



Queen Mary Social Venture Fund Programme

Enhancing your future career by developing entrepreneurial knowledge, skill and impact investment expertise in a real-life venture fund. We invest £15,000 in London based student-led social ventures.

An overview

School of Business and Management has launched a social impact venture fund focusing on “start-ups for good”. This extra-curricular entrepreneurship programme will enhance your entrepreneurial knowledge and skills, broaden your horizon, as well as help build networks for your future career. Past student investors have gained invaluable experience and boost their career prospects.

*“If the (strategic entrepreneurship) module brought me the theories from start-up's perspective, the training course of Creator Fund gave me extensive knowledge from the investor's point of view. This is a perfect combination which could facilitate your career path of entrepreneurship in the future.” **Mai Nguyen, MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation***

*“Being a part of the Social Venture Fund has been an experience that is second-to-none...I have had the opportunity to meet remarkable individuals with innovative ideas and businesses across London.” **Ibrahim Razi, BSc Accounting and Management (3rd year)***

*“My favourite part of the whole program has been organising the QMSVF forum (part 1) where we were challenged by the upcoming deadline and various responsibilities. It doesn't happen often that you become in charge of creating an online event. From finding and talking to the panel, to organising an entertaining quiz using Menti.com and much more.” **Simone Ferretti, BSc Business Management (2nd year)***

*“The intense venture capital training at the beginning of the course gave me the basic knowledge of how to make a wise investment.” **Stacey Kanor, MSc Accounting and Management***

The fund is the first student-led social impact venture capital fund investing in social ventures in the UK. See the webpage [here](#) & more student quotes [here](#).

What you will be doing and how will you learn

The programme offers training to provide you with the fundamental knowledge and skills you need to jumpstart your entrepreneurial and venture capital journey, with support from

industry mentors and faculty members. You will be engaging with a wider community of entrepreneurs, investors and practitioners in London and beyond.

Once selected, you are expected to be an active member of the team for the academic year starting from Sept 2021 till June 2022. As a Student VC, you will have the following duties/responsibilities:

- Actively searching, meeting and advising student founders.
- Due diligence, conducting company analysis including business model, market sizing and competitor research etc.
- Evaluating start-up pitches and make investment recommendations
- Building networks with social entrepreneurs and industry professionals.
- Working as a team to build and strengthen QM social venture fund reputation.

How to apply

Application deadline: 3rd Oct 11.59pm

WHO:

- SBM UG and PG students
- Highly motivated and passionate about entrepreneurship and making a real impact in the world.
- Teamwork oriented, enjoy working in an interdisciplinary team
- Creative mindset for problem-solving & framing.
- ***No prior entrepreneurial, venture capital/investment experience is required.***
- The place is limited, and we aim to bring together an exceptional team with ***diverse knowledge and values.***

HOW:

1. Please attach a **CV**
2. Write a **short personal statement**, answering two questions:
 - Why are you interested in becoming a student VC for our social venture fund? And how will you contribute to the team? (150 words max).
 - Which “start-up for good” that you would invest in, and why? This may be a start-up you have read about, or perhaps you know someone in your network that has started a company or might start a company that you would invest in (150 words max).

Please email your application to ent-hub@qmul.ac.uk

We will contact you if you are shortlisted for the next round.

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