Our Mission

To inspire, educate, and support students and researchers to translate their research into impact in addressing global challenges in the health of Society and Planet.

Focus Areas

Societal Health
Ex: Health equity, mental health, food security etc.

Planet Health
Ex: Climate change, biodiversity, water security etc.

Example Mentors

Ollie Waterhouse
Co-Founder, Base Genomics

Hesam Motlagh
Chief of staff, Khosla Ventures

Mark McGough
Founder, H2U Technologies

Program Timeline

Application Cycle
Oct. 15th, - Nov. 25th, 2022

Mentorship Program
January - June 2023

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Are you interested in starting a purpose driven venture?

At Emergence, we build educational programs that develop the next generation of socially and environmentally conscious leaders and an ecosystem of partnerships and funding to catalyze and scale impactful innovations and companies.

The Emergence Mentorship Program supports a cohort of highly driven social and environmental student entrepreneurs each year. Through weekly training, speakers, a network of like-minded peers, and one-on-one mentorship from industry professionals’ students are supported to ideate, develop, and launch purpose driven ventures that address societal and planet health challenges. The Mentorship Program includes the following key components:

Leadership Development

Structured workshops and professional development to identify your personal mission, vision, and values and understanding of the the purposeful entrepreneurial ecosystem. Key topics include: purposeful entrepreneurship, transformative leadership, and aligning work and values.

Industry Mentorship

Six months of personalized coaching and mentorship from Emergence staff, Stanford faculty, and industry experts to provide you with critical support and feedback to refine your venture concept and pitch.

Venture Creation

Structured workshops, speakers, and pitch events to develop your product/business plans from early stage concept to pitch ready and beyond! Key topics include: Equity and innovation, business models and impact, governance and incorporation, and raising impact capital.

Networking

Access to a cohort of like-minded peers and industry connections in private and public sectors to nurture community building.

Seed Resources

Select students will have the opportunity to receive a small seed fund to pursue their venture.
ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION

Eligibility
The Emergence Mentorship Program seeks students from across campus. We envision the program being the best fit for graduate level students (Masters, PhD and Postdocs) who are working towards purpose driven ventures that address societal and planetary challenges (highly qualified undergraduate students will also be considered). We seek students who are knowledgeable about the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, who bring expertise in the issues they are working to address, and who offer diverse perspectives and backgrounds to the cohort.

Application Process
The application cycle for the 2023 Emergence Mentorship Program is open from Oct. 15th - Nov. 25th 2022. Award notifications will be made by Dec. 15th. The program runs from January-June 2023. Please visit the Emergence Mentorship Program for more details and to access and submit your application materials or follow the link provided below: emergence.stanford.edu/our-programs/mentorship-program

Link to Application - Apply by Nov. 25th!

EXAMPLE STUDENT PROJECTS (2021-2022)

Using Decentralized Plant-based Production to make Sanitary Pads

The problem: The production of affordable, accessible, and sustainable sanitary pads is a challenge in many parts of the world.

The solution: Using plant fibers and low cost decentralized production we can create a sustainable, affordable, and equitable alternatives.

Anton Molina (Stanford Bioengineering), Prof. Prakash, et al.

Reimagining Diabetes Care

The problem: About 96 million adults in the US are pre-diabetic and diabetes outcomes in the Latinx community are significantly worse than those of white patients.

The solution: Effective and Integrated tech-enabled Community Health Organization to connect patients and health care system.

Diana Orlandi (Stanford MBA), Maya Shetty (Stanford Human Biology BS), and Valerie Wang (Stanford Physics MS)