



CDL Fellowship Students

CLASS OF 2024 LOOKBOOK

The CDL Fellowship Program has been created to unlock the entrepreneurial ambitions of up to 20 incoming Full-Time MBA students who are committed to exploring careers in entrepreneurship and start-ups. Selected students are supported by financial awards of up to \$27,000, a paid internship opportunity with a CDL venture, guaranteed placement in the Creative Destruction Lab strategic courses, and sponsored access to key events.



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Students
2022**





Aishwarya Sapru

Education

Bachelor of Design (Fashion)

National Institute of Fashion Technology
Mumbai, India

Digital Product Design (Honours)

Sheridan College, Oakville, Canada

Prior work experience

Project Associate

Zilingo, Delhi, India

Entrepreneurial dream

"I'm motivated to make the world a better place by building or growing impactful products that leverage technological innovation and human-centered design."



Alvaro Soriano

Education

Industrial Engineering
Universidad de Lima, Lima, Peru

Prior work experience

Head of growth
Cabify, Lima, Peru

Entrepreneurial dream

"I'm really passionate about how technology can solve big problems we have as a society, making us more efficient in terms of human, natural and economical resources. So, my Entrepreneurial Dream will be to co-found or cooperate with a start-up that wants to solve one big problem in a creative way with technology."



Cherrie Huang

Education

Bachelor of Management,
Logistics Management
Tianjin Normal University, Tianjin, China

Entrepreneurial experience

Co-founder
Mood Fashion Studio, Shanghai, China

Entrepreneurial dream

“An ideal prospect of developing a business, in my vision, is to serve the public interest and promote social equality. The marginalised voice of women still prevails in today’s business sector, an issue that I hope to alleviate by developing my fashion studio and empowering more women within my power.”



Zhiquan (Chuck) Tian

Education

Mechanical Engineering
Lehigh University, Bethlehem, USA

Prior work experience

Senior R&D Engineer
Philips Innovation Center, Shenzhen, China

Chief Engineer & Project Manager
Tsalys Medical Technologies,
Hong Kong / Shenzhen, China

Entrepreneurial dream

"Spirit of exploration inspires me to progress, pushes me to reach limits, and recover from downs. Acquiring patents, ISO 13485 certificate and a CE mark helped me better understand healthcare. My experience in start-up and MNC from US and China are transferable to contribute to the Canadian community."



Derek Leung

Education

Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours)
Mechanical Engineering -
Management Science Option
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada

Prior work experience

Mechanical Engineer
Ker-train Research Inc., Kingston, Canada

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Entrepreneurial experience

Co-founder
MyPalate Inc., Toronto, Canada

Entrepreneurial dream

“To discover new ways for technology to improve people’s physical, emotional, and social well-being worldwide.”



Zhechen (Edison) Zhu

Education

Bachelor of Science,
Computer Science
Haverford College, Haverford, USA

Prior work experience

Senior Business Analyst
Huohua Siwei, Beijing, China

Entrepreneurial dream

“Leverage tech to bring value to the current business, individual, or interpersonal activities; help start-ups to make data-informed and sharp business decisions.”



Farshid Soltanveis

Education

Bachelor of Science,
Computer Engineering
Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

Prior work experience

Group Product Manager
Tapsi, Tehran, Iran

Entrepreneurial dream

“Being part of a fast-growing e-commerce start-up in my home country, I dream about providing people with better job opportunities through B2B E-commerce entrepreneurship in the scene that supports the backbone of the economy, small businesses, one of the most scalable job-creation engines.”



Ibrahim Agiri

Education

Bachelor of Science
University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria

Prior work experience

Cofounder & Director of Products
Yela, Lagos, Nigeria

Entrepreneurial experience

Founder/CEO
Ajebomarket, Lagos, Nigeria

Entrepreneurial dream

“To build technology products that can help fast-track the growth of underdeveloped countries.”



Mandeep Singh

Education

Master of Mechanical Engineering
University of Western Ontario,
London, Canada

Prior work experience

Business Operations Manager
Magnum Universal Fastening,
Gurugram, India

Entrepreneurial dream

“To work with healthcare and artificial intelligence to help potentially find cures for many different types of cancer.”



Martha Stortz

Education

Masters of Library and Information
Science

University of Western Ontario,
London, Canada

Prior work experience

Manager, Legal Research and
Information

McCarthy Tetrault LLP, Toronto, Canada

Entrepreneurial experience

Founder

The Assembly Improv, Toronto, Canada

Entrepreneurial dream

“My entrepreneurial dream is to use innovation and interdisciplinary thinking to drive diversity, inclusion, and equity in historically inaccessible spaces.”



Mayur Ahuja

Education

Bachelor of Technology
in Electronics and
Telecommunication Engineering
College of Engineering Pune, Pune, India

Entrepreneurial experience

Founder and President
Pune Model United Nations (2013-2017)
Pune, India

Founder and CEO
Kit Genie (2015-2022)
Pune, India

Entrepreneurial dream

“To launch an Artificial Intelligence based software that helps fellow entrepreneurs to reduce dependencies on labour in areas like business operations and business administration”



Nonso (Richard) Okolo

Education

Bachelor of Science, Electrical and
Electronics Engineering
University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria

Prior work experience

Growth Marketing Manager
Cowrywise Financial Technology Limited,
Lagos, Nigeria

Entrepreneurial experience

Founder
5K Designs, Lagos, Nigeria

Entrepreneurial dream

“To launch a marketing consultancy where I can take on societal issues with innovative approaches.”



Robert McKay

Education

Bachelor of Science Engineering,
Electrical Engineering

Queen's University, Kingston, Canada

Master of Applied Science,
Electrical Engineering – Power
Electronics

Queen's University, Kingston, Canada

Prior work experience

Electrical Engineer

Hepburn Engineering, Toronto, Canada

Control Engineer

General Motors, Toronto, Canada

Entrepreneurial dream

“Help to bring innovative
and disruptive technology
to market.”



Rohit Challa

Education

Bachelor of Technology,
Mechanical Engineering
Indian Institute of Technology, BHU, Varanasi,
India

Prior work experience

Consultant
ZS Associates, Pune, India

Entrepreneurial experience

Business Development Lead
Giant Leap Studios, Bangalore, India

ZS Venture Team Consultant
(Intrapreneur)
ZS Associates, Pune, India

Entrepreneurial dream

“I am passionate about using technology to create a global impact. My long-term mission is to build solutions, as a social entrepreneur, for problems that impact both environment and society.”



Sahand Ahsani

Education

Master of Science, Mechanical
Engineering

University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada

Prior work experience

Team Lead, Research and
Development

StackTeck, Toronto, Canada

Entrepreneurial experience

Founder

ART Composites, Toronto, Canada

Entrepreneurial dream

“My passion is to leverage engineering and technology in sectors in which they are still underutilized to create ‘value innovation’ with positive environmental and social impacts.”



Swebah Javed

Education

Bachelor of Science (Honours)
in Accounting and Finance
Lahore University of Management Sciences,
Lahore, Pakistan

Prior work experience

Senior Accountant: Acquisition
Integration Specialist
Thermon Inc., Edmonton, Canada

Entrepreneurial experience

Brand Development Manager
Nuristaa Pvt Ltd., Lahore, Pakistan

Entrepreneurial dream

“Imagine Shark Tank meets Accenture. I want to launch incubation centers across developing countries that provide a comprehensive business support framework (digital transformation, strategic design, and funding) for marginalised entrepreneurs. Only through technology can we level the playing field for the underdog and disrupt the status-quo.”