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INTRODUCTION

APEC recognizes that unleashing the full potential of women entrepreneurs is critical for the prosperity and growth of all APEC member economies. According to the APEC Gender Inclusion Guidelines proposed by Viet Nam and endorsed by PPWE, one of the five key pillars influencing women's economic empowerment is access to capital and assets.

The "Financing Opportunities Fair for APEC Women-led MSMEs" initiative taps into the under-addressed field of financial solutions provided by various resources of funds within APEC region and across the world.

This initiative aimed to deliver capacity-building activities in getting access to various grants/programs/funds, which provide financial support; organizations supporting women-led SMEs; and other organizations that provide funding.

This Report provides easy access to various funding opportunities for women-led SMEs. The following information can be found in the Report:

- *Brief description of the outcomes of this initiative.*
- *List of international grants/programs/funds open to participation for women-led SMEs from any corner of the globe. Participation is free of charge.*

Here women-led SMEs can find a list of grants/programs/funds in different economies from all over the world, the participation in which is free of charge. Here women-led SMEs representatives can easily choose the economy they are interested in and get access to grants/programs/funds available in this particular economy. Taking part in such programs is a good opportunity not only to get funding but also to try getting access to a new market. The table of *international grants/programs/funds* is presented in the section 2.
- *Detailed profiles of international grants/programs/funds with eligibility criteria and contact data.* These profiles will help women-led SMEs to get more details about grants/programs/funds. These grants/programs/funds were selected for the workshop practice. They were thoroughly analyzed with the aim to point out main moments that can help women-led SMEs to check whether the particular program suits her project and whether the project is eligible for funding. Brief description of each grant/program/fund includes focus areas of the program, winning package, eligibility criteria and link to the application form or the website. Detailed profiles are presented in the section 3.
- *Open educational online courses on social entrepreneurship; AI and technology development; innovation and sustainability; and healthcare.*

In the section 4, women-led SMEs representatives can find open educational courses that can help to get knowledge in fields for which the majority of grants/programs/funds provide funding.
- *List of women associations and communities in different APEC economies and international ones.*

Here women-led SMEs representatives can find women associations and communities in different APEC economies and beyond that provide support to women in business. Associations can be found in the section 5.
- *List of other funds that can provide funding for women-led SMEs.*

In the section 6 various investment funds in the APEC economies were collected in order to provide access not only to grants/programs/funds offering non-refundable money and support, but also to other financing opportunities that can suit women-led SMEs and can be used by women for their business development, like venture funds, for example.

- *Best practices were collected with the aim to inspire and to motivate women-led SMEs to try new financing opportunities.*

The organizers from different spheres carefully selected these success stories of women, which shows that there are many funding and supporting opportunities for women-led SMEs and it does not matter what they are aimed for. Women from different APEC economies were invited to share their experience about where to look for such financing opportunities, how to grab them, what to pay attention for while applying or preparing a pitch, how to work with difficulties on the way. Brief descriptions of best practices can be found in the “Best practices” section.

All the information is provided with web links or / and QR codes and contact data, so women-led SMEs can have direct easy access to relevant support.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Russia would like to express their gratitude to Chinese Taipei for the reliable support in project preparation and implementation.

We also appreciate Indonesia, Viet Nam, Peru, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Chile, the US, Mexico, Thailand, PPWE and the APEC Secretariat for the valuable contribution to this initiative.

We are looking forward to further collaboration!

BACKGROUND

Echoing the 2018 APEC “Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future” theme; in response to the Joint Ministerial Statement of 2017 APEC Ministerial Meeting that calls for support of women’s economic empowerment, such as improving women’s access to capital, assets and capacity building; improving women’s skills, APEC Financing Opportunities Fair provided networking and capacity building opportunities and served as a cross-border platform for knowledge and experience sharing, networking, showcasing and mentoring resources customized for women entrepreneurs.

In accordance with IMF survey [1] results published this year, women accounted for only 40 percent of bank depositors and borrowers in 2016. It is the first time these data became available, though nowadays women-owned SMEs operating in the formal sector face a significant credit gap estimated by IFC [2] to be approximately \$2872 billion, making up to 30 percent of the total credit gap for SMEs.

The issue of women’s access to finance has been addressed in such projects as “Women Entrepreneurs in SMEs in the APEC Region” proposed by Korea in 1999; and “Innovation for Women and Economic Development: Facilitating Women’s Livelihood Development and Resilience with ICTs” proposed by Chinese Taipei in 2013.

According to the report of “Access to Trade and Growth of Women’s SMEs in APEC Developing Economies”, complexity of the loan application process is a key problem for women-owned SMEs.

This capacity building project directly responds to current activities of PPWE, as the intention of this project is to support women entrepreneurs’ access to financial services, women’s entrepreneurship and women’s leadership. This initiative has involved 9 co-sponsors and two working groups: SMEWG and PPWE. Representatives from various sources of funds from all over the world and local women associations from APEC economies were engaged in this APEC Financing Opportunities Workshop and Fair for Women-led MSMEs.

THE OUTCOMES

1. Brief description of the outcomes

APEC Financing Opportunities Fair and a workshop were held in two APEC economies:

- Russia, June 14;
- Chinese Taipei, November 21.

Before the events, the project team carried out a desktop research on grants/programs/funds and local women associations/communities across APEC region with the aim to find relevant funds and associations and to collect data for better and easier access to the certain grant/program/fund. Different global and domestically oriented non-profit and for-profit organizations, including those from the APEC economies and beyond that provide funding, were explored.

During these events in Russia and Chinese Taipei:

- more than 20 international grants/programs/funds open to women-led SMEs were introduced;
- open educational courses on social entrepreneurship; AI and technology development; innovation and sustainability; and healthcare were offered;
- more than 10 success stories from women-led SMEs and local women associations were shared, some of them are introduced in this Report;
- more than 150 women-led SMEs participated in the events.
- more than 50 participants and speakers/experts from the following APEC economies: Chile, Indonesia, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, Peru, Mexico, the Philippines, Singapore, US, Viet Nam, Thailand and Russia took part in both events.

Contribution to APEC capacity building goals, objectives and operational principles

From success stories presented during the Fairs in Tomsk and Chinese Taipei, participants learned where to look for such financing opportunities and how to grab them, what to pay attention for while applying or preparing a pitch, how to work with difficulties on the way.

During the workshop participants learned about international programs where they can get funding for their business projects, they went through eligibility criteria for various programs and got access to contact details of these grants/programs/funds.

While exploring such grants/programs/funds, it was found out that funding of that kind is usually provided to projects in social; AI and technology development; innovation; sustainability; and healthcare spheres. Project team did a little bit more for capacity building goal: they have found open educational online courses and bridged them to these spheres.

The participants found the events exceedingly practical for their business growth. In accordance with survey results collected during the Fairs in Russia and Chinese Taipei, the participants gave positive feedback on the event and the project. More than 90% of respondents reported that materials distributed were very useful and easy to use.

Representatives from government and associations/communities supporting women in business are willing to share the project's content and knowledge gained with their co-workers and other women-led startups. It was proposed to hold Financing Opportunities Fair for women-led SMEs in different APEC economies.

2. List of international grants/programs/funds open to participation for women-led SMEs from any corner of the globe

Here women-led SMEs can find a list of grants/programs/funds in different economies from all over the world. These grants/programs/funds have free of charge application and provide smart money. All the information was found in open sources.

Economy	Name	Weblink	Contacts
EU	Horizon 2020	https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/node/15	Contact form: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/contact
China	APEC Women Connect Program	https://apccmsmarketplace.com/sites/default/files/doc/introduction_of_apcc_women_connect_program.pdf	E-mail: zhangwei@dhgate.com ; sunxiaou@dhgate.com
Chinese Taipei	Startup Terrace Selection Award	https://www.startupterrace.tw/en/home	E-mail: hello@startupterrace.tw Contact form: https://www.startupterrace.tw/contact Tel.: (886) 2-23692358; (886) 2-23957970
France	Cartier Women's Initiative Awards	https://www.cartierwomeninitiative.com/	E-mail: contact@cartierwomensinitiative.com Tel.: 00 (+33) 1 58 18 10 28
Germany	BAYER GRANTS4APPS	https://www.g4a.health/	E-mail: grants4apps@bayer.com Contact form: https://www.g4a.health/contact
Hong Kong, China	Asia Social Innovation Award	https://www.socialinnovationaward.asia/	E-mail: asia@sv-hk.org Tel.: (852) 3996-1946
Italy	Enel's Women in Tech	https://openinnovability.enel.com/projects/Enel-Women-in-Tech	E-mail: openInnovability-support@enel.com OR EnelOpenInnovabilityChallenges@innovative.com OR Info@enelfoundation.org
Singapore	Alipay-NUS Enterprise Social Innovation Challenge	https://alipaynusseachallenge.com/	E-mail: alipaynusseachallenge@nus.edu.sg ; enterprise@nus.edu.sg Tel.: +65 6516 7175
	Temasek Foundation International	https://www.temasekfoundation-international.org.sg/who-we-are/who-we-are/	E-mail: TFIntl_admin@temasekfoundation.org.sg Tel.: (65) 6828 6030

Economy	Name	Weblink	Contacts
Singapore	Young Social Entrepreneurs (YSE)	https://www.sif.org.sg/our-work/gb/yse/about	E-mail: yse@sif.org.sg ; contactus@sif.org.sg Tel.: (65) 6837 8700
	L'Oreal Innovation Runway	http://www.lorealinnovationrunway.sg/	E-mail: Openinnovation@rd.loreal.com Application: https://lorealstartuprunway.submittable.com/submit
	Singapore Airlines AppChallenge	https://appchallenge.singaporeair.com/en/challenges/appchallenge-2019	E-mail: SIA_AppChallenge@singaporeair.com.sg
	Danone D2hack Challenge	http://d2hackchallenge.com/	E-mail: d2hackchallenge@danone.com
	Singapore Mobility Challenge	http://sgmobilitychallenge.com/	Contact form: https://sgmobilitychallenge.com/#contact
UAE	The Expo Live Innovation Impact Grant Programme	https://www.expo2020dubai.com/en/programmes/expo-live	E-mail: expolive@expo2020.ae Tel.: +971 4 555 2020
	The Mohammed Bin Rashid Innovation Fund (MBRIF) Accelerator	https://ia.mbrif.ae/	E-mail: info@mbrif.ae T.: 800-27-274 Contact form: https://ia.mbrif.ae/#
UK	EY Entrepreneurial Winning Women Asia Pacific Program	https://www.ey.com/cn/en/services/strategic-growth-markets/ey-asia-pacific-entrepreneurial-winning-women	Contact form: https://www.ey.com/Content/DContacts_New?Openform&EmailId=CN%20Webmaster&Indx=&site=CN_en_ContactUs&URL=https://www.ey.com/cn/en/services/strategic-growth-markets/ey-asia-pacific-entrepreneurial-winning-women
	Women of the Future South East Asia Award	https://awards.womenofthefuture.co.uk/seasia/	E-mail: info@womenofthefuture.co.uk Contact form: https://awards.womenofthefuture.co.uk/contact/

Economy	Name	Weblink	Contacts
USA	The Asia Foundation	https://asiafoundation.org/	E-mail: info.sf@asiafoundation.org Tel.: 415-982-4640
	Y Combinator	https://www.ycombinator.com/	Contact form: https://www.ycombinator.com/contact/
	P&G VENTURES LABS	https://www.pgconnectdevelop.com/needs/pg-venture-labs/	Contact form: us.pg.com/contact_us
	Google AI Impact Challenge	https://ai.google/social-good/impact-challenge/	E-mail: ai-impact-challenge@google.com
	Microsoft Imagine Cup	https://imaginecup.microsoft.com/	Contact form: https://imaginecup.microsoft.com/en-us/Support
	The Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence Initiative	https://aiethicsinitiative.org/	E-mail: challenge@aiethicsinitiative.org Contact form: https://aiethicsinitiative.org/contact/
	Google Ad Grants	https://www.google.com/grants	Contact form: https://support.google.com/google-ads/gethelp?visit_id=636897234352667605-003485767&hl=en&rd=2
	The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF)	https://www.vgif.org/	Online contact form: https://www.vgif.org/contact
	Idea Café - Small Business Grant	https://www.businessownersideacafe.com/small_business_grants/index.php	Online contact form: https://www.businessownersideacafe.com/ideacafe/email.php?to_who=chef
	The Amber Grant Foundation (\$15 application fee)	https://ambergrantsforwomen.com/	Online contact form: https://ambergrantsforwomen.com/contact-us/
	Spark	https://www.sparksf.org/	E-mail: program@sparksf.org
	Open Meadows Foundation	https://sites.google.com/site/openmeadowsfoundation/	E-mail: openmeadowsfdn@gmail.com
	The Awesome Foundation	https://www.awesomefoundation.org	E-mail: contact@awesomefoundation.org

3. Detailed profiles of international grants/programs/funds with eligibility criteria and contact data

These profiles will help women-led SMEs to get more details about grants/programs/funds. All the information was found in open sources.



TEMASEK FOUNDATION ECOSPERITY

<http://www.temasekfoundation-ecosperity.org.sg/>

(Open for everyone with **innovative ideas in the spheres of environment and sustainability**)

Temasek Foundation Ecosperity is looking for technologies, ideas and innovations that address environmental, biological and other adversities that endanger people and the sustainability of our planet. We aim to provide funding for innovative solutions that are economically sustainable and bring considerable social impacts to the liveability of our world, especially in cities.

Winning package:

- Around S\$1 million per program/project (depending on a project's needs)

Focus areas:

Air	Biodiversity	Chemical safety	Energy	Food	Infectious disease management
Land	Noise	Climate	Water	Weather	Waste management

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Are you an individual/group of people/researcher/collaborator/institution/organisations/company?		
Does your idea address liveability and sustainability issues in Singapore/benefit and impact the Singapore community?		
Is your project older than 1 year and maximum 3 years old?		
Is your solution at Technology Readiness Level 6 (System Adequacy Validated in Simulated Environment) and beyond and/or Proof-of-Value?		

If you have 4 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<http://www.temasekfoundation-ecosperity.org.sg/>

Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via TFEcosperity@temasekfoundation.org.sg



Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



WOMEN'S INITIATIVE AWARDS

<https://www.cartierwomensinitiative.com/>

(Open to women-run, **for-profit** businesses in **any economy** and **sector** working to create strong social impact)



The Cartier Women's Initiative is looking for female entrepreneurs. It is a unique opportunity for early-phase women entrepreneurs to take their companies to the next level.

Winning package:

- First prize (7 laureates) – \$100,000
- Second prize (14 finalists) – one-to-one personalized business mentoring – \$30,000

If you have 7 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

Eligibility Criteria	YES	NO
Are you a woman entrepreneur?		
Is your business for-profit?		
Is your business 1-3 years old?		
Is your business currently generating revenue?		
Do you hold Director, General Manager or CEO position and own a significant stake within the company?		
Are you 18 or at the age of legal majority of your economy of citizenship at the application deadline?		
Do you have a good command of English?		

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:
<https://www.cartierwomensinitiative.com/>

Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via contact@cartierwomensinitiative.com

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!





ENEL'S WOMEN IN TECH

<https://openinnovability.enel.com/projects/Enel-Women-in-Tech>

(Open for **women with innovative technological ideas**)

Enel's Women in Tech is committed to develop the best solutions to make innovative and clean energy available to everyone. We also want to close the gender gap in energy technologies by bringing out the best women entrepreneurs and providing them with a unique opportunity to develop and scale their solutions at global level. This Challenge aims at recognizing and showcasing the best startups and SMEs founded and/or managed by women that are addressing challenges for the energy industry.

Focus areas:

Optimizing energy storage systems	Improving technologies for renewable energy	Sustainability and recycling of renewable sources	E-Mobility
Redefining economy (i.e. design out waste and pollution; keep products and materials in use; regenerate natural systems)	Creating value from data (driving max. benefit from the generated information)	Smart Meters new services (i.e. electronic devices that record and manage consumption of gas and electric energy)	Sustainable Development Goals (i.e. access to energy, quality education, socio-economic development, fight against climate change)

Winning package:

- EUR 20,000
- Featured article in specialized media
- Consideration to collaborate with Enel

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Are you a female entrepreneur/founder and/or CEO and/or high-level manager?		
Is your company, startup or SME maximum 10 years old, having maximum 100 employees?		
Do you have your technology/solution at commercial stage, ready to be tested and, possibly, applied to Enel's businesses?		
Are you a legal owner of the proposed solution?		
Haven't any third parties been granted exclusivity rights to use and further develop your proposed solution?		

If you have 5 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<https://openinnovability.enel.com/projects/Enel-Women-in-Tech>



Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via openInnovability-support@enel.com or EnelOpenInnovabilityChallenges@innocentive.com

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



THE ETHICS AND GOVERNANCE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVE

<https://aiethicsinitiative.org/>

(Open for **early-stage projects around the world**, who use **AI and machine learning** to address **problems of distribution and consumption of information**)

The Ethics and Governance of AI Initiative seeks to ensure that AI serves the public good. We are looking for fresh approaches of combating the spread of misinformation and expanding awareness of the impact of AI on society. We want to hear from those, who have ideas about addressing these problems.

Focus areas:

<p align="center">Governing the Platforms</p> <p>(Ideas that help to raise transparency and accountability of the flow of information through the web today. This might be new policies in the form of draft legislation or technical tools that help keep an eye on the information ecosystem)</p>	<p align="center">Stopping Bad Actors</p> <p>(Approaches to detect and counter the next generation of propaganda, aiming at avoiding spreading disinformation)</p>	<p align="center">Empowering Journalism</p> <p>(Ideas that will help journalists to keep up with the AI development, and give them tools to effectively communicate about AI and its impact)</p>	<p align="center">Reimagining AI and News</p> <p>(Ideas of how might such platforms as smartphones, social media, search engines and online news outlets be redesigned to better serve the public good)</p>
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Winning package:

- Grants from of \$75,000 to \$200,000 to a range of one year-long projects

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Does your project deal with at least one above-mentioned focus area?		
Are you a for-profit company OR a journalist/designer/technologist/activist/entrepreneur/artist/lawyer from all around the world of any age with an idea addressing above-mentioned problems?		

If you have 2 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<https://aiethicsinitiative.org/>

Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via challenge@aiethicsinitiative.org or a contact form on the website.

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



GOOGLE AI IMPACT CHALLENGE

<https://ai.google/social-good/impact-challenge/>

(Open for **nonprofits, social enterprises and research institutions around the world** using AI to address social and environmental challenges)

We believe in incredible potential for AI and other advanced technologies to empower and benefit people, and work for the common good. The Google AI Impact Challenge is looking for projects across a range of social impact domains from organizations that are experienced in AI to those with an idea for how they can put their data to promote innovation and help people in their daily lives.

Winning package:

- Funding from a \$25 million pool (grants may range from \$500,000 to \$2 million based on project needs)
- Consulting from Google experts
- Education and coaching from Google AI experts
- Launchpad global **Accelerator program**

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Are you a nonprofit organization/public charity/for-profit business with a project that has a charitable purpose?		
Does your project address a societal challenge?		
Do you have a solid business plan?		
Does your project apply AI technologies?		
Is there a potential to grow? Can your project scale directly/serve as a model for other efforts/advance the field?		
Does your use of artificial intelligence align with Google’s AI Principles?		

If you have 6 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<https://ai.google/social-good/impact-challenge/>

Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via ai-impact-challenge@google.com

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



YOUNG SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS (YSE)

<https://www.sif.org.sg/our-work/gb/yse/about>

(Open to **youth of different nationalities** to embark on **social enterprises**)

If you have a social enterprise idea, we want to help you make it happen! Participants will learn from leading social entrepreneurs, business professionals and other youth who are keen on social innovation, while expanding their networks for potential collaborations for good.

You do not need to have a registered enterprise before applying, as long as you have a viable idea! We welcome ideas from all over the world, and we want to help you launch it in Singapore, Asia or beyond.

Winning package:

- Up to SGD \$20,000
- Mentorship
- Overseas study visits

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Do you have a business proposition that addresses a social issue?		
Are you a committed individual or do you have a team (up to 3 members)?		
Are you between 18 to 30 years old (open to all nationalities)?		
Is your social enterprise less than 1 year old?		
Is your social enterprise not for-profit?		

If you have 5 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:
<https://www.sif.org.sg/our-work/gb/yse/about>



Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via yse@sif.org.sg

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



ASIA SOCIAL INNOVATION AWARD

<https://www.socialinnovationaward.asia/>

(Open for **Asian startups** on a mission to solve Asia’s biggest social and environmental issues)

Asia Social Innovation Award (ASIA) is a regional social start-up competition that promotes culture of social innovation and exchange of ideas among Asian cities. The award provides entrepreneurs with the exposure, network and resources to take their ideas to the next level.

ASIA targets startups addressing any of the following **10 focus areas**:

Combating Poverty, Improving Livelihoods	Housing & Reimagining Use of Public/Private Spaces	Social Diversity & Equality (enhancing social inclusion)	Innovation in Education	Health & Wellness Issues (medical/preventive care, healthy lifestyle)
Economy & Community Issues in Modern Cities (creating “Wisdom City”)	Global Issues (advocating “WE mindset” for sustainable global citizenship)	Sustainable Living, Climate and Environmental Challenges	Art/Media (expanding art influence and fostering creativity)	Your Impact Area (others)

Winning package:

- Grand Prize: HKD \$100,000
- Learning Innovation Award by Peterson Group: HKD \$20,000
- Health Impact Award by Johnson & Johnson: HKD \$20,000

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Are you addressing urban social/environmental challenges in Asia?		
Is your startup at its early stage?		
Has your startup operated less than 5 years with existing prototype, product or service?		
Do you have a good command of English?		
Has your startup raised less than USD \$1m?		
Does your startup focus on regional collaborations and development?		

If you have 6 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<https://www.socialinnovationaward.asia/>

Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via asia@sv-hk.org

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



THE ASIA FOUNDATION

<https://asiafoundation.org/>

(For **non-profit organizations**, addressing **critical issues in the Asia-Pacific region**)

The Asia Foundation is committed to improving lives across Asia, addressing critical issues affecting the region. We aim to improve lives, expand opportunities across the dynamic and developing Asia.

Focus areas:

Books for Asia (access to information: book donations, digital projects)	Conflict Resolution (strengthening institutions for justice and stability)	Development (approaches to traditional and emerging project implementation)	Elections (voter education, election observation)
Empower Women (expanding political and economic opportunities, advancing political participation)	Leadership & Exchanges (investment in “human capital”: strengthening US-Asia relations by exchanging experience and professional perspectives)	Economic Development (fostering economic growth and broadening economic opportunities)	Environment (sustainable development: strengthening institutions and processes for environmental resources management and environmental policy improvement)
Law & Justice (protecting legal rights of vulnerable groups)	Cooperation (fostering peace, stability, prosperity and effective governance in Asia)	Governance (building effective and responsible governance)	Technology & Development (tools connecting citizens with global ecosystem)

Winning package:

- The decision on grant making is made after reviewing the proposal and conducting necessary evaluation of your letter of inquiry

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Do you represent a non-profit organization (not US-based)?		
*Most of the Foundation's grants are made to organizations in Asia		
Does your project deal with one of the above-mentioned focus areas?		

If you have 2 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your letter of inquiry (with a brief introduction of an organization, project description and budget estimate) on the website:

<https://asiafoundation.org/>



Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via info.sf@asiafoundation.org; Tel: 415-982-4640

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



GOOGLE AD GRANTS
<https://www.google.com/grants/>
 (Open for **non-profit organizations**)

Google Ad Grants programs are designed to help people connect with causes to make a greater impact on the world. This initiative will provide you with online advertising solution that allows sharing your mission with greater audience all over the globe, attract volunteers and fundraise to fulfill your goals - the lifeblood of every non-profit.

Winning package:

- Up to \$10,000 per month of free Google Ads advertising on Google search result pages (daily budget limit of \$329)

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Is your nonprofit company based in one of the following countries: Chile/Indonesia/Malaysia/The Philippines/Russia/Thailand/Viet Nam?		
Is your non-profit company organized and does it operate exclusively for charitable purposes?		
Does your non-profit company have a website with substantial content?		
Isn't your company a government body/school/university or other educational organization?		
Isn't your company engaged in healthcare area?		

If you have 5 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:
<https://www.google.com/grants/>



Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via a contact form on the website.

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



THE EXPO LIVE INNOVATION IMPACT GRANT PROGRAMME

<https://www.expo2020dubai.com/en/programmes/expo-live/>

(Open to **entrepreneurs, SMEs, NGOs and government entities from around the world**)

The Expo Live Innovation Impact Grant Programme aims to fund social enterprises, startups and grassroots projects with novel and innovative solutions to global challenges for both developed and developing markets.

Focus areas for funding:

Opportunity (access to education/employment, automation of work, access to financial services/global markets, innovation ecosystems) E.g. digital learning platforms; 'crowd-solving platform' that connects businesses to the right solutions from the crowd	Mobility (smart and sustainable transportation, travel & migration opportunities, assistive robotics, humanitarian logistics (e.g. food, medicine, water, energy), accessing remote services (e.g. internet, health, education)) E.g. e-health services platforms	Sustainability (biodiversity management, access to current and unexplored resources, sustainable food production, sustainable lifestyles (design and manufacturing), technologies mitigating climate change) E.g. agricultural production systems in desert environments
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Winning package:

- Up to USD 100,000 per application
- Grant recipients may qualify for additional funding that will be allocated to showcasing their solutions during Expo 2020 Dubai to an audience of many millions of visitors
- Access to networking and partnership opportunities
- Marketing and communications exposure

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Are you an entrepreneur, SME, NGO or government entity?		
Have your innovations reached prototype level?		
Does your project bring benefits to society, environment or both?		
Is your entity legally registered?		

If you have 4 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<https://www.expo2020dubai.com/en/programmes/expo-live/>

Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via expolive@expo2020.ae OR fill in a contact form on the website
- T: +971 4 555 2020

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!

**THE MOHAMMED BIN RASHID INNOVATION FUND (MBRIF)
ACCELERATOR**

<https://ia.mbrif.ae/>

(Open for **innovation startups** from around the world)



The MBRIF Accelerator aims to identify, equip and support the highest potential innovators from around the world and provide them with the services they need to thrive in the UAE and internationally. We want to adopt and support innovations and provide them with necessary resources to embrace projects that support the development of economic growth.

Focus areas:

- Technology
- Energy
- Health
- Water
- Space
- Education
- Transportation

Winning package:

- Support with funding and finance (helping you access affordable finance through the provision of a government-backed guarantee, based on evaluation of a project’s needs). Grants from USD 272,250 to USD 2.7 million;
- Emirate Development Bank loans of up to seven years to MBRIF participants at interest rates ranging between 7-9 %;
- Coaching and access to markets and clients.

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Your company is UAE based or you are looking to set up your business here in the near future?		
Can your innovation bring value to the UAE (i.e. create jobs, help the economy)?		
Can your innovation demonstrate its potential social impact (see focus areas)?		
Is your novel technique, product, process or service more than just an idea (i.e. you have your product or service developed)?		
Does your business has market potential (adequate level of transferability, sales value and sales revenue)?		

If you have 5 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<https://ia.mbrif.ae/>

Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via info@mbrif.ae or a contact form on the website

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



STARTUP TERRACE SELECTION AWARD

<https://www.startupterrace.tw/award>

(Open for startups from around the world with innovative solutions)

Focus areas:

Smart buildings	Smart healthcare	Smart education	Smart energy saving	Smart business	Smart tourism
Smart transportations	Smart agriculture	Smart government	Smart disaster preventions	Smart security	Smart homes

Winning package:

- Up to NTD 900,000 for each case
- Special offers on office space and accommodation during 1 year of Startup Terrace membership

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Is your startup (domestic or foreign) legally established or registered?		
Does your startup aim to be developed within the Startup Terrace area (Chinese Taipei)?		
Is your business a startup (a newly established business)?		
Does your proposal establish an innovative field and develop innovative application services?		

If you have 4 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<https://www.startupterrace.tw/award>



Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via hello@startupterrace.tw

T.: (886) 2-23692358, (886) 2-23957970 or a contact form on the website

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



SINGAPORE MOBILITY CHALLENGE
<http://sgmobilitychallenge.com/>
 (Open to **companies in Singapore and beyond**)



We are looking for start-up companies who have already developed a solution that can be adapted to the needs of our program.

Focus areas:

20-min towns, 45-min city:	Transport for all:	Healthy lives, safer living:
<p>using data to improve operational efficiency, productivity and speed of network;</p> <p>AI and automation to support decision making for real-time operational decisions</p>	<p>gathering data to improve experience, comfort and convenience of taking public transport;</p> <p>new technologies to improve work environment for public transport workers</p>	<p>new technologies and ideas to enhance usefulness of transport infrastructure in community areas;</p> <p>applications in robotics and autonomous technology that contribute to a zero-accident future in public transport</p>

Winning package:

- Cash Prizes and Project Funding: \$15,000; \$10,000 and \$5,000
- Opportunity to Trial your Proof-of-Concept
- Mentorship from Industry and Technical Experts

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Do you have a team consisting of at least two persons?		
Are your team members at least 18 years old (open to all nationalities)?		
Are your team members founders and / or staff of start-ups / registered companies in Singapore or overseas?		

If you have 3 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

Deadline: Submissions will be accepted until 11 July 2019, 17:00 (UTC +8:00)

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<http://sgmobilitychallenge.com/>

Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via a contact form on the website.

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!

SINGAPORE AIRLINES APPCHALLENGE

<https://appchallenge.singaporeair.com>

(Open for **individuals** and **startups with innovative solutions to business challenges**)



SIA AppChallenge is an innovation competition looking for solutions in any form to address real airlines business challenges. We welcome any form of digital innovative solutions that may address them and take Singapore Airlines into the digital era.

Focus areas:

<p>Improving Mobile App Engagement (providing better mobile experience to customers)</p>	<p>Offloaded Passenger Compensation Process (improving experience for offloaded passengers so that they would continue to fly with SIA, reducing the time and effort needed to effectively manage their compensation)</p>	<p>Enabling the KrisShop Experience (increasing airlines sales and facilitating e-commerce transactions by pre-ordering duty free products)</p>
<p>Tracking Inventory Usage (inventory tracking of warehouses for optimized inventory forecast and meeting operational demands)</p>		<p>Tracking F&B Consumption (tracking the amount of food & beverage wastage to help collect data about passengers' consumption patterns onboard more efficiently)</p>

Winning package:

- 1st place - team prize of SGD 5,000
- 2nd place - team prize of SGD 3,000
- 3rd place - team prize of SGD 1,500

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Are you an individual/team (2-4 members)/company (2-4 members)?		
Does your innovation deal with one of the above-mentioned focus areas?		
Do you have a go-to-market strategy regarding your proposal/product?		

If you have 3 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<https://appchallenge.singaporeair.com>



Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via SIA_AppChallenge@singaporeair.com.sg

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



L'ORÉAL INNOVATION RUNWAY

<http://www.lorealinnovationrunway.sg/>

(Open for **startups in the Asia Pacific Region and beyond**)

The L'Oréal Research & Innovation Startup Challenge is looking for early-stage startups and small enterprises, who have unique solutions in the area of cosmetic medicine.

Focus areas:

Performance Materials & Products	Personalized Beauty Experiences	Sustainable Innovation
(functional materials (e.g. pigments, optical materials, UV filters); processes using green chemistry/fermentation/biotech for raw material generation; innovations providing new sensorial experiences (e.g. fragrances, odor masking))	(personalized recommendations based on comprehensive diagnostics in the form of customized products and/or novel beauty routines; consumer-centric diagnostics that incorporates dynamic biological, environmental, and/or life-style factors; personalized product is able to specifically address each concern specific to the individual that a mass-produced product cannot)	(technologies/devices/materials with positive environmental and societal benefits (e.g. eco-friendly packaging solutions and biodegradable technologies and/or formulas; technologies that help reduce/reuse/recycle the amount of water used during consumers' daily use)

Winning package:

- S\$ 5,000 cash prizes for two winners
- S\$ 50,000 Startup SG grant for two winners
- Opportunity to work with L'Oréal
- Industry exposure
- Mentorship and industry network

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Does your proposal address one of the above-mentioned focus areas?		
Do you have material, prototype or minimum viable product (MVP) for testing within 18 months?		
Is your startup/small enterprise early-stage OR do you plan to incorporate a company within 3 months from the end of the competition if you are a group of individuals?		

If you have 3 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<http://www.lorealinnovationrunway.sg/>



Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via Openinnovation@rd.loreal.com

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



DANONE D2HACK CHALLENGE

<http://d2hackchallenge.com/>

(Open for **all international startups or teams of technologists**)

D2Hack is focused on bringing health to people through digital innovation with a particular focus on early life.

Focus areas:

Allergen detection technologies	Technologies tracking the bowel activities and sounds in a child’s tummy	Sensor technologies that helps identify early problems in baby’s microbiome
Technologies that provide parents with indicators about their baby’s physical and cognitive development (e.g. move, see, hear, talk) and indicate progress or any unusual changes		Non-invasive technologies that track nutritional status based on a child’s food consumption or nutrient absorption

Winning package:

- 1st Place – S\$ 8,000
- 2nd place – S\$ 5,000
- 3rd place – S\$ 3,500
- Private mentorship sessions for finalists
- Exposure to industry partners and investors
- Additional Startup SG Grant: S\$ 50,000 to the winner

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Are you a first-time or a non-first-time entrepreneur of any nationality and from anywhere in the world?		
Is your startup based in Singapore OR as an overseas based startup, do you intend to incorporate a company in Singapore shortly after the end of D2Hack?		
Do you have proof-of-concept OR material, prototype or minimum viable product (MVP) for testing within 18 months?		
Do you have a business plan (with a brief summary of your company, uniqueness of your solution, description of your team, etc.)?		
Do you have a go-to-market strategy for your project?		

If you have 5 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:

<http://d2hackchallenge.com/>



Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via d2hackchallenge@danone.com

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!



BAYER GRANTS4APPS

<https://www.g4a.health/>

(Open for **startups and companies** with **innovative solutions in healthcare**)

Bayer G4A is a global program dedicated to help innovative health & care startups grow and enable positive changes and progress within the digital health & care universe. We are looking for innovative digital health products/solutions that can be applied to improve self-care and health outcomes.

Focus areas:

Digital Therapeutics	Virtual Trial Solutions	Heart Disease Prevention	Women's Health
Remote Monitoring, Sensors	Digital Assistants, Robots	Personal Genomics Software	Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Winning package:

- Grants from EUR 50,000 to EUR 100,000 for companies in the pre-product launch stage
- Commercial partnership co-funded by G4A for companies with a product in the market
- Mentoring and coaching
- Networking opportunities and meetups
- Bayer as your customer

Eligibility criteria	YES	NO
Are you a legal entity or a person aged 18 or older?		
Does your startup deal with health technologies or IT solutions?		
Is your company in the pre-product launch stage (Growth Track)? OR Does your company have a product in the market (Advance Track)?		
Aren't you a Bayer employee/relative of a Bayer's employee?		

If you have 4 YES answers – you are eligible for the award!

You can find more information and submit your application on the website:
<https://www.g4a.health/>



Contacts:

- Send your questions/inquiries via grants4apps@bayer.com or a contact form on the website.

Good luck in getting more opportunities for your projects!

4. Open educational online courses on social entrepreneurship; AI and technology development; innovation and sustainability; healthcare

In this section women-led SMEs can find open educational courses that can help get knowledge in the fields for which the majority of grants/programs/funds provide funding.

INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

- [SheEO Learning Lab](#)



SheEO Learning Lab is a series of live webinars and online resources for any woman who wants her skills and knowledge to grow as an intra/entrepreneur. The webinars' main topics include self-care, relationships, team work, public speaking etc.

- [Open Research Software and Open Source](#)



Software and technology underpin modern science. There is an increasing demand for more sophisticated open source software, matched by an increasing willingness for researchers to openly collaborate on new tools. These developments come with a specific ethical, legal and economic challenge that impact upon research workflows. This module will introduce the necessary tools required for transforming software into something that can be openly accessed and re-used by others. Learning outcomes: 1. You will be able to define the characteristics of open source research software, and the ethical, legal, economic and research impact arguments for and against it. 2. Based on community standards, you will be able to describe the quality requirements of sharing and re-using an open code. 3. You will be able to use a range of research tools that utilize open source software. 4. You will be able to transform the code designed for your personal use into a code that is accessible and re-usable by others.

- [Open Innovation](#)



This free online course is about how you can find ideas for innovation from the outside world – for example, suppliers, competitors or customers – and assimilate them into your own supply chain, to develop new processes, products and services. The course offers insight and research into how an organization, regardless of its location, can harness the latest thinking in applying open innovation to achieve a competitive advantage. The course builds on research and practice on open innovation, supply chain management and intellectual capital within Durham University Business School (England). Learning outcomes: 1. explain what open innovation is and its impact on competitive advantage; 2. compare open innovation against other innovation models in product, process and service contexts; 3. identify sources of ideas and ways of engaging with open innovation across the supply chain; 4. identify the challenges associated with the implementation of open innovation.

- [Design for Sustainability Online Course - Economic Dimension](#)



Join this course and learn how to become part of co-creating diverse regenerative economies and cultures, carefully adapted to the biocultural uniqueness of the places they inhabit. After completing the Economic dimension, you will know how to engage with the transformation and redesign of your local and regional economy, and where to start the process of becoming a social entrepreneur, starting a cooperative or a community project. Graduates of our programmes have gone on to contribute to sustainability projects, build communities, become social entrepreneurs, create celebrated permaculture projects, biodynamic farms, transition town initiatives, successful consultancies and businesses and much more. Upon completion, you will be equipped with the understanding and skills to become a confident change maker in economic issues of sustainability. It will also qualify you to go on to study in our fully certificated programme, Design for Sustainability, and join a Design Studio after completing the four dimensions of the course. Program is available in English, Portuguese and Spanish.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- [YSE Overseas Workshop](#)



Over the 2-day workshop, participants will be equipped with entrepreneurial know-how, as well as skills in leadership, marketing, business acumen, measuring social impact and pitching, to further scale-up their social enterprises. What do you get? Workshops and training by industry professionals to scale your startup and create greater impact; networking opportunities with Singapore and regional partners; access to an ecosystem of international changemakers including like-minded individuals, investors, corporates and successful entrepreneurs; an opportunity to receive direct and fully-sponsored entry into YSE 2020 Workshop in Singapore; a chance to be further shortlisted for the YSE 2020 programme for greater support for your social enterprise.

- [Applied Digital Skills from Google](#)



The Applied Digital Skills curriculum is a free technology curriculum developed by Google that uses video-based instruction and creative projects to teach 7th -12th grade students how to use and apply G Suite applications like Docs, Sheets and Slides. The Applied Digital Skills curriculum is organized into 11 units, each designed to guide students in the use of various Google tools to complete a variety of real-world projects and tasks.

- [Grow with Google](#)



Grow with Google is an initiative that draws on the 20-year history of building products, platforms, and services that help people and businesses grow. Grow with Google is aimed to help everyone across America – those who make up the workforce of today and the students who will drive the workforce of tomorrow – access the best of Google training and tools to grow their skills, careers, and businesses. Grow with Google is also proud to support non-profits that are working hard to ensure more Americans have the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly digital economy. Google supports non-profits through the Grow with Google Partner Program as well as with philanthropy through Google.org.

- [Social Entrepreneurship Online Course](#)



This online course describes defining characteristics of the social entrepreneur, the difference between social entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship, the way in which social entrepreneurship differs from charity, the role of innovation in social entrepreneurship, and how to measure the success of a social venture by assessing its impact.

- [Social Learning for Social Impact from McGill University](#)



This is world’s first GROOC – a MOOC for groups – to collaborate with others globally and create a social change. Do you want to make a difference by collaborating with other like-minded individuals from around the globe? Maybe you’re already working with a group doing social impact work in an established organization/NGO. Or perhaps you have an idea for a social initiative and want to team up with others, locally or virtually. Or maybe you’re just concerned about the direction the world is heading and want to join a global conversation about creating some positive, sustainable change. If so, this first ever GROOC is for you. GROOC has a distinct pedagogy: it believes profound learning happens when people share their experiences with each other, ask questions and tell stories. It’s called social learning. There are no right or wrong answers and no tests along the way. Instead, you’ll delve into relevant issues that concern all social initiatives, at any stage of development. The goal of GROOC is simple: to inspire the creation of social initiatives that will help rebalance society. Join GROOC to engage in meaningful social learning with a worldwide network of people who want to create a better world together.

- [Social Impact Strategy: Tools for Entrepreneurs and Innovators](#)



This course offers an introduction to social impact strategy and social entrepreneurship, including key concepts, an overview of the field, and tools to get started as a changemaker. Students will learn how to innovate and design new ideas and new organizational forms to

implement those ideas. Students who take this course will be better prepared to launch social impact organizations of their own invention. By moving through four stages, Define, Design, Pilot, and Scale, students will turn their passion for changing the world into concrete plans for launching a non-profit or for-profit venture designed to achieve a social goal. This course will allow students to systematically think through problems; develop and test an innovative solution; assess risk, competition, and performance; and spread impact in a way that is financially sustainable.

- [**Social Business Model and Planning for Social Innovation**](#)



In this course we will take the social business opportunity that you have identified in the first course to a higher level. Specifically, you will develop a business model using the Business Model Canvas. Gradually you will also start writing your business plan. Moreover, you will be able to assess different organizational forms and select the one that is appropriate for your developed business model. By the end of the course you will be able to compare different social impact investment methods and choose the right funding strategy for your social venture.

- [**Becoming a changemaker: Introduction to Social Innovation**](#)



This free 6-week course is for anyone who wants to make a difference. Whether you are already familiar with the field of social innovation or social entrepreneurship, working for an organization that wants to increase its social impact, or just starting out, this course will take you on a journey of exploring the complex problems that surround us and how to start thinking about solutions. We will debunk common assumptions around what resources are needed to begin acting as a social innovator. You will learn from the numerous examples of social innovations happening all over the world. You will be challenged to get out of your comfort zone and start engaging with the diverse spaces around you.

AI AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

- [**Using AI for social good**](#)



This guide helps non-profits and social enterprises learn how to apply artificial intelligence and machine learning to social, humanitarian and environmental challenges. Whether you're a novice or interested in up-leveling your skill set, get started by exploring the resources in this guide. Here, we'll help you understand the types of problems your organization can solve with ML, learn how to identify and prepare data sources, and review guidelines on how to develop and utilize ML responsibly.

- [Microsoft Professional Program for Artificial Intelligence](#)



The AI track takes aspiring AI engineers from a basic introduction of AI to mastery of the skills needed to build deep learning models for AI solutions that exhibit human-like behavior and intelligence. Artificial Intelligence will define the next generation of software solutions. This computer science course provides an overview of AI, and explains how it can be used to build smart apps that help organizations be more efficient and enrich people's lives. It uses a mix of engaging lectures and hands-on activities to help you take your first steps in the exciting field of AI. The next course lines include introduction to Data Science, Deep Learning module, Data Science Essentials etc. By the end of the program you can validate the skills and knowledge you've acquired during the Microsoft Professional Program for Artificial Intelligence, and solve a real-world AI problem in this program capstone project. The project takes the form of a challenge in which you will develop a deep learning solution that is tested and scored to determine your grade.

- [AI School](#)



Whether you're completely new to AI or a seasoned professional looking to stay on top of your game, AI School is quite simply the best place to find the information, learning materials and resources you need to start building intelligence into your solutions. The AI Houses represent the main categories of learning material available on AI School: AI Business School, Conversational AI, AI Services, Machine Learning, Intelligent Edge.

- [Intro to Deep Learning](#)



Machine learning is one of the fastest-growing and most exciting fields out there, and Deep Learning represents its true bleeding edge. In this course, you'll get an overview of what deep learning is all about. Partnering with Vincent Vanhoucke, Principal Scientist at Google, and technical lead in the Google Brain team, the course will teach you how deep learning builds on machine learning. Then you'll get a chance to learn more about deep neural networks and advanced architectures such as convolutional networks and recurrent networks. And if you'd like to dive even deeper into this cutting-edge field, you could continue your studies with the full-fledged Deep Learning Nanodegree program to get more hands-on experience.

- [Machine learning from Stanford University](#)



Machine learning is the science of getting computers to act without being explicitly programmed. In the past decade, machine learning has given us self-driving cars, practical speech recognition, effective web search, and a vastly improved understanding of the human

genome. Machine learning is so pervasive today that you probably use it dozens of times a day without knowing it. Many researchers also think it is the best way to make progress towards human-level AI. In this class, you will learn about the most effective machine learning techniques, and gain practice implementing them and getting them to work for yourself. More importantly, you'll learn about not only the theoretical underpinnings of learning, but also gain the practical know-how needed to quickly and powerfully apply these techniques to new problems. Finally, you'll learn about some of Silicon Valley's best practices in innovation as it pertains to machine learning and AI. This course provides a broad introduction to machine learning, datamining, and statistical pattern recognition. Topics include: 1. supervised learning (parametric/non-parametric algorithms, support vector machines, kernels, neural networks); 2. unsupervised learning (clustering, dimensionality reduction, recommender systems, deep learning); 3. best practices in machine learning (bias/variance theory; innovation process in machine learning and AI). The course will also draw from numerous case studies and applications, so that you'll also learn how to apply learning algorithms to building smart robots (perception, control), text understanding (web search, anti-spam), computer vision, medical informatics, audio, database mining, and other areas.

- [Machine Learning from Columbia University](#)



Machine Learning is the basis for the most exciting careers in data analysis today. You'll learn the models and methods and apply them to real world situations ranging from identifying trending news topics, to building recommendation engines, ranking sports teams and plotting the path of movie zombies. Major perspectives covered include: probabilistic versus non-probabilistic modeling; supervised versus unsupervised learning. Topics include: classification and regression, clustering methods, sequential models, matrix factorization, topic modeling and model selection. Methods include: linear and logistic regression, support vector machines, tree classifiers, boosting, maximum likelihood and MAP inference, EM algorithm, hidden Markov models, Kalman filters, k-means, Gaussian mixture models, among others.

- [The Human Intelligence Enterprise](#)



This course introduces students to the basic knowledge representation, problem solving, and learning methods of artificial intelligence. Upon completion of the course, students should be able to develop intelligent systems by assembling solutions to concrete computational problems; understand the role of knowledge representation, problem solving, and learning in intelligent-system engineering; and appreciate the role of problem solving, vision, and language in understanding human intelligence from a computational perspective.

- [Practical Deep Learning for Coders](#)



The course assumes you have at least a year of coding experience (preferably in Python, although experienced coders will be able to pick Python up as they go; we have a list of python learning resources available), and have completed high-school math (some university-level math is introduced as needed during the course). Many people who have completed the course tell it takes a lot of work, but it's one of the most rewarding things they've done; it's highly recommended to get involved with the course's active online community to help you complete your journey. Google Cloud and Microsoft Azure have integrated all you need for the courses into their GPU-based platforms, and there are "one-click" platforms available too, such as Crestle and Gradient.

- [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) from Columbia University](#)



What do self-driving cars, face recognition, web search, industrial robots, missile guidance, and tumor detection have in common? They are all complex real world problems being solved with applications of intelligence (AI). This course will provide a broad understanding of the basic techniques for building intelligent computer systems and an understanding of how AI is applied to problems. You will learn about the history of AI, intelligent agents, state-space problem representations, uninformed and heuristic search, game playing, logical agents, and constraint satisfaction problems. Hands on experience will be gained by building a basic search agent. Adversarial search will be explored through the creation of a game and an introduction to machine learning includes work on linear regression.

- [Algorithms](#)



Khan Academy has partnered with Dartmouth college professors Tom Cormen and Devin Balkcom to teach introductory computer science algorithms, including searching, sorting, recursion, and graph theory. Learn with a combination of articles, visualizations, quizzes, and coding challenges.

HEALTHCARE AND COSMETIC MEDICINE

- [Online Healthcare Courses from EdX](#)



Get an introduction to healthcare fields and health administration with online courses from major universities and institutions worldwide. EdX offers both individual courses and

advanced programs designed to help you learn about healthcare professions (such as health administrators), health policy, key issues, health advancements and more in an engaging and effective online learning environment complete with video tutorials, quizzes and forums. Take a look at key issues in global health. Learn how healthcare professionals address epidemics, natural disasters and the results of war. Gain an understanding of how health systems respond to predictions of infectious and non-communicable disease epidemics and learn how policy-makers and healthcare leaders use evidence to make decisions and set priorities in global health. Learn about healthcare technology and product design. Study healthcare finance and more. Get started today.

- [Alison Online Health Certification Courses](#)



Alison's range of free online Health courses explores highly important aspects of physical fitness and mental wellbeing, as well as caring for others. Young or old, healthy or sick, our health plays a significant part in our lives. Whether you are looking for free health courses for your own wellbeing, your loved ones, or for a career in the field of healthcare, these online health courses, from nutrition to exercise, can benefit you in really fundamental ways.

- [Strengthening Community Health Worker](#)



This course was created by health systems leaders and for health systems leaders. Whether you work in a Ministry of Health, lead or support a community health worker program, mobilize resources and advocate for increased investment in community health, or you are simply interested in knowing what it takes to deliver quality care through community health worker programs, learners will have the opportunity to advance their knowledge and skills to implement critical change. This course can be taken individually, but learners are also encouraged to convene their colleagues from within or across organizations to share insights and further enhance the learning experience.

- [Health & Psychology Courses from Future Learn](#)



Do you want to enhance patient care or improve your own wellbeing or mental health? These online healthcare courses provide you with vital skills, knowledge and training. Learn about everything from Parkinson's disease to obesity or nutrition with top researchers.

5. List of women associations and communities in different APEC economies and international ones

This list shows information on different associations in APEC economies focused on women-entrepreneurs. The associations provide various support programs: training, finding partners and even investing, etc. Some of them are international ones.

It has to be noted, that many associations in this list provide grants and other financing support to women-led SMEs.

Economy	Association	Weblink	Contact point
International	The Yidan Prize	https://yidanprize.org/guidelines/	Email: enquiry@yidanprize.org
	The National Geographic Society	https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants	E-mail: askngs@ngs.org
	HerBusiness	https://herbusiness.com/about/	E-mail: info@herbusiness.com Tel.: 1300 720 120 or (+61) 2 8332 5400 SUZI DAFNIS - CEO E-mail: suzi@herbusiness.com
	Lean In	https://leanin.org/circles	Sheryl Sandberg - Founder & Board Chair Partnership inquiries: E-mail: partners@leanin.org General questions: E-mail: info@leanin.org
	The International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International)	https://www.bpw-international.org/index.php/about-bpw	Communication Administrator: E-mail Communication.admin@bpw-international.org DR AMANY ASFOUR - International President E-mail: amany.asfour@bpw-international.org
	SheWorks!	http://wheresheworks.com/about-us/	E-mail info@wheresheworks.com SILVINA MOSCHINI - Founder & CEO E-mail silvina@wheresheworks.com LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/smoschini/

Economy	Association	Weblink	Contact point
International	Female Entrepreneur Association	https://femaleentrepreneurassociation.com/	<p>E-mail info@femaleentrepreneurassociation.com</p> <p>Carrie Green - Founder Instagram: @iamcarriegreen Twitter: @iamcarriegreen</p>
	CEED	https://ceed-global.org/	<p>E-mail: prighi@seafweb.org Tel.: (202) 737-8463 (US)</p> <p>Peter Righi - Global Director E-mail: prighi@ceed-global.org</p> <p>The list of all team members with contacts: http://ceed-global.org/team-hq/</p>
ASIA	Women Leaders of New Asia	http://sites.asiasociety.org/womenleaders/about-about-wlna/about-wlna	<p>E-mail: wlna2012@asiasociety.org E-mail: info@asiasociety.org</p> <p>The list of contacts for different locations: http://sites.asiasociety.org/womenleaders/contact</p>
Asia-Pacific	UN Women Asia and the Pacific	http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/about-us	<p>Tel .: +66 2 288 2093</p> <p>The list of contacts for other countries of Asia and the Pacific: http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/about-us/contact-us</p> <p>Regional Director (a.i) and Representative in Thailand - Anna-Karin Jatfors Tel.: +66 2 288 2093</p>
	Business & Professional Women - BPW Makati	https://www.facebook.com/BPWmakati/	<p>E-mail: bpw.makati@gmail.com</p> <p>Narudee Kiengsiri - Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator E-mail: narudee.kiengsiri@bpw-international.org</p>
Latin America	WEconnect	https://weconnectinternational.org/en/network/latin-america	<p>Andrea Lizarzaburu - Regional director E-mail: alizarzaburu@weconnectinternational.org</p>

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Australia	Beyond Bank Entrepreneur Program	https://www.beyondbank.com.au/blog/2015/04/beyond-bank-community-entrepreneur-program/	Contact form on the website: https://www.beyondbank.com.au/contact-us.html
	Investing in Women Funding Program	https://www.women.nsw.gov.au/women_and_work/investing_in_women_funding_program	E-mail: iiw@facsnsw.gov.au Tel.: (02) 9248 0800
	The Business Connect program	https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/business-and-industry-in-nsw/businessconnect/about-the-business-connect-program	E-mail: connect@industry.nsw.gov.au , Tel.: 1300 134 359
	Queensland Women's Week Grant	https://www.csyw.qld.gov.au/campaign/queensland-womens-week	E-mail: women@qld.gov.au
	Victorian Women's Trust	https://www.vwt.org.au/grants/	E-mail: grants@vwt.org.au
	Australian Centre for Leadership for Women	https://www.leadershipforwomen.com.au/	Administration: E-mail: admin@leadershipforwomen.com.au Director: E-mail: diann@leadershipforwomen.com.au Suzanne Nield - one of the Leaders E-mail: nieldark@bigpond.com Tel.: (03)50206868
	League of Extraordinary Women	https://www.leagueofextraordinarywomen.com/	Online form on the website: https://www.leagueofextraordinarywomen.com/contact-us/ Sheryl Thai - CEO & CO-FOUNDER Tel.: 0433 200 269
	Business Chicks	https://businesschicks.com/	E-mail: info@businesschicks.com.au Tel.: +61 2 8235 0100 (AUS) Olivia Ruello - CEO

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Brunei Darussalam	Young Entrepreneur Association Brunei (YEAB)	http://www.yeabrunei.com/	E-mail: yeabrunei@gmail.com There is an online form on the website: http://www.yeabrunei.com Fatin Arifin - President
	International Women's Club Brunei	http://www.iwcbrunei.com/	Tel.: +673-8728645 (Sec) E-mail: iwcbrunei1@gmail.com Ungku Datin Hj Fanzah Hj Osman - President E-mail: fanzah@iwcbrunei.com
Canada	Forum for Women Entrepreneurs (FWE)	http://www.fwe.ca/	E-mail: info@fwe.ca , 604 682 8115
	Trade Commissioner Service (NCS)	https://tradecommissioner.gc.ca/	E-mail: trade@international.gc.ca
	The Canadian Women's Foundation	https://www.canadianwomen.org	E-mail: info@canadianwomen.org
	WEconnect	https://weconnectinternational.org/en/network/north-america/canada	Chelsea Prescod - Country Director E-mail: cprescod@weconnectinternational.org
Chile	Mujeres Influyentes	https://www.mujeresinfluyentes.cl/	E-mail: comunidad@mujeresinfluyentes.cl
China	All-China Women's Federation	http://www.womenofchina.cn/	
	China Association of Women Entrepreneurs	http://www.cawe.org.cn	E-mail: cawe@cawe.org
	WEconnect	https://weconnectinternational.org/en/network/asia/greater-china	Edith Cecchini - Regional Director for Asia Pacific, Partnerships, and Events E-mail: Ececchini@weconnectinternational.org

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Chinese Taipei	Foundation of Women's Rights Promotion and Development (FWRPD)	http://www.globalgender.org/en-global/about/index/1	E-mail: admin.female@wrp.org.tw Tel.: 886-2-2321-2100 Dr CHIANG Been-Huang - Chairperson
	Awakening Foundation	https://www.awakening.org.tw/english	E-mail: awakening1982@awakening.org.tw Tel.: (02)2502-8715 Shu-yung Wang - Chairperson Pei-Wen Li - Vice Chairperson
	Alliance of Taiwan Women's Association	http://www.natwa.org.tw	E-mail: natwa0415@gmail.com Tel.: (02)2388-3619 Online form on the website: http://www.natwa.org.tw/contact.php
	Taipei 101 Women's Entrepreneurs Association	http://www.101twea.org/page/19	Tel.: 886-2-23959376 E-mail: 101twea@gmail.com Liu Zhuomei
Hong Kong, China	The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships	http://jcscholarships.hk/	E-mail: hkicscholarships@hkjc.org.hk
	The Hong Kong Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Association (HKWPEA)	http://www.hkwpea.org/hkwpea/introduction.htm	E-mail: info@hkwpea.org Tel.: (852) 6233 5230 (Secretariat) Ms Rebecca Yung - President Anna Yip/Natalie Chan - Communication
India	The Social Alpha E4i program	http://socialalphachallenge.org	Online form on the website: https://www.socialalpha.org/get-involved
	GMC Calibrator	http://graymatterscap.com/gmc-calibrator/	E-mail: info@graymatterscap.com
	Ascent Capital	http://www.ascentcapital.in/about/	E-mail: info@ascentcapital.in
	Womentum	https://www.womentum.io/entrepreneurs	Online form on the website: https://www.womentum.io/contact Prabha Dublish - Cofounder and President of Womentum (Partnerships Powerhouse)
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Indonesia	Wanita Wirausaha Femina (Women Entrepreneurs)	http://www.wanitawirausaha.com/	Online form on the website: http://www.wanitawirausaha.com/tanya-ahli/
	Induk Koperasi Wanita Pengusaha Indonesia/Parent Cooperative of Indonesian Women Entrepreneurs (INKOWAPI)	http://inkowapi.com/tentang_inkowapi/	E-mail: org.inkowapi@yahoo.com
	WEconnect	https://weconnectinternational.org/en/network/asia/indonesia	Edith Cecchini - Regional Director for Asia Pacific, Partnerships, and Events E-mail: ecicchini@weconnectinternational.org
	Ikatan Wanita Pengusaha Indonesia/ Indonesian Business Women Association (IWAPI)	http://iwapi.id/profile-mission/	Online form on the website: http://iwapi.id/
Japan	WEconnect	https://weconnectinternational.org/en/network/asia/japan	Project Director, Setsu Suzuki E-mail: ssuzuki@weconnectinternational.org
	FEW: For Empowering Women in Japan	http://fewjapan.com/	Online form on the website: http://fewjapan.com/contact/ Riya Rapp - President E-mail: president@fewjapan.com Nicola Vote - Vice President E-mail: vice.president@fewjapan.com

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Malaysia	Cradle Fund	https://www.cradle.com.my/	Tel.: +603 4045 8600
	The International Women's Association of Kuala Lumpur (IWAKL)	http://www.iwakl.com/v2/about-us/	E-mail: info@iwakl.com
	National Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Malaysia (NAWEM)	https://www.nawem.org.my/index.php/2-about-us	E-mail: secretariat.nawem@gmail.com Tel.: +603-21423355
Mexico	The Mexican Association Of Women Entrepreneurs, BC AMEXME	http://www.amexme.org/#/quienesSomos	E-mail: asoc.mex.muj.emp@asociacionmexicanademujeresempresarias.org
	Crea Comunidades de Emprendedores Sociales, A.C. (CREA/Creates)	http://crea.org.mx/	E-mail: info@created.org.mx Tel.: +52 55 85253030 Online form on the website: http://crea.org.mx/pages/contact-us/ Leticia M. Jáuregui – Founder Ana Elena Guerra - President of the Council
	Tu Reto Emprendedor (Your Challenge Entrepreneur)	https://www.turetoemprendedor.com/tu-retos-emprendedor	E-mail: turetoemprendedor@gmail.com
New Zealand	New Horizons for Women Trust	https://www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz/	Online form on the website: https://www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz/contact/
	Angel Association New Zealand	https://www.angellassociation.co.nz/	E-mail: info@angellassociation.co.nz Tel.: +64 27 640 6401

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	Women Entrepreneurship Centre (WEC)	http://wencentre.org.nz/	<p>Online form on the website: http://wencentre.org.nz</p> <p>Dr Sangeeta Karmokar (CEO)</p>
	Global Women	https://www.globalwomen.org.nz/about/	<p>E-mail: hello@globalwomen.org.nz +64 9 300 6348</p> <p>Miranda Burdon - Chief Executive Officer E-mail: miranda.burdon@globalwomen.org.nz Tel.: +64 27 474 1019</p> <p>Annabel Coxon - Communications Manager E-mail: annabel.coxon@globalwomen.org.nz Tel.: +64 27 378 0016</p>
Papua New Guinea	The Westpac Outstanding Women Awards (WOW)	http://pacificwomeninbusiness.com.au/blog/inspiration/the-westpac-outstanding-women-awards-2017-2018-are-open-for-nominations/	<p>E-mail: westpacpacificcommunications@westpac.com.au</p>
	BPW Port Moresby	http://www.bpwpng.org	<p>E-mail: info@bpwpng.org</p> <p>E-mail: Communication.admin@bpw-international.org</p> <p>DR AMANY ASFOUR - International President E-mail: amany.asfour@bpw-international.org</p> <p>Narudee Kiengsiri - Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator E-mail: narudee.kiengsiri@bpw-international.org</p>

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Peru+ USA	Network of Peruvian Women Entrepreneurs (PWE NET)	https://redmepenaccion.org/pwe-network-of-peruvian-women-entrepreneurs-llc-estados-unidos/	E-mail: info@redmepenaccion.org , Tel.: 997583230 – 4463459
Philippines	Network for Enterprising Women (NEW)	https://new.com.ph	E-mail: info@new.com.ph Tel.: 632-400-4038 Online form on the website: https://new.com.ph/contact/ Myren Garcia - Founding President
	Women's Business Council Philippines (WBCP)	http://www.womenbiz.ph/	Online form on the website: http://www.womenbiz.ph/contact-us/
Republic of Korea	Korean Women Entrepreneurs Association (KWEA)	http://womanbiz.wbiz.or.kr/womanbiz/index.do	Tel.: 02-369-0900
	EO Korea (The Entrepreneurs' Organization)	https://www.eonetwork.org/korea	E-mail: info@eonetwork.org Tel.: +1.703.519.6700 (USA) Online form on the website: https://www.eonetwork.org/contact-us/ Bubu Andres - EO Global Chair (EO Philippines)
	Korea Entrepreneurship Portal	http://www.koreaentrepreneurship.org/eship/kef/html/HtmlPage.do?SITE_ID=KEF_EN&pageId=guide_eng#page01	Online form on the website: http://www.koreaentrepreneurship.org/eship/kef/html/HtmlPage.do?SITE_ID=KEF_EN&pageId=guide_eng#page06

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	Rybakov Fund	http://rybakovfoundation.com/	E-mail: info@rybakovfond.ru Tel.: +7 (495) 150-40-74
	Zhenshiny bisnesa (Women of business)	http://ruslady.org/about	E-mail: info@ruslady.org Tel.: 7 495 530-13-12 Gvilava Tatyana Aleksandrovna - president
	Opora Russia	http://opora.ru/	Tel.: +7 (495) 660-2111 ext. 287 Fax: +7 (495) 725-8191 E-mail: womenopora@gmail.com , women@opora.ru – Coordinator: Mr. Alexey Ganeev E-mail: Ganeev.ad@open.ru Tel. +7 916 555-94-09
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	WEconnect	https://weconnectinternational.org/en/network/asia/singapore	Mrinalini Venkatachalam - Regional Event and Outreach Manager, SE Asia E-mail: mvenkatachalam@weconnectinternational.org
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	eWomen Foundation	https://ewomennetworkfoundation.org/page/about-the-foundation	E-mail: foundation@ewomennetwork.com Tel.: 972-620-9995 Ext:1001 Online form on the website: https://ewomennetworkfoundation.org/contact Aina Hoskins - Managing Director E-mail: AinaHoskins@eWomenNetwork.com
	mBolden	http://www.wearembolden.org	E-mail: marketing@womeninwireless.org Veronica Sonsev President & Founder of MBolden LinkedIn: linkedin.com/in/vsonsev
	Women Who Tech	https://www.womenwhotech.com/	Online form on the website: https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?view=cm&fs=1&to&su=U.S.+Advisory+Committee+%7C+Women+Who+Tech&body=https://www.womenwhotech.com/team/us-advisory-committee&ui=2&tf=1 Allyson Kapin - Founder
	The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)	https://www.nawbo.org/about/about-nawbo-our-vision-and-mission	E-mail: national@nawbo.org Tel.: 800-556-2926 (Washington) Online form on the website: https://www.nawbo.org/contact-us Ms Jen Earle - NAWBO National CEO
	The BOSS Network	http://www.thebossnetwork.org	E-mail: info@thebossnetwork.org Advertising or Member E-mail: bossnetwork2009@gmail.com Cameka Smith - Founder

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	Ha Noi Women's Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (HAWASME)	http://nudoanhnghiep.com/home.html	Tel.: 84-4-3568942 E-mail: nudoanhnghiep@gmail.com
	Vietnam Women Entrepreneurs Council (VWEC)	http://vwec.com.vn/	Tel.: 84-4-35742022 E-mail: contact@vwec.com.vn E-mail: online.vwec@gmail.com
	Vietnam Association for Women Entrepreneurs (VAWE)	http://vawe.org.vn/ https://www.facebook.com/hiephoinudoanhnhanvietnamvawe/	Tel.: 84-4-3266-9459 E-mail: vpvawe@gmail.com

6. List of other funds that can provide funding for women-led SMEs

This list provides information on other funding opportunities across APEC region and beyond, like venture and other funds.

Economies that can apply	Name	Website	Contacts
Internationally open Headquarter: Malaysia	Cradle Seed Ventures Management Pte Ltd	http://csv.com.my/	Online contact form: https://csv.com.my/contact-us/
	Asia Venture Group	https://asiaventuregroup.com/	Online contact form: https://asiaventuregroup.com/contact-office-address/
Internationally open Headquarter: Canada	SheEO	https://sheeo.world/about-us/	Online contact form: https://sheeo.world/contact-us/
Internationally open Headquarter: Chinese Taipei	Industrial Technology Investment Corporation	http://itic.com.tw/	E-mail: service@itic.com.tw
	GAINS Investment Corp.	http://www.gains.com.tw/en/index.html	Tel.: 86-7-3382288
	Mediatek Ventures	https://www.mediatek.tw/about/ventures	Online contact form: https://www.mediatek.tw/about/contact-us
Internationally open Headquarter: USA	Plum Alley	https://plumalley.co/	Shanice Graves Manager, Communications & Events E-mail: shanice@plumalley.co
	iFundWomen***	https://ifundwomen.com/	E-mail: sarah@ifundwomen.com
Internationally open Headquarter: Switzerland	SheTrades	https://www.shetrades.com/en	Online contact form: https://www.shetrades.com/en/contact-us
Asia Headquarter: Indonesia	Venturra Capital	https://www.venturra.com/	E-mail: contact@venturra.com

Economies that can apply	Name	Website	Contacts
Asia Headquarter: Malaysia	Jungle Ventures	http://www.jungle-ventures.com/	Online contact form: http://www.jungle-ventures.com/#contact
Asia Headquarter: USA	Patamar Capital	http://patamar.com/	Indonesia: E-mail: indonesia@patamar.com Viet Nam: E-mail: vietnam@patamar.com United States: E-mail: info@patamar.com
Asia (China; Hong Kong, China; and Malaysia) Headquarter: Malaysia	Netrove Partners	http://www.netrove.com/	Online contact form: http://www.netrove.com/index.php/contact-us
Asia (Southeast) Headquarter: USA	Small Enterprise Assistance Fund (SEAF): Women's Opportunity Fund	https://www.seaf.com/investing/asia/seaf-womens-opportunity-fund/	Sang Pham - Managing Director of the Women's Opportunity Fund E-mail: swof@seaf.com
Asia (Southeast) and India Headquarter: Malaysia	Vertex Ventures	https://www.vertexventures.com/southeast-asia-india/	Online contact form: https://www.vertexventures.com/southeast-asia-india/contact/
Asia (Southeast) and Japan Headquarter: Indonesia	East Ventures	http://east.vc/	Offices in Jakarta, Indonesia & Tokyo, Japan: E-mail: info@east.vc
Asia (Southeast) Headquarter: Malaysia	NEXEA	https://www.nexea.co/	Online contact form: https://www.nexea.co/contact/
Asia (Southeast) Headquarter: Malaysia	Expara Ventures	http://expara.com/	Online contact form: http://expara.com/contact
Developing countries Headquarter: USA	Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (We-Fi)***	https://we-fi.org/	https://we-fi.org/contacts/

Economies that can apply	Name	Website	Contacts
Latin America Headquarter: Chile	Magma Partners	https://www.magmapartners.com/	Online contact form: https://www.magmapartners.com/contact/
	Fen Ventures	https://www.fenventures.com/	E-mail: contacto@fenventures.com
Latin America Headquarter: Mexico	ALLVP	http://www.allvp.vc/	Online contact form: https://www.allvp.vc/contact
USA, China, and Asia Pacific Headquarter" Chinese Taipei	WI Harper Group	https://wiharper.com/	E-mail: info@wiharper.com.cn
USA, China, Chinese Taipei	UMC Capital	http://www.umccapital.com/index_tw.php	Tel.: 886-2-265886
USA, China, Japan and Chinese Taipei Headquarter: Chinese Taipei	Concord Venture Capital Group	http://www.concord.com.tw/content.aspx?websn=47	E-mail: service@concord.com.tw
China	Cherubic Ventures	https://cherubic.com/	E-mail: info@cherubicvc.com
Chinese Taipei	Darwin Venture Management	http://www.darwin-venture.com.tw/	Tel.: 886-2-2798-8869
	Fortune Partners, Ltd.	http://www.vcfortune.com/about_fortune/chinese/about_c1.htm	Tel.: 886-2-8791-1966
	CDIB BioScience Venture Management (CBVM)	http://www.cdibbiosciencevc.com/index.html	Polly Shu-Chuan Lin E-mail: pollylin67@cdibbioscience.com
	Sunsino Venture Group	https://www.sunsino.com.tw/	E-mail: Service@sunsino.com.tw
	Vincera Capital	http://www.vinceracapital.com/chi/home.html	E-mail: business@vinceracapital.com
	PREMIER Capital Management Corporation	http://www.premiervc.com.tw/#	E-mail: info@premiervc.com.tw
	Maxima Capital Management	https://www.maximavc.com/	Tel.: 886-2-2239-8855 ext. 199
	TOP Taiwan Venture Capital	http://www.toptaiwan.com.tw/toptaiwan/	Tel.: 886-2-22778-9090

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Chinese Taipei	WK TechnologyFund	http://www.wktechfund.com/en-us/index.html	E-mail: wkcontact@wktechfund.com
	Catalyst	http://www.catalyst.com.tw/about_us.php	E-mail: peter.lin@catalyst.com.tw
	Mesh Ventures	http://mesh.vc/	E-mail: hello@mesh.vc
	First Venture Capital Co., Ltd. 第一創業投資股份有限公司	http://www.firstholding.com.tw/sites/amc/Touch/1506567791244	Tel.: 886-2-2348-4981
	Hua Nan Venture Capital Co., Ltd. 華南金創業投資股份有限公司	http://www.hnfhc.com.tw/04where/04-7.shtml	Tel.: 886-2-2500-0622
	CTBC Venture Capital Co., Ltd. 中國信託創業投資(股)公司	http://www.ctbcholding.com/investment.html	Banking Service: Tel.: 886-2-27695000 Service : Tel.: 0800-024-365
	CDIB Venture Capital Corp. 中華開發創業投資股份有限公司	http://www.cdibh.com/chhtml/content/460/2366	Tel.: 886-2-2763-8800
	Cathay Venture Inc. 國泰創投	https://www.cathayholdings.com/holdings/cathayventure	E-mail: 80357826@cathaycapital.com.tw
Indonesia	Kinara Indonesia	https://kinaraindonesia.id/	E-mail: info@kinaraindonesia.com
	Angel Investment Network Indonesia (ANGIN)	https://angin.id/	E-mail: contact@angin.id
Malaysia	TH Capital	http://th.capital/	Online contact form: http://th.capital/contact/
	BizAngel	https://bizangel.co/	Online contact form: https://bizangel.co/contact-us/
	TinkBig Venture	https://www.tbv.capital/	Online contact form: https://www.tbv.capital/
	MavCap	http://www.mavcap.com/	Online contact form: http://www.mavcap.com/Contact-Us/Contact-Details/
	Rebright Partners	http://rebrightpartners.com/en/	Online contact form: http://rebrightpartners.com/en/contact-us/
	Golden Gate Ventures	http://goldengate.vc/	Online contact form: http://goldengate.vc/contact/
Mexico	Alta Ventures Mexico	http://altaventures.com/	Online contact form: https://altaventures.com/contact/
Netherlands	GSRD Foundation	http://www.gsr.com/	E-mail: secretariat@gsrd.com Tel.: +31 20 564 6805

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Russia	Foundation “Our Future”	http://www.nb-fund.ru/en	Tel+7 (495) 780-96-71 E-mail: fund@nb-fund.ru
	All-Russian contest of projects in the field of social entrepreneurship “The best social project of the year”	http://konkurs.rgsu.net	Organizing committee: Mr. Denis SKOROBOGATOV +7 916 494 56 21 Socproekt.Konkurs@rgsu.net
	Social Project Support Fund	https://fundsp.ru	E-mail: fundsp@fundsp.ru
	Fund for the Promotion of the Development of Small Forms of Enterprises in the Scientific and Technical Field	http://fasie.ru	E-mail: info@fasie.ru
	Agency for Strategic Initiatives to Promote New Projects	http://asi.ru	E-mail: asi@asi.ru
Singapore	Block 71 Singapore	https://singapore.block71.co/	Tel.: +65 6816 0632 Online contact form: https://singapore.block71.co/contacts
	Tencent-NUS Cloud Startup Program	https://enterprise.nus.edu.sg/entrepreneurship-initiatives/tencent-nus-cloud-startup-program	E-mail: kelvintan@nus.edu.sg
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	Women’s Venture Capital Fund (WomensVCFund II)	https://www.womensvcfund.com/	E-mail: deals@womensvcfund.com
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Dr Noryawati Mulyono (Indonesia)

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Dr Noryawati Mulyono is the inventor of seaweed-based biopackaging , which is sold under Evoware brand, a socially responsible enterprise that elevates an environmentally friendly lifestyle and provides innovative value to urban society.

Till 2019, she worked at the Faculty of Biotechnology of Atma Jaya Catholic University in Jakarta, Indonesia. Dr. Noryawati Mulyono had held positions of the Vice Dean for Finance and Collaboration and the Head of Food Technology Department.

In 2016, Noryawati became a co-founder of Evoware, the social enterprise with the mission to solve the environmental pollution problem and improve the livelihood of seaweed farmers by manufacturing seaweed-based bio packaging. Evoware is also a research-based company, which transformed scientific research output of Dr Mulyono into commercial stage.

For initial business, Nory tried many ways of funding, such as bootstrap or angel investors. Since 2017, the enterprise launched the production of seaweed-based bio packaging with the support of Ellen MacArthur foundation.

By writing good proposals and discovering correct formulation and processing, Nory`s company was able to win several competitions. The company has won the DBS Social Venture Challenge in 2017, DBS Enterprise Grant in 2018 and Entrepreneurship grant from Indonesia Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education.

She believes that success of business is based on building the right team, aligning the mission with customers, providing impact to the society and overcoming ego.

Kathy Korman Frey (USA)

The Hot Mommas® Project <https://hotmommasproject.com/>



After graduating from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Harvard Business School with an MBA, Kathy started her career working in the market research and merger and acquisition fields as an analyst and manager. She then served as COO of a venture-funded subsidiary of a major US NGO. In 2002 Kathy founded her own consultancy, and started teaching at the George Washington University.

Kathy jokingly called her consultants “Hot Mommas” as they had all attended prestigious schools, worked for well-known organizations, and now worked for her consultancy. Meanwhile - at the George Washington University - her students asked many questions about how she ran her own business, in addition to her many other responsibilities, Kathy decided to write a case study explaining a day in the life of a “Hot Momma.” She always loved writing growing up, and in business school authored a Harvard Business School case study. Using this model, Kathy wrote a single story, about a successful woman - with many competing priorities - who was making her own rules while creating her career and life.

In 2006 this founding case study became a Coleman Foundation Case Award Winner. The same year, a Women’s Entrepreneurial Leadership suite of classes - which Kathy helped develop and teach - took home a National Excellence in Entrepreneurship Education Award.

In 2009, Kathy and her team developed a software, which allowed women from all around the world to write their own case study to serve as a digital mentor and role model. Why mentors and role models? Research shows that access to mentors and role models - even in the form of a case study - is shown to increase an important type of confidence. This confidence can differ between the genders as early as age 11.

Today, the Hot Mommas® Project is the world’s largest women’s case study library. The Project’s cases have been integrated into classes and curriculum which increase confidence up to 66% in three hours and 200% in a semester. The Project has worked with women from 138 countries providing confidence-building classes and digital access to teachable mentors and role models to girls and women around the world.

Catherine Peng (Chinese Taipei)

<https://www.toplogis.com/news/1?locale=en>

Toplogis



When starting career in 1991, Catherine turned out to be in the “men only” environment, since 95% of founders and C-level officers in technology industry were men. Ms Peng fought through all the difficulties and connected with woman leadership in those years. Catherine believed, that the goal of any entrepreneurship is to solve problems, so with success, wealth will follow.

In 2004, Catherine managed to raise 5,000,000 USD in investments from four noted venture capital entities: Acorn Campus(US), Evergreen, IdSoftCapital, and CTC capital.

Now the Toplogis company integrates 100+ Manufactures, connects 2000+ worldwide LSPs, accumulated 3 million + shipments.

Besides leading the company, Catherine undertakes a lot of other activities, that aim to help other people: she founded and established an e-commerce APP named GogoTaitung for Chinese Taipei rural farmers in 2018, volunteered advisory service and helped launch over 1,000 agricultural products in the market, benefiting 200 small farmers.

Many times she represented Chinese Taipei at APEC events, e.g. at Advancing Inclusive through Enhancing Women and Girl’s Digital Literacy and Skills in the Context of Industry 4.10 in 2019; she also served as Vice President for the 6th session of the Global Logistics Council.

Now Catherine sees positive changes in business for women, since there are more opportunities for women entrepreneurs today. She believes that educational program will change, so every girl will have an opportunity to take STEM classes; and that soon there will be more funds, that support women-led companies in tech field.

Camille Rose D. Albarracin (the Philippines)

Everything Green Trading and Consulting



Camille Rose Duque Albarracin worked in the hospitality industry for more than fifteen (15) years and has completed her Master's Degree in Tourism and Hospitality Management. She is a consultant to various organizations, hotels and resorts by providing creative insights in the areas of Operations Management, Environmental and Sustainable Hotel Management.

In her more than 15 years of working in the hospitality industry, she has witnessed the distressingly large amount of waste accumulated by hotels and their guests. Disturbed by what she saw, but just as much inspired by the prospect of doing something about it, she began a search for green alternatives to the standard hotel amenity products. In 2018, She founded **Everything Green and Green Events PH** out of the desire to help solve the waste problem of the hospitality industry. As a Chief Greenovator, she has continuously greenovated products that are commonly used in hotel/resort operations using the cradle to cradle design, by reducing waste pollution and by changing patterns of production and consumption.

The enterprise's activity is based on manufacturing of eco-friendly multiple-use slippers made of such waste as abaca leaf sheaths, abaca scrunch, jute, textile waste and coconut coir. The enterprise moves to cultivate green ethos and gives back to the environment through reducing the carbon footprints by maximizing use of local resources, leaner production and promote sustainable agriculture and sustainable forest management. Start-up aims to bridge products to hospitality industry, such as hotels, resorts, restaurants and wellness centers.

Besides ecological impact, Camille empowers communities. She actively engages women, indigenous people and people with disabilities, provides them with job and impacts their lives.

For the first year, 12,000 pairs were sold and over one ton of waste was reduced. The start-up has already received a recognition, got several awards, e.g. won FIBERS (Fashion Inclusive Businesses for Environment, Reformation, and Sustainability), and was selected as a Top Project by Make Sense (French based non-profit organization) for the incubation program for social start-ups, and she was the first BEAT (Benilde Alumni Technopreneur) Awardee.

Carmina Bayombong

<https://www.cartierwomensinitiative.com/candidate/carmina-bayombong>

InvestEd (the Philippines)



Carmina dreamt of changing the game for underprivileged students. Back in college, she witnessed many of her peers drop out due to financial difficulties.

She started venturing into a business that would help underprivileged college students in a systemic scale. That is how InvestEd was born.

InvestEd is an award-winning social enterprise founded in 2016. It aims to help marginalized Filipino students get their college degree worry-free through a high-tech student loan platform.

Due to the help from InvestEd's programs, students coming from low income and poor families are able to graduate, gain employment and improve the economic mobility of their families.

InvestEd provides marginalized college students with an education loan program, which fits exactly their needs. The company provides loans that sufficiently covers all education needs: school fees, studentship, projects, housing and laptops. InvestEd enables individuals, corporations, foundations and other institutions to invest in loans to unbanked young dreamers through an innovative credit scoring tool that ensures repayment and employment.

These entities lend to or through InvestEd for philanthropic, talent acquisition and fund growth purposes. 67% of our graduates have above national median salary at their first job, and 41.88% of investees are the first in their family to attend college.

For its social activity, the InvestEd has received many awards and grants, such as Grant by Cartier Women Initiative and Ideaspace Foundation, the EduTech Leadership Award by the World Education Congress, grant by Dubai World Expo 2020. Furthermore, it was selected to be part of the Top 10 Global Finalist for Accelerate 2030 and Top 100 Global Innovators. InvestEd was also the Philippine Representative for Asia Social Innovation Award in 2019.

To-date, the company serves students from 177 schools and 113 degree courses across the country.

By 2023, InvestEd aims to slash the college dropout rate in half by reaching a total of 300,000 students.

CONCLUSION

Nowadays, there are plenty of financing opportunities for women-led SMEs and it does not matter what you are doing: farming or AI and machine learning; children care or ice-cream production; work on social needs in the domestic market or internationally. Any opportunities are accessible if you make steps towards, all you need is just try.

The main problem is not easy access to the information on where these opportunities can be found. It turns out that it is quite complicated task for women-led SMEs to get access to the certain fund. The second difficulty is to choose the relevant program and prepare an application for funding.

The workshop provided access to the detailed information on international grants/programs/funds and equipped women-led SMEs with knowledge on:

- what kind of solutions the certain program is looking for;
- what is the application period;
- details of selection process and selection criteria;
- benefits for the winners and perspectives in terms of project development;
- who they can address to in case of interest and in case of support needed.

From success stories shared during the event participants have learned, where to look for such opportunities and how to grab them; what to pay attention to while applying or preparing a pitch, how to deal with difficulties on the way.

FUTURE PERSPECTIVE

Access to financing opportunities is of crucial importance for women entrepreneurship development in APEC region. Grants/programs/funds open internationally or available for particular economy is one of the best financing solution for start-ups and women-led SMEs as it not only provides smart money for business development, but also gives access to foreign markets.

Financing Opportunities Fair can be held in different APEC economies on yearly basis as a training spot for women-led SMEs across APEC. Through this activity we can reveal more women-led SMEs looking for financing support and get them ready to apply for funding.

The majority of grants/programs/funds open their programs every year, and for this reason holding the training at the beginning of the year would motivate women-led SMEs to prepare their applications for grants/programs/funds and apply for funding. This way APEC will provide easy access to funding and facilitate women entrepreneurship development in the region.

We also suggest to place profiles of international grants/programs/funds, the list of associations/communities, and the list of other funds on APEC MSME Marketplace for better access to this type of funding of women-led and other SMEs.

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