Training Course on Leading Innovation Ecosystems and Corporate Venturing

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	CEOs and Directors	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Develop comprehensive strategies for building and nurturing vibrant innovation ecosystems, encompassing internal capabilities and external collaborations.
2. Understand and apply diverse corporate venturing models, including CVC, incubators, accelerators, and venture studios, for strategic growth.
3. Cultivate a keen eye for identifying and evaluating disruptive innovation opportunities within emerging technologies and market trends.
4. Implement frameworks to foster an intrapreneurial mindset and an agile, experimentation-driven culture within the organization.
5. Design and execute effective open innovation strategies, leveraging external expertise and resources for accelerated development.
6. Develop robust processes for scouting, engaging, and partnering with high-potential startups to drive mutual value.
7. Gain proficiency in deal structuring, due diligence, and portfolio management for successful corporate venture investments.
8. Identify, assess, and mitigate risks associated with innovation initiatives and external venturing activities.
9. Establish key performance indicators (KPIs) and metrics to effectively measure the return on investment for innovation and venturing efforts.
10. Leverage innovation ecosystems and corporate venturing to accelerate digital transformation and build future-ready capabilities.
11. Forge and manage strategic alliances with universities, research institutions, and industry players for knowledge exchange and co-creation.
12. Develop the leadership competencies required to champion innovation, inspire teams, and overcome organizational inertia.
13. Implement lean and agile methodologies to reduce time-to-market for new products, services, and business models.

Organizational Benefits

- Stay ahead of market disruptions by proactively identifying and integrating cutting-edge innovations.
- Unlock new revenue streams and expand into adjacent or entirely new markets through strategic venturing.
- Develop a more responsive and adaptable organization capable of navigating rapid market changes.
- Foster a culture that attracts and retains entrepreneurial-minded individuals passionate about innovation.
- Make informed decisions on where to invest innovation resources for maximum strategic impact.
- Build valuable relationships with startups, academia, and other ecosystem players, fostering a collaborative advantage.
- Implement robust measurement frameworks to demonstrate the tangible value of innovation initiatives.

Target Audience

1. Senior Executives
2. Corporate Development Teams.
3. R&D Directors and Managers
4. Venture Capital and Private Equity Professionals
5. Incubator and Accelerator Managers.
6. Entrepreneurs and Startup Founder
7. Business Unit Leaders.
8. Innovation Consultants.

Course Outline

Module 1: The Imperative of Innovation Ecosystems

- Understanding the Shift: From Internal R&D to Collaborative Ecosystems.
- Defining Innovation Ecosystems: Key Players and Their Interdependencies.
- The Value Proposition: Why Ecosystems are Critical for Modern Business.
- Challenges and Opportunities in Ecosystem Development.
- **Case Study:** The Silicon Valley Model - A Deep Dive into its Evolution and Success Factors.

Module 2: Fundamentals of Corporate Venturing

- Defining Corporate Venturing (CV): Beyond Traditional M&A.
- Types of Corporate Venturing: CVC, Incubators, Accelerators, Venture Studios.
- Strategic Alignment: Connecting CV to Corporate Objectives.
- The Dual Mandate: Financial vs. Strategic Returns.
- **Case Study:** Google Ventures (GV) - Analyzing its Investment Thesis and Impact on Google's Strategy.

Module 3: Building a Strategic Innovation Thesis

- Developing an Innovation Vision and Roadmap.
- Identifying Strategic Innovation Arenas.
- Gap Analysis: Where to Focus Venturing Efforts.
- Portfolio Approach to Innovation Investments.
- **Case Study:** Nestle's Innovation Strategy - How they use various CV tools to address different market needs.

Module 4: Open Innovation & External Collaboration

- Principles of Open Innovation: Inbound and Outbound Approaches.
- Crowdsourcing, Challenges, and Idea Platforms.
- Co-creation and Joint Ventures.
- Navigating Intellectual Property in Collaborative Environments.
- **Case Study:** Procter & Gamble's Connect + Develop Program - Lessons in successful open innovation.

Module 5: Startup Scouting & Engagement

- Identifying High-Potential Startups: Metrics and Criteria.
- Building Relationships with the Startup Community.
- Effective Pitching and Due Diligence for Corporate Partnerships.
- Structuring Pilot Programs and Proof-of-Concepts.
- **Case Study:** How Siemens engages with startups globally for industrial innovation.

Module 6: Corporate Incubators: Nurturing Internal Ventures

- Design and Setup of Corporate Incubators.
- Supporting Intrapreneurial Teams: Resources and Mentorship.
- Governing Internal Ventures: Autonomy vs. Integration.
- Measuring Success in Incubation Programs.
- **Case Study:** Bosch's Grow Platform - Empowering employee-led ventures.

Module 7: Corporate Accelerators: Speeding Up External Innovation

- Designing and Running Corporate Accelerator Programs.
- Mentor Networks and Program Curriculum.
- Investment Terms and Equity Structures in Accelerators.
- Post-Acceleration Integration Strategies.
- **Case Study:** Techstars and its Corporate Accelerator Partnerships (e.g., with Comcast, PwC).

Module 8: Corporate Venture Capital (CVC): Strategic Investing

- Setting up a CVC Fund: Structure, Governance, and Mandate.
- Investment Thesis and Deal Sourcing.
- Valuation, Term Sheets, and Negotiation Strategies.
- Portfolio Management and Value Creation.
- **Case Study:** Salesforce Ventures - Its role in expanding the Salesforce ecosystem and market reach.

Module 9: Venture Studios: Building from Scratch

- The Venture Studio Model: Ideation to Spin-out.
- Team Building and Resource Allocation in Studios.
- De-risking New Ventures through Iteration and Validation.
- Integrating Studio Outcomes into the Parent Company.
- **Case Study:** Alphabet's X (The Moonshot Factory) - Exploring audacious projects and their path to commercialization.

Module 10: Legal and Governance Frameworks for CV

- Structuring Agreements: NDAs, LOIs, Joint Development Agreements.

- Intellectual Property Ownership and Licensing.
- Regulatory Compliance and Anti-Trust Considerations.
- Governance Models for Innovation Units and Partnerships.
- **Case Study:** Examining the legal challenges and successes in a corporate-startup partnership.

Module 11: Measuring and Scaling Innovation

- Defining Innovation Metrics: Beyond Financial ROI.
- Building an Innovation Dashboard.
- Scaling Successful Ventures: Integration and Commercialization.
- Sunsetting Unsuccessful Projects: Learning from Failure.
- **Case Study:** Unilever's approach to scaling sustainable innovation initiatives.

Module 12: Fostering an Entrepreneurial Culture

- Leadership's Role in Driving Cultural Change.
- Empowering Employees and Encouraging Risk-Taking.
- Creating Psychological Safety for Experimentation.
- Incentives and Recognition for Innovation.
- **Case Study:** How companies like Spotify maintain an agile and innovative culture at scale.

Module 13: Digital Transformation through Innovation Ecosystems

- Leveraging External Innovation for Digital Transformation.
- Adopting Emerging Technologies (AI, Blockchain, IoT) via Venturing.
- Building a Digital-First Innovation Mindset.
- Reshaping Business Models for the Digital Age.
- **Case Study:** How traditional banks are partnering with FinTech startups for digital disruption.

Module 14: Global Innovation Ecosystems & Emerging Markets

- Understanding Different Global Innovation Hubs.
- Strategies for Venturing in Emerging Markets.
- Cultural Nuances in Cross-Border Collaborations.
- Impact Investing and Sustainable Innovation.
- **Case Study:** A multinational corporation's success and challenges in building an innovation presence in a developing economy.

Module 15: The Future of Innovation Ecosystems and Corporate Venturing

- Trends Shaping the Future of Innovation: AI, Web3, Sustainability.
- The Evolving Role of the Chief Innovation Officer.
- Building Resilient and Adaptable Innovation Structures.
- Personal Action Plan for Leading Innovation.
- **Case Study:** Foresight into future innovation models based on current technological shifts (e.g., Quantum Computing's potential impact).

Training Methodology

This course employs a highly interactive and practical training methodology designed for maximum engagement and knowledge retention. It will incorporate:

- **Interactive Lectures & Presentations:** Engaging delivery of core concepts and frameworks.

- **Real-World Case Studies & Discussions:** In-depth analysis of successful and challenging innovation and venturing initiatives.
- **Group Exercises & Workshops:** Hands-on application of tools and methodologies to simulated scenarios.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Collaborative discussions and knowledge sharing among participants.
- **Expert Guest Speakers:** Insights from leading practitioners in innovation and corporate venturing.
- **Action Planning Sessions:** Participants will develop personalized strategies for their organizations.
- **Facilitated Brainstorming:** Techniques for ideation and problem-solving within innovation contexts.
- **Q&A and Open Dialogue:** Opportunities for direct interaction with instructors and experts.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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