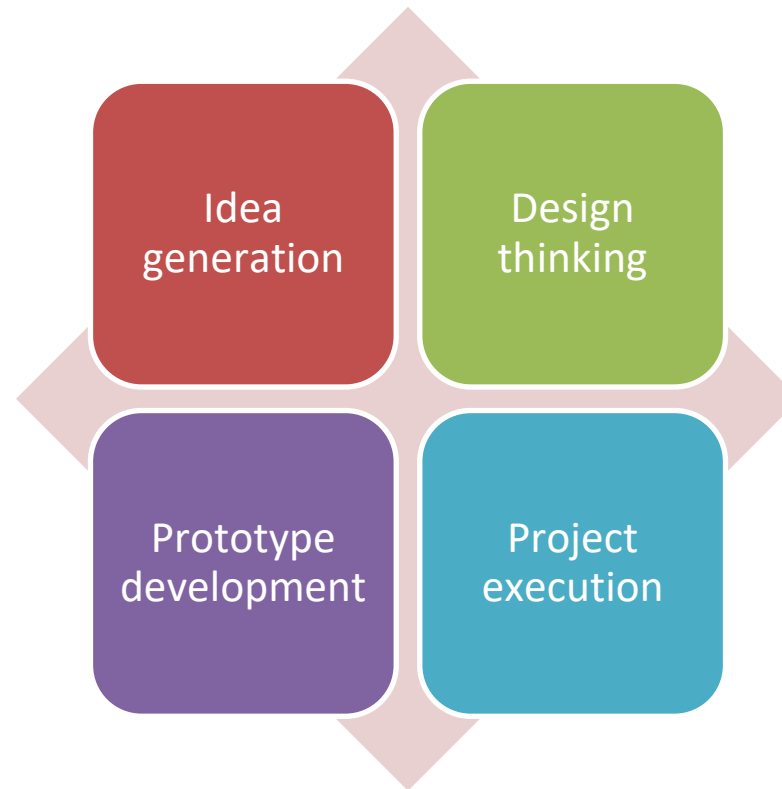


Supports students to
build scalable solutions
for real problems

CIN Model & Framework

The CIN Framework Has 5 Core
Pillars

1. Innovation Development



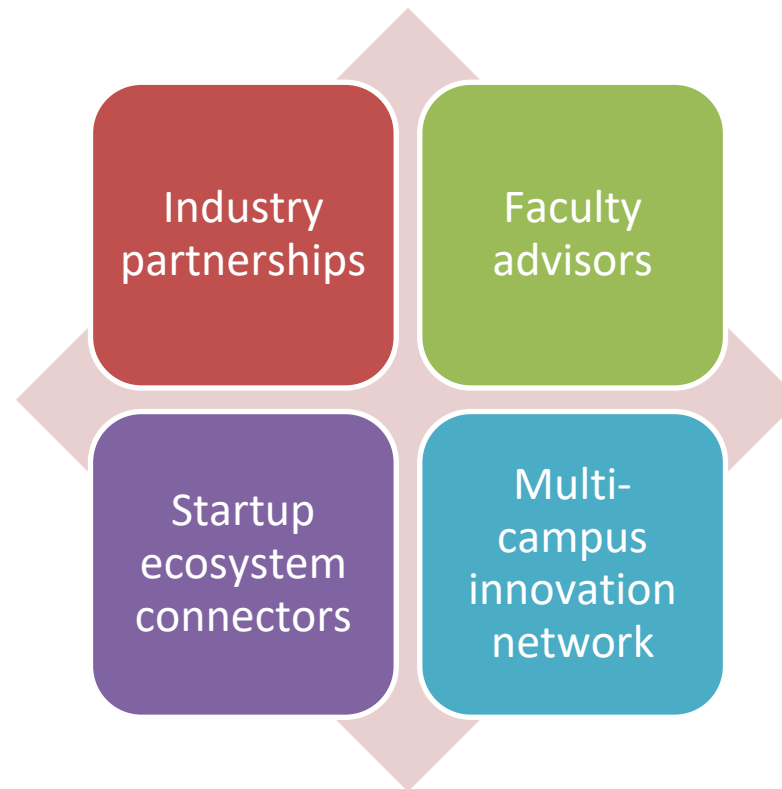
2. Capacity Building

Workshops (coding,
engineering,
leadership,
entrepreneurship)

Industry-led
masterclasses

Peer-to-peer
learning

3. Collaboration & Networking



4. Showcase & Recognition



INNOVATION
FAIRS &
EXHIBITIONS



DEMO DAYS



COMPETITIONS &
PITCH EVENTS



AWARDS AND
RECOGNITION

Sustainability & Mentorship



3-6 MONTH CIN
FELLOWSHIP



LONG-TERM
PROJECT
MENTORSHIP



INCUBATION
REFERRALS



INNOVATION
FUNDING
PATHWAYS

Purpose of the Proposal

To seek approval and
institutional support for
establishing a CIN
Chapter



at the institution and
enhancing student
innovation culture.

Why Now?

The Innovation Gap Is Widening and
students are full of creative ideas.

Vision Statement

To become Africa's
leading innovation
community supporting
student-driven

solutions for
education,
technology, and
society.

Mission Statement



To connect student innovators with mentors through collaboration,



technology, and experiential learning, enabling scalable solutions.

Core Objectives



Innovation Development



Capacity Building



Collaboration & Networking



Showcase & Recognition



Sustainability & Mentorship

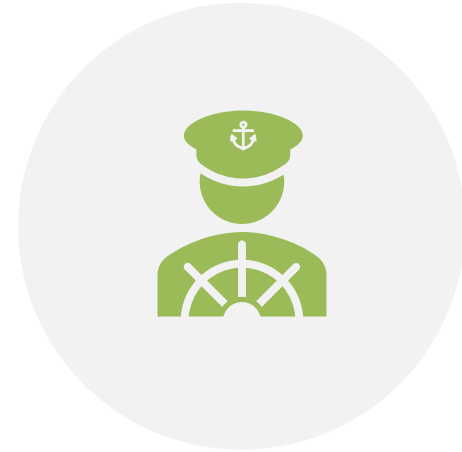


Advocacy & Partnerships

Why CIN is Important

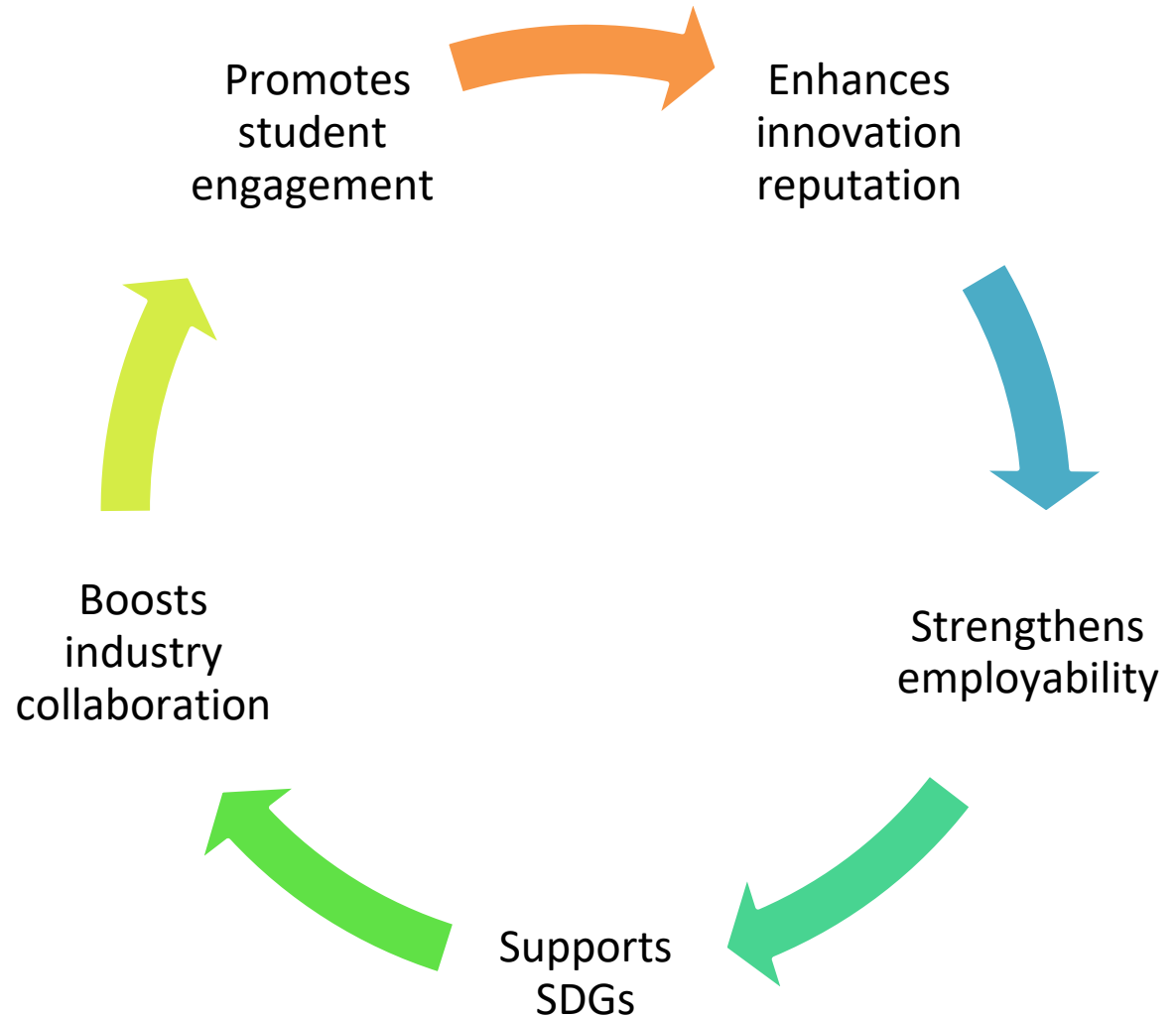


CIN FILLS THE GAP BETWEEN
CLASSROOM LEARNING AND INDUSTRY
REQUIREMENTS,



AND PROVIDES A PLATFORM FOR
CREATIVITY, LEADERSHIP, AND
EMPLOYABILITY.

Benefits to the Institution



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CIN Value Proposition

A Structured Innovation Ecosystem:

CIN provides a clear pathway for students to turn ideas into real, scalable solutions.

Practical Skills + Mentorship:

Students gain hands-on experience, leadership development, and industry guidance.

Industry–Academia Bridge:

CIN connects students, faculty, companies, NGOs, and government partners in one ecosystem.

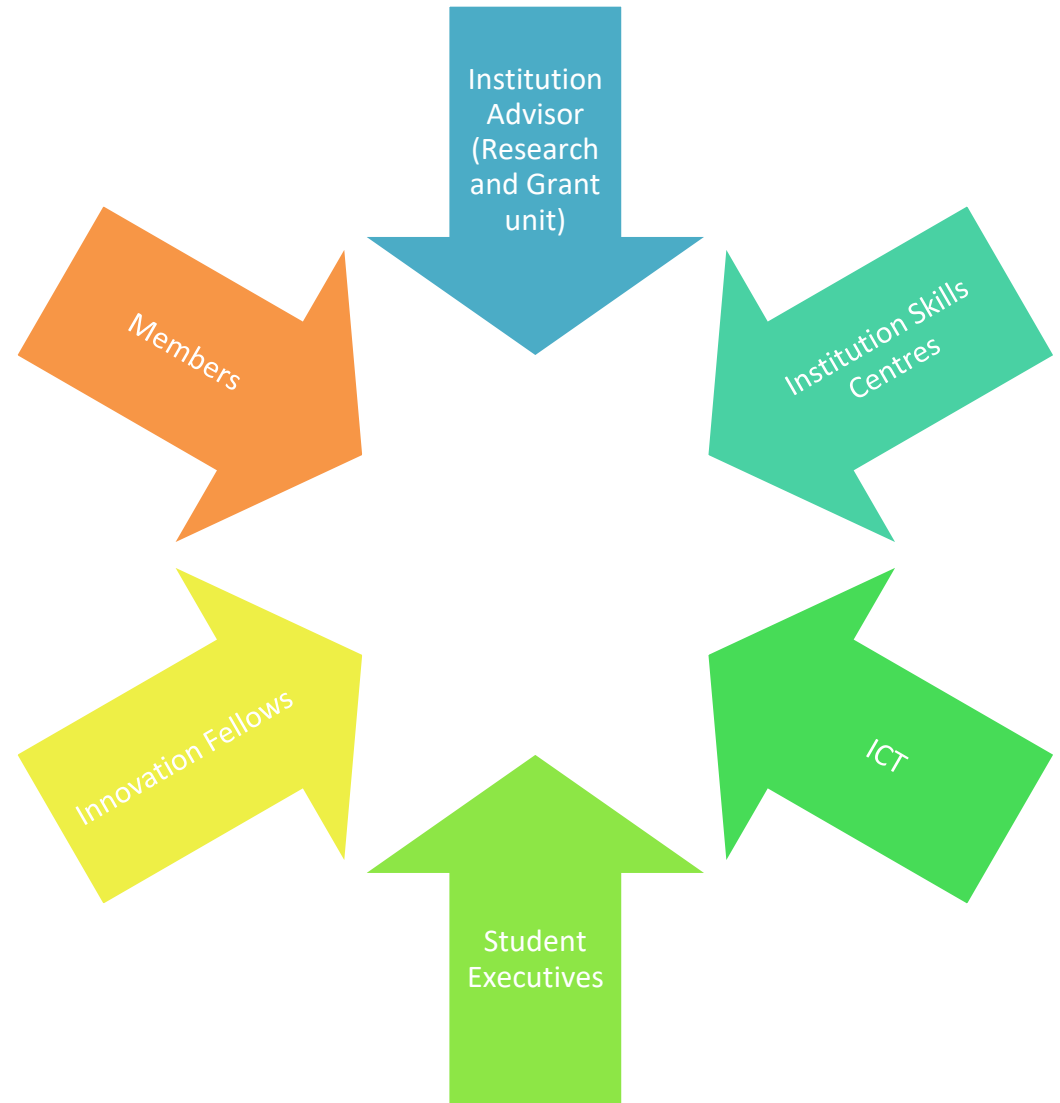
Opportunities & Visibility:

Members access exhibitions, competitions, demo days, and national/international exposure.

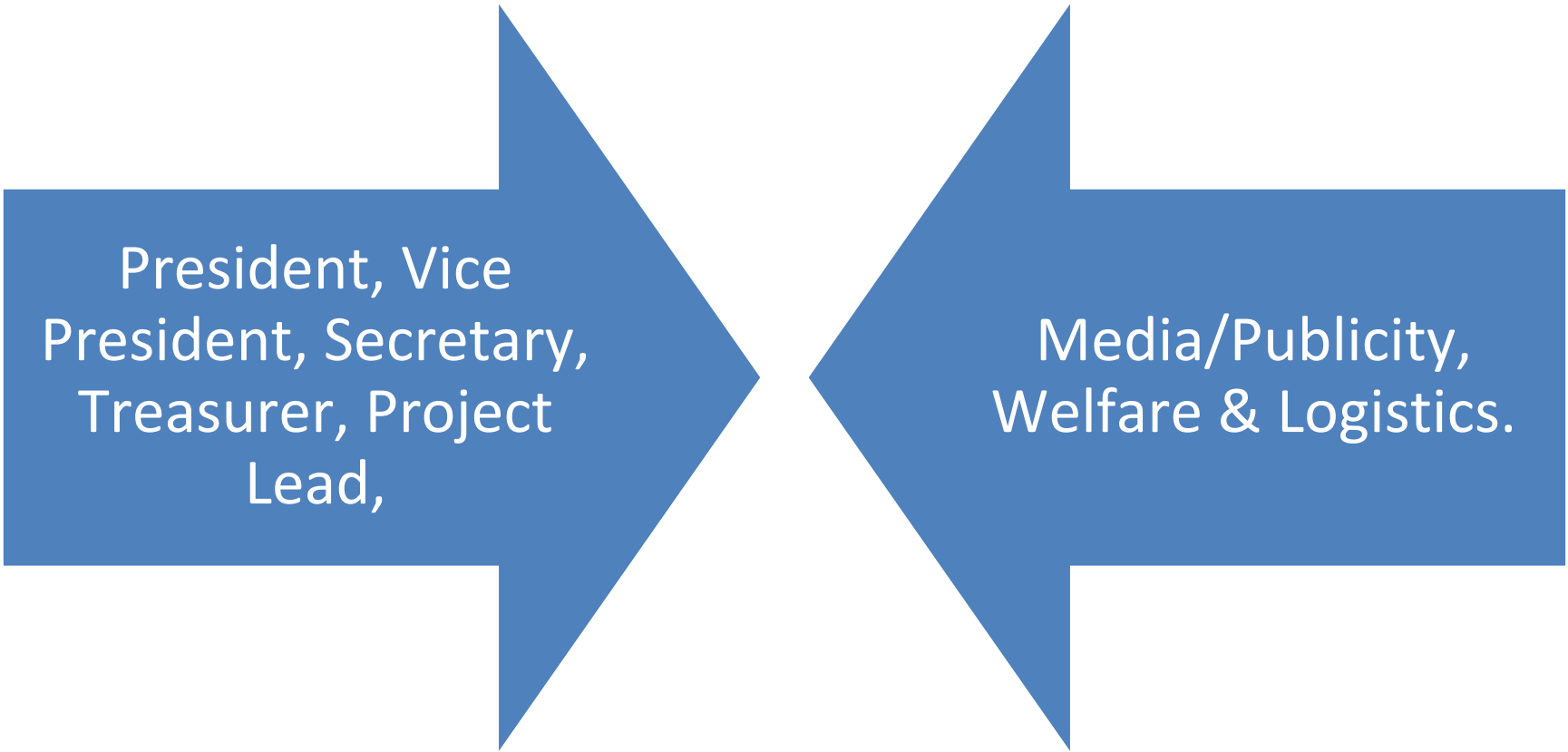
Community of Innovators:

A growing network across campuses, enabling collaboration, support, and shared learning.

CIN Organizational Structure



Executive Roles



President, Vice
President, Secretary,
Treasurer, Project
Lead,

Media/Publicity,
Welfare & Logistics.

Membership Categories



GENERAL
MEMBERS



INNOVATION
FELLOWS



EXECUTIVES



PARTNERS &
SPONSORS

Core Programs & Activities



CAMPUS SOLUTION
PROJECTS



INNOVATION
CHALLENGES



SKILL-UP
WORKSHOPS



CIN FELLOWSHIP



INNOVATION HUBS



TECH EXHIBITIONS

Campus Innovation Challenge



MENTORSHIP AND INNOVATION TEAMS
TO BUILD CREATIVE SOLUTIONS.



FOR CAMPUS, COMMUNITY, AND
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

Skill-Up Sessions



Training on coding, engineering, entrepreneurship and leadership.



Design thinking, and digital literacy.

CIN Fellowship



A 3-6 month mentorship program to prepare high-potential student-innovators

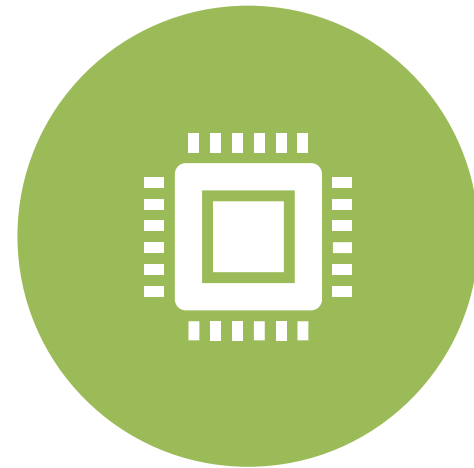


Through coaching, prototyping, and project development.

Innovation Labs / Hubs



A PHYSICAL OR VIRTUAL
COLLABORATIVE SPACE FOR STUDENTS
TO EXPERIMENT.



PROTOTYPE, AND COLLABORATE ON
INNOVATION PROJECTS.

Implementation Plan



APPROVAL &
SETUP



EXECUTIVE
RECRUITMENT



AWARENESS
CAMPAIGN



MEMBERSHIP
LAUNCH



WORKSHOPS &
EVENTS



FIRST
INNOVATION
CHALLENGE

Funding Model

Institutional Support

Corporate Sponsorships

NGO Partnerships

Member Contributions

Merchandise

Innovation Grants

Monitoring & Evaluation

Quarterly reports

Activity logs

Event evaluations

Project progress reviews

Annual impact assessment

Expected Outcomes



Strengthened
innovation culture



Industry-ready
graduates



Increased visibility
for the institution



Student-led
impactful solutions

Conclusion



CIN IS A TRANSFORMATIVE PLATFORM
THAT WILL EMPOWER STUDENTS,
STRENGTHEN INSTITUTIONAL
REPUTATION,



AND ENHANCE INNOVATION-DRIVEN
DEVELOPMENT.



Thank you

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