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JA Company Program
Mentors

What is JA Company Program?

The *JA Company Program* is a 14-week course for high school students to develop knowledge and build skills in business and entrepreneurship. It gives them the tools and resources required to build their own start-up!

Students are placed in teams and work collaboratively with students from all across B.C. to learn about human centered design thinking, creative product development, product life cycles, e-commerce, app development and more.

Purpose

To provide mentorship guidance to high school students (Grades 8 to 12) who are taking the *JA Company Program.*

Time commitment

2 hours each week (includes weekly team meetings and workshops) + **individual prep work.**

Responsibilities

Attend regular sessions with students and provide guidance based on your own business experience as they take a product or service from the brainstorming phase through to development and marketing and sales.

Program dates

Begins **Tuesday, November 16, 2021** and concludes **Thursday, April 7, 2022**.

Meetings will run Tuesday to Thursday 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Students will be asked to **pick one night** to attend the meeting online for the entirety of the program.

The program will not run over December and March break.

Location

All meetings will be **virtual** with the possibility of in-person meetings after January 2022. Access to a computer/mobile device and internet is required.

Training and orientation

Virtual training & resources will be provided by JABC.

Why volunteer?

- Learn new facilitation & mentorship skills
- Grow your public speaking experience and confidence
- Engage with the next generation of leaders
- Make a meaningful contribution to your community

Join us for an Info Night to learn more | **RSVP here.**
Monday, October 18, 2021 | 5:00 - 5:30 PM PST or **Friday, October 22, 2021 | 5:00 - 5:30 PM PST**

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Over **500 students** participated in JA Company Program in 2020-21.
Here is what some students had to share about their experience:

85% developed skills to support their future career development

76% better understand the different areas of business and entrepreneurship

71% improved their ability to work as part of a team

> ***From the unique mentorship aspect, to the thought-provoking conversations that came about during our meetings, the program was 100% the highlight of my summer, and I highly recommend it for any prospective STEM students or entrepreneurs, or even those who aren't sure of their interests yet.*** - Peter Lee, Student

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