



UPSTART EXPRESS 2021

FAQS

1. HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP PLACE?

Simply complete the form upon registration answering the question "Tell us how it would help your ability to deliver this program in your school". Scholarships awarded are at the discretion of the Upstart Directors, and their decision is final.

2. HOW MUCH TIME DO I NEED TO GO THROUGH THE PROGRAM? HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

We recommend a minimum of 2 sessions (45-60 minutes) throughout the week for students to determine the problem, develop their solution and prepare their short pitch. If you have more time, great! Students can take a deeper dive, back up the program resources with their own research and study areas and engage with our industry mentors to gain insights and feedback.

3. DO STUDENTS NEED TO DO WORK OUTSIDE OF CLASS TIME?

Students don't have to complete work outside of class time, though we often find they do once they get their teeth into something that matters to them!

4. IS IT ONLY FOR SCIENCE STUDENTS/CLASSES?

No, absolutely anyone can learn to innovate and appreciate science and technology as the enablers of solving some of our greatest challenges.

5. DO STUDENTS HAVE TO COMPLETE THEIR PITCH ON THE FRIDAY OF SCIENCE WEEK?

Ideally yes so that they can share their findings with classmates however the program portal will remain open the following week to allow for fine tuning of pitches prior to submission to Upstart.

6. MY CLASS ISN'T TIMETABLED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE LIVE SESSIONS – DOES THIS MATTER?

Whilst we'd love to see you online, if you can't make it, don't worry – the recordings will be made available to you after the live events.

7. DO I NEED TO BOOK AN INDUSTRY MENTOR?

Our team of industry experts and trained mentors add so much value to student teams. They help challenge the thinking and broaden horizons to help the students create the very best concepts and pitches they can. In short, we highly recommend booking a mentoring session but it is optional.

8. CAN I CARRY ON WITH THE PROGRAM AFTER SCIENCE WEEK?

The program portal will remain open until August 27 so you are welcome to extend the journey for a deeper learning experience.

9. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SCIENCE WEEK – HOW DO STUDENTS ENTER THE NEXT PHASE?

The program entry fee allows you to enter a maximum of 3 pitches from your class for consideration to the Upstart Express Mentoring Accelerator Program (online) and Showcase later in the year (dates to be advised)

10. DO STUDENTS NEED A LOGIN TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRIES?

No, students can access the submission form from the link in the Resources page. They will need to provide their names and email addresses, as well as that of the Lead Teacher at the registered school.

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