

Partnering for

Success

Agenda

- Planning for Collaboration
- 2 Conestoga Entrepreneurship Collective
- 3 Communitech Partnership
- Accelerator Centre Partnership
- 5 Takeaways



Planning for Collaboration



Complimentary



Differentiated



ENTREPRENEURSHIP COLLECTIVE











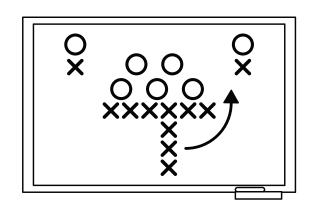
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UNIVERSAL BUSINESS INCUBATOR

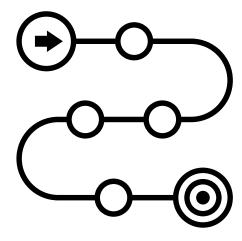
- Support new venture ideas in any industry, any scale, any business model
- Program is 15 weeks to maximum of 1 year; 3 intakes/year; 45 companies/year
- Market validation, product/service development, monetization



One-on-one coaching



Curated mentorship



Customized roadmap



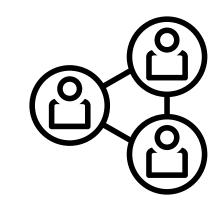


CANADA'S FIRST INCUBATOR FOR FREELANCERS

- Monetizing professional skills including: graphic design, digital marketing, app development, bookkeeping, photography, videography, software development and more
- Program is 15 weeks; 3 intakes/year; 45 students/year
- Strategic foundations, operational framework and demand generation



Group and one-on-one coaching



Networking and peer-to-peer coaching



Industry-specific mentorship

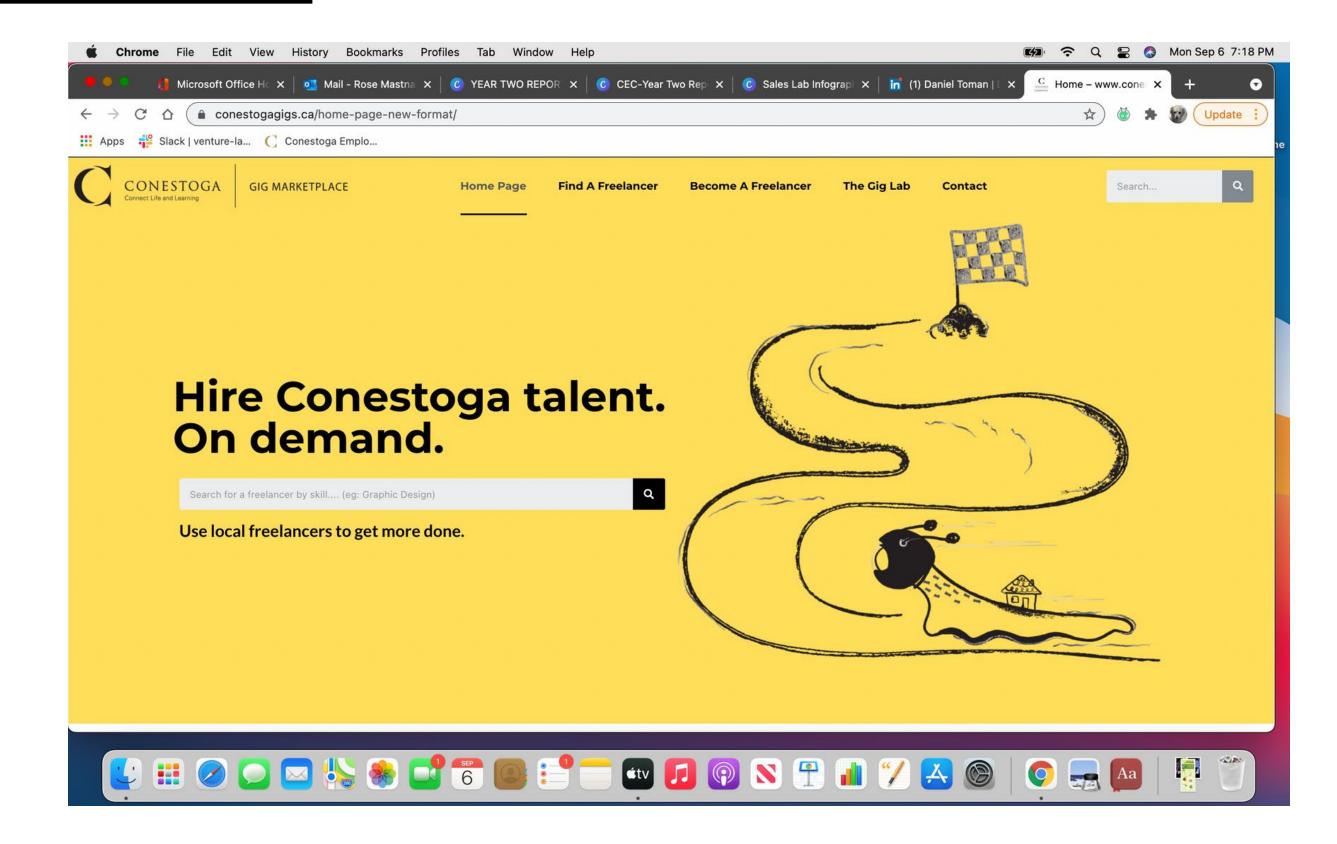


Freelance startup roadmap



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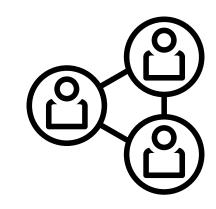
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CANADA'S FIRST INCUBATOR FOR SALES CAREERS

- Preparing students for careers in B2B sales in high —tech, high –growth companies. Collaborated with industry to develop a 'finishing school for high tech sales'
- Program is 15 weeks; 3 intakes/year; 25 students/year; 100% placement
- Targeted hard and soft skill development, job readiness, access to industry/hiring managers



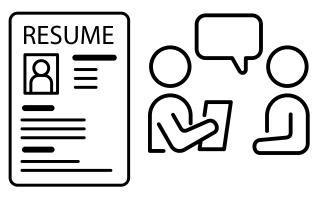
Group and one-on-one coaching



Networking and peer-to-peer coaching



Industry mentorship and talent scouting



Professional branding bootcamp



ENTREPRENEURSHIP COLLECTIVE



CEC space in Innovation
Alley











- 40-50% of our ventures are tech
 - Communitech memberships
 - Access to space for co-working
 - Networking with other tech founders
 - Access to Communitech resources
 - o 2 ventures already secured seed funding









gig lab

- Networking/graduation event held for Gig Lab freelancers at Communitech
- CEC promotes and connects Conestoga freelancers with founders and Communitech members in need of services





sales lab

- Group coaching and industry mentorship sessions held for Sales Lab members at Communitech throughout program
- Communitech members and founders act as mentors in the Sales Lab and have also hired our talent





- CEC networking with other Communitech members and Innovation Alley tenants
- CEC included in ecosystem tours of the region, government visits, global partner visits
- Connection point for Careers, Co -op and Faculty looking to connect to Communitech and the innovation ecosystem in Waterloo Region





AC:STUDIO PHASE ONE

OCTOBER 2022 - APRIL 2023







gig lab

- 100 companies joined AC:STUDIO in November 2022
- Each company was given \$4000 to spend on the Conestoga Gig Marketplace over 7 months in Phase One of the program; Phase Two starts this month
- Over the course of 2.5 years, \$800,000 will have been spent directly on Conestoga Gig Lab freelancers





sales lab

- Phase Two of the AC:STUDIO program focuses on the top 50 companies
- In addition to freelance services, many of these companies will be ready to start selling
- The Conestoga Sales Lab program is being tailored to their needs as "Sales Lab for Founders"



Takeaways

- Plan for collaboration
- 2 Build credibility first
- 3 Solve a problem
- Invest in ongoing success





Thank you