

Enactus Canada Social Enterprise Accelerator Overview

Purpose:

The Enactus Canada Social Enterprise Accelerator aims to empower Enactus teams with the tools, mentorship and funding needed to launch innovative social enterprises that address at least one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Selection Criteria

Successful applications will demonstrate the following:

- A well-defined, innovative business idea aimed at addressing a pressing social or environmental issue.
- The concept should show promise for both impact and scalability.
- A clearly articulated social or environmental impact and measurement methodology.
- Preliminary development, community engagement or initial testing of the concept.

Recipients

Fifteen (15) Enactus social enterprises will receive the following benefits:

- A grant of \$1,500 to advance their proposed social enterprise
- A 12-week accelerator cohort program delivered in partnership with League of Innovators
- A potential opportunity to pitch for further funding from a pool of \$50,000

Note: 100% of the project grant will be disbursed in November 2026.

Team Requirements

To be eligible, each team must:

- Be applying with a social enterprise that has not previously participated in the Enactus Canada Social Enterprise Accelerator.
- Be officially recognized and registered with Enactus Canada through their post-secondary institution and remain in good standing.
- Have a social enterprise that has progressed beyond the ideation stage. Eligible enterprises must be at the prototype, pilot, early launch or scaling stage.
- Ensure all core members are current Enactus students enrolled at a Canadian post-secondary institution.
- Show a strong commitment to actively participating in all program components, including training workshops, mentorship sessions, and the final pitch presentation.
- Appoint at least one team member with the capacity and availability to lead the initiative for the full duration of the program, serving as the primary point of contact.

Funding Allocation:



At the end of the program, the Top 8 social enterprises will be selected to participate in the final pitch and compete for a share of the \$50,000 funding pool. Each finalist will outline and justify the amount of funding requested and how the funds would be used to advance their social enterprise. Funding will be awarded based on both need and merit, and allocation amounts may vary between recipients. Final funding decisions will be determined at the judges' discretion.

Note: Funding structure is subject to change without notice.