THE HACKER EXCHANGE (HEX)

GLOBAL INNOVATION PROGRAM

SILICON VALLEY, USA

1 - 14 December 2019
WHO ARE WE?

The Hacker Exchange is shaking up entrepreneurship education by helping the next generation of leaders and future founders build the capabilities and networks needed to take their ideas to the next level.

Through HEX, you can access a global network of experts, founders, investors and mentors, practical experience, as well as academic accreditation with key university partners.

The HEX Global Innovation Program has been designed to promote entrepreneurship as a career path, allowing you to develop a global mindset as you grow in your respective innovation ecosystems and contribute to the new-age economy.
Home to some of the biggest tech giants, such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Atlassian, it is no surprise Silicon Valley holds the reputation of a global tech startup hub. Immerse yourself in the vibrant and innovative culture, connect with forward thinking entrepreneurs, network like a boss with investors and talk over coffee with experienced founders.

**Over two inspiring weeks**, you’ll join a select cohort of tertiary students to learn from world-class thought leaders, and work hands-on in a Silicon Valley start-up environment.
THE PROGRAM

BEFORE THE PROGRAM
To apply for the program, you are encouraged to have an early-stage business idea or concept – or identify a problem you’d like to solve.

Practical workshops and mentor sessions will guide you through the ideation process and exploratory phase so you’re ready to pitch.

WEEK 1
Meet government and corporate representatives.
Learn lean startup and product design principles.
Visit and explore inspiring company offices.

Learn why so many students and founders choose Silicon Valley as their home base, and learn the inner workings of American business culture.

By the end of this week, we’ll cover:

- CONCEPT IDEATION
- STARTUP MINDSET
- FUNDING & FINANCE
- STARTUP TOUR
- PRODUCT VALIDATION
- BRANDING & CULTURE
- NETWORKING HACKS
- FOUNDER Q&A

WEEK 2
Get an intimate insight to what’s trending in tech startups and how you can stay ahead of the curve.

By the end of this week, we’ll cover:

- GROWTH HACKING
- PITCHING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING
- INVESTOR Q&A
- ACCELERATOR VISIT
- TECH GIANT TOUR
- FINAL PITCHES
LEARNING OUTCOMES

✓ Link your studies to current practice, through guided experiential learning in a professional environment.

✓ Participate effectively as a workplace team member, on individual and group tasks.

✓ Create a global mindset in your entrepreneurial endeavors.

✓ Develop a network of mentors and professional contacts for cross-cultural focused work.

✓ Document, analyse and evaluate current professional practice in an unfamiliar professional and cultural context.

✓ Critical thinking and application of economic, market and technology trends for your startup concept.
COST & OTHER DATES

Silicon Valley Global Innovation Program

AUD$4,950* +GST
GBP£3,000*

*this covers:
- All interactive workshops, coursework, speakers, instructors, mentor office hours.
- Co-working space access.
- Educational tours of accelerators, universities and tech companies.
- 13 x night hostel accommodation (with daily continental breakfast)
- Welcome & farewell dinners & HEX meetup.

PLEASE NOTE: In the interest of those who may want to travel prior / after the program, this does not include air fares.

+ PRINCIPLE DATES

Travel Period:
Sunday 1 December – Saturday 14 December 2019
Program will be held in the semester break.

Application Deadline:
Sunday 1 September 2019

All applications via hacker.exchange/apply will be followed up by a video interview. Eligibility with the tertiary institution will be managed separately between the student and their school.
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