

E-Mentoring Best Practices

E-Mentor Corps: A US Approach



E-Mentor Corps Background

- **Announced by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in April 2010 as part of the Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship**
- **Directed by Department of State's Global Entrepreneurship Program**
- **Managed by ImagineNations Network**



E-Mentor Corps Purpose

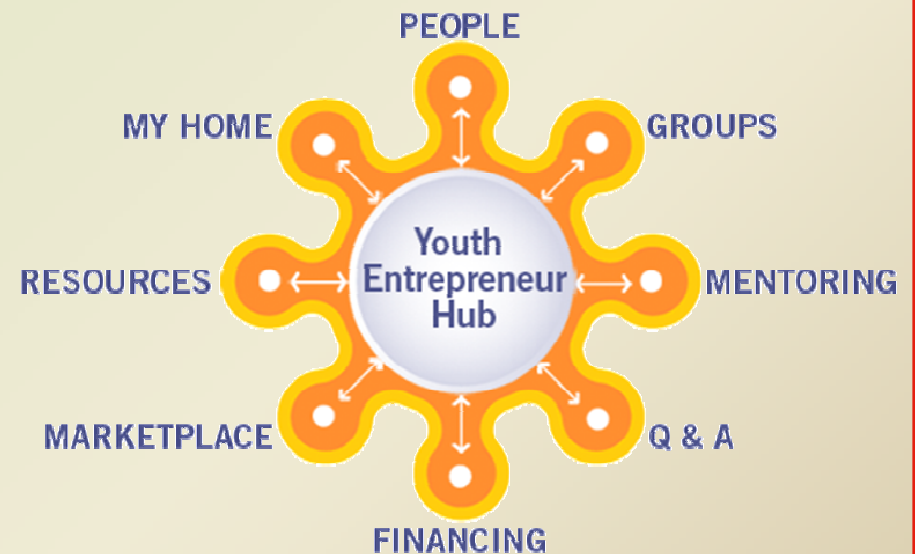
- **To provide mentors & support to entrepreneurs**
- **To strengthen connections between entrepreneurs in America & other nations**
- **To advance entrepreneurship, innovation, & economic opportunities**

ImagineNations Network

- **Entrepreneurs matched with mentors online**
- **Online meeting place for young entrepreneurs, E-mentors, NGOs, supporters, financial institutions, commercial outlets, etc.**
- **Developed in partnership with Cisco & The World's Bank Global Partnership for Youth Investment**

How It Works

1. Mentees & Mentors create “Entrepreneur” or “Supporter” profiles
2. Mentees find Mentors by:
 - Sending a Mentor Request specifying their objectives, type of mentor expertise sought, location, etc.
 - Searching Mentor database & submitting Mentor Request to specific mentors
3. Mentors find Mentees by searching through open Mentor Requests
4. Both Mentor & Mentee must accept a mentoring offer





Take Action

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My Q&A

You have not asked or answered any questions yet.

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My Mentoring Activity

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0 Mentors

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Most Active Countries

- 1. Nigeria**
Bukola joined as an entrepreneur 40 minutes ago
- 2. Pakistan**
Haider joined a group 11 hours ago
- 3. Kenya**
David had a question answered 2 hours ago
- 4. United States**
ImagineNations Network posted a question 1 hour ago

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Answers

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what does joining a group entail?Can I form my own group or join the existing...

i need money to do my business, any suggestions in the house?

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Request a Mentor

Describe the business need that you would like to work on with a mentor and the specific goals that you would like to achieve during a mentoring relationship. Post multiple Mentor Requests if you have business needs that require very different areas of business expertise (for example, setting up an accounting system and developing a marketing plan).

Give your Mentor Request a brief title (125 characters left) * [See example](#)

Describe your Mentor Request and business needs in detail (2000 characters left) *

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List specific goals that you would like to accomplish with your mentor (2000 characters left)

* [See example](#)

Select the primary expertise you need *

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What Happens Next? *We'll notify you with an email when interested mentors send you a Mentoring Offer. You can increase your Mentoring Offers by searching for mentors and asking for their help. Accept the Mentoring Offer that works best for you, and start working with your mentor.*

Getting Started

Need Help Starting?

Check out the resources available in our Mentoring Resources area.

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Name or Keyword(s)

Industry

All Industries

Expertise

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Search

Mentoring: How It Works

- For Entrepreneurs
- For Mentors

Search Mentors

You don't have any open Mentor Requests. [Create one now »](#)

The mentors below are prioritized for you based on the Industry, Country, Language you indicated in your profile.



H Foster S

Expertise: Accounting and Finance,
Business Planning and Starting Up
Industry: Education/Training
Countries of expertise: Thailand, United States
Languages Spoken: English, German

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Astrid Aamot S

Expertise: Accounting and Finance,
Business Planning and Starting Up
Industry: Education/Training
Countries of expertise: United States
Languages Spoken: English

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Debbie Adams S

Expertise: Business Planning and Starting Up,
Human Resources and Personnel
Industry: Education/Training
Countries of expertise: United States
Languages Spoken: English

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Barbara Andrews S

Expertise: Accounting and Finance,
Business Planning and Starting Up
Industry: Education/Training
Countries of expertise: United States
Languages Spoken: English

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Brooke Arent S

Expertise: Human Resources and Personnel,
Management and Leadership
Industry: Education/Training
Countries of expertise: United States
Languages Spoken: English

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Jim Barcelona S

Expertise: Accounting and Finance,
Business Planning and Starting Up
Industry: Education/Training
Countries of expertise: United States
Languages Spoken: English

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Questions

I would like you to please give me a variety of business ideas that i can implement.

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how do i get connected with promoter that puts on festival shows

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Entrepreneurs



Godwin E. O. OTOBRISE
Abuja, Nigeria



Benjamin Onichabor
Lagos/Akoka, Nigeria



Emylina ALEXIS delmas, Haiti

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Mentor Requirements

- **Provide guidance, insights, & support to mentees**
- **Volunteer at least several hours per month for 3 months**
- **Email, telephone, video conference, or other means of communication are recommended**

Sponsors

- **United States Department of State**
- **Intel**
- **Ernst & Young**
- **The Kauffman Foundation**
- **Young Presidents' Organization (YPO)**
- **IBM**
- **Techwadi**
- **Babson College**
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