

Dear Sir/Madam,

Currently we are inviting applications for the cohort of 10 women tech entrepreneurs to visit Canada under the Canada India Acceleration Program (CIAP) 2018, which is a joint initiative of AICTE – Carleton University to support 100 women Lled Student Tech Start-ups over a period of five years. For this, we would like to invite applications from Women Innovative Tech entrepreneurs those are in Student/Early Startup* phase only.

The Canada-India Acceleration Program (CIAP) is formulated as part part of MOU signed between AICTE and Carleton University to support and promote international collaborations between India and Canada, while designing collaborative programs in the area of start-up and innovation development in technical institutes and higher education in India.

We have also designed a Student Startup Mentorship India program (open to both genders), which will be conducted during the month of June with following benefit features:

- Get involved in exciting discussions and network with fellow innovators and experts from different disciplines
- Receive firsthand information and orientation on developing feasible, scalable and sustainable start-ups
- Know the global; challenges and opportunities and prepare yourself towards a global start-up
- Receive first track mentorship and investor interaction/linkage opportunity
- Pre-incubation and incubation and industry linkage for innovative ideas/potential start-ups

The tentative timeline for the CIAP 2018 program as below:

- Application submission period: 11th April – 10th May 2018
- Scrutiny and shortlisting of 1st round applications: 12-14 May 2018
- Student/early stage startup mentorship India: 25th & 26th June 2018
- Final announcement of 10 women entrepreneurs for CIAP, Canada: 27th June 2018
- Time window for visa and logistic arrangement and coordination: July-2nd week of August 2018
- 10 women startup team tour to Canada for CIAP: 3rd and 4th week of August 2018
- Experience sharing and post acceleration stage follow up

*Student/early stage startup can be an individual or team of likeminded entrepreneurs (entity registration is not necessary at the time of submission but likely to be get registered very soon) is working on innovations in pre-incubation phase (or) similar having been started by one or more co founders in his/her college days (or) having been started by alumni of any institute in India within 2 years of passing out from any academic program. This also includes any other start up which is incubated (or) otherwise but it is between 0-3 years of its operation since its incorporation. We encourage student/early stage start up team with innovation-technology-business to submit their applications.

We would request you to kindly populate this in your institution by displaying on notice board and circulate electronically among students (across academic years and disciplines) and alumni graduates and encourage them to submit online (www.startup.aicte-india.org) application before 10th of may 2018. Please visit eligibility criteria of student/early startup category and submission instruction as mentioned in the portal www.startup.aicte-india.org.