



Defence Acceleration Internship



Innovate4Defence (i4D), Internship

Introduction

Internship opportunity, Innovate4Defence (i4D), is a two-months-long acceleration program for students of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) of India. It is an opportunity for them to learn about developing their ideas, creating innovative Defence products and technologies, incorporating a legal entity and eventually becoming a part of the Indian Defence ecosystem and procurement.

Defence Innovation Organization (DIO) under the aegis of the Department of Defence Production (DDP), Ministry of Defence (MoD) interacts closely with India's leading incubators to track and support innovators, startups and MSMEs working in the Defence domain. It supports tech-driven firms opportunistically, to create, deploy and commercialize technologies for the Indian military and Defence PSUs through Defence India Startup Challenges (DISC) by providing SPARK grants.

Cohort Size: 100 individuals

There is no fee to participate in this program. Also, no compensation will be provided to the participants.

Program schedule: June 1, 2021 – July 15, 2021

Program Mode: Virtual

Eligibility Criteria

To participate, the applicant needs to meet the minimum criteria as mentioned below:

- 1) The applicant needs to be an Indian national and 18 years or above of age.
- 2) The applicant needs to have completed at least one year of graduation in institutes recognized by UGC or AICTE.
- 3) Preference to students with a background in Computer Science IT, Electronics and Electricals, Mechanical, Marine, Artificial Intelligence, Communication, Healthcare, Aerospace, Management, Economics, Finance, will be given; however all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Application Process

- 1) Interested candidates should submit their applications online by visiting idex.gov.in. Please note that this is the only way of applying to the program and no hardcopy application will be entertained.
- 2) Received applications will be evaluated and shortlisted by a committee consisting of DIO representatives. They may be invited to participate in coding or prototyping contests or other relevant exercises as deemed necessary by DIO for further screening purposes.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this acceleration program, the participants will be able to: -

- 1) Have an idea on how to approach extremely complex real-world Defence related challenges
- 2) Create and build technology solutions for the problems/ challenges faced by the Indian armed forces
- 3) Develop minimum viable products that match the requirements in an extremely short time without compromising on quality
- 4) Come up with a self-sustainable and scalable business model for the proposed solutions
- 5) Develop an understanding of the stakeholders involved, deployment & procurement mechanisms and ultimate mission value in the Indian Defence eco-system
- 6) Explore channels to collaborate with DIO for funding opportunities and mentoring support
- 7) Get accustomed to Indian Defence innovation ecosystem and their various initiatives for innovators.

On successful completion program, the participants will be awarded with a certificate of completion of the course, which may be used to satisfy the internship requirements of the student's respective institutions.

How to Apply?

Interested applicants can apply by visiting the website – www.idex.gov.in.

Terms and Conditions

- 1) There is no fee to participate in this program and i4D is an unpaid internship
- 2) There will be no financial obligations on iDEX, DIO or MoD or any partners
- 3) Internship certificate will be issued only at the discretion of DIO after completion of the program
- 4) The structure and timeline of the internship is at the discretion of iDEX, DIO and may be changed as required
- 5) DIO does not take any responsibility for any expenses of any applicant for the internship, and all provisions are on best effort basis
- 6) In case on any dispute, the decision of iDEX, DIO will be treated as final and binding
- 7) Applicants are required to read and accept the declarations mentioned in the online application form carefully, before submitting.
- 8) Applicants will also be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement with DIO



For more information, please visit our website -
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