

# Challenge Request Overview

## About the Fellowship

The HSBC Social Innovation Academy and Railyard Academy Fellowship Program trains impact-driven youth interested in the intersections of social innovation & research, finance, and design. Fellows work remotely in teams across Canada to support social purpose organizations and complete training modules.

## What are Challenges?

Challenges are eight week projects issued by social purpose organizations, completed by a team of 3-5 Fellows. Each Fellow will be able to commit 5 hours to working on the project each week, totalling between 120 – 200 hours of total project time.

## Am I eligible to issue a Challenge?

You are eligible if:

- You are an organization with a social and/or environmental mandate. We are open to all forms of organizations (e.g. start-up, small business, co-operatives, non-profits, charities).
- You are headquartered in Canada or you have a significant amount of operations in Canada.
- You have plans to fundraise capital (philanthropy, grants venture capital, impact investing etc.) in the next 1-2 years.
- You have an interesting project that can be completed in 8 weeks.

## What kinds of Challenges can we issue?

We are open to working with you on a variety of projects as long as they are within our Fellows' skillsets. We expect most of the projects to be related to:

- Market Research
- Research
- Impact Measurement
- Marketing & Communications
- Branding & Design

We are accepting **24 projects** over two challenge cycles:

**Challenge Cycle 1** runs from October 5 – November 27, 2020

**Challenge Cycle 2** runs from January 11 – March 5, 2021

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## Who are the Fellows?

Fellows are youth from various backgrounds, from college and university studies to supporting family business and community initiatives. All Fellows have one thing in common: the desire to use business, design, and research as a force for good. They are living all across Canada and take part in the program remotely, from their corners of the country.

## Will this cost anything?

There is no cost associated with this program.

## What is my time commitment?

Approximately **10 hours** in total:

- 1 hour for a kick-off call
- 1 hour for a quarter-point check-in call
- 1 hour for a mid-point check-in call
- 1 hour for a final presentation call
- ~5 hours of flex time for phone calls, responding to emails, etc.

## How do I apply to issue a Challenge?

Please fill out this application form by September 11 at 5pm PT. We will be reviewing all applications between September 11 and September 18.

### Timeline

- **Sunday, September 13, 5pm PT:** Challenge request deadline
- **Friday, September 18, 5pm PT:** Challenge confirmation from SIA team
- **October 5 – November 27, 2020:** Challenge Cycle 1
- **January 11 – March 5, 2021:** Challenge Cycle 2

## Questions?

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