Innovation Guelph wins Enterprise Support of the Year from Innovators and Entrepreneurs Foundation

GUELPH - 2020 October 20 – Innovation Guelph received the CANIE Enterprise Support of the Year Award presented by Innovators and Entrepreneurs Foundation. As a proud national winner of the CANIE Awards, Innovation Guelph is thrilled to be recognized along with all the outstanding achievement in Canada’s entrepreneurship and innovation community and to deliver a message of resilience and hope during these challenging times.

“It is incredible to see the resilience of entrepreneurs and innovators across the country during times like this,” said Kayla Isabelle, Board Chair of the Innovators and Entrepreneurs Foundation and Executive Director of Startup Canada, “coming together to recognize the strength and tenacity of our community is more important than ever.”

“The entrepreneurs we support have navigated this pandemic with creativity, courage and collaboration,” said CEO Anne Toner Fung. “Their enduring spirit and grit continue to inspire our team, as we strive to help them turn crisis into opportunity.”

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About the CANIE Awards

The CANIE Awards celebrate and distinguish outstanding achievements in advancing Canadian entrepreneurship.

The objectives of the awards are to:

- **Recognize excellence in innovation and entrepreneurship** across Canada by celebrating the impressive journeys and achievements of disruptors that contribute every day to the country’s entrepreneurial landscape.
- **Build a network of individuals and organizations** that share our passion for supporting the Canadian entrepreneurial ecosystem and want to contribute to its future.
- **Inspire Canada’s present and future generations to be entrepreneurial innovators** by sharing stories of leadership, resilience, disruption, and success in entrepreneurship.
- **Promote entrepreneurial mindsets** among Canadian youth with workshops on innovation, ideation, and execution.
- **Increase awareness of Canada’s entrepreneurship ecosystem** and the importance of strengthening our culture of innovation.

For more information, visit [www.ief-fie.ca](http://www.ief-fie.ca). Stay up-to-date by following the Innovators & Entrepreneurs Foundation on [Twitter](https), [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com), and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

**Innovation Guelph** is building prosperity for community well-being by providing mentorship and business support programs and services to help innovative enterprises start, grow and thrive. Innovation Guelph’s business acceleration programs are designed for high-potential start-ups, small-to medium-sized enterprises and women-led businesses across southern Ontario. Innovation Guelph also serves as a one-stop point of access to business support programs and services across the province. [www.innovationguelph.ca](http://www.innovationguelph.ca)

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