



Global Ideas Institute  
Financial Inclusion In the Global South  
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Join the challenge at the Global Ideas Institute

# DEVELOPING GLOBAL ACUMEN THROUGH PROBLEM-SOLVING ON WORLD ISSUES.



## WHAT IS THE GLOBAL IDEAS INSTITUTE?

The Global Ideas Institute (GII) is a cutting-edge program that challenges you to tackle complex global issues that continue to perplex individuals and institutions worldwide. It equips you with the tools, frameworks, and knowledge necessary to craft innovative ideas and recommendations to multi-dimensional problems that can be applied in the 'real world.'

### Program Duration

2 November 2022 to 21 April 2023

### Registration Timeline

15 Oct'22: Early registration deadline

26 Oct'22: Late registration deadline

## HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

- Participating Grade 10 and 12 secondary student teams of 4-6 students tackle a global challenge.
- U of T professors and expert practitioners will present monthly lectures that provide context to the issue.
- Each student team will also have U of T student mentors to guide and help them to develop innovative ideas to address the problem.
- Each lecture is supplemented with a package of articles, current research, and additional videos to provide students with context and knowledge.
- Faculty expertise combined with the support and guidance from U of T mentors will prepare secondary students for a day-long symposium to present their ideas at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy in Toronto.

**To register a student team from your school, [click here.](#)**

## HOW CAN WE EFFECTIVELY TACKLE GLOBAL CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION TO ENSURE THAT QUALITY, INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE TO ALL?

# 2022-23 CHALLENGE

The face of education today has changed since the 19th century thanks to concerted global efforts and reforms. The number of children attending primary school has gone up exponentially, covering almost 90% of the world's children today. However, enrollment is no longer the chief challenge in education, and many more issues such as attainment, quality, inclusivity, the gender gap component, crises, etc. remain prevalent in education systems worldwide. While the vast majority of countries around the world have official and organized schooling systems, gaps remain in both the access to and quality of, education within countries and between high-income and low-income states. These gaps have created a multitude of challenges for inclusive and equitable global education beyond just access, further exacerbated by the school closures and education disruptions during the COVID-19 pandemic.



### ELIGIBILITY

- Secondary school students in Grade 10- 12 can participate
- Students must be able to form teams of 4-6 with a teacher champion chosen from the school
- Students must be able to commit time to attend mentor and expert sessions (2 hours/month) in addition to working independently on their projects and attending the final day-long Symposium in April in Toronto

### REGISTRATION FEE:

- Global Ideas Institute charges a fee to cover the cost of running the program
- Student Registration Fee: \$50/student for public schools, \$150/student for independent students.
- After filling out the registration form, an invoice will be sent. Cheques should be made out to:

Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy  
1 Devonshire Place (At Trinity College),  
Toronto, Ontario, M5S 3K7, Canada  
Attn: Finance Office, re. G.I.I.

## GII CONNECTIONS TO THE ONTARIO CURRICULUM

### CANADIAN AND WORLD STUDIES

"As well as becoming critically thoughtful and informed citizens who value an inclusive society, students will have the skills they need to solve problems and communicate ideas and decisions about significant developments, events, and issues."

### SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

"Students in social sciences and humanities develop a critical lens through which they can build their awareness of and make decisions with respect to critical issues in our increasingly complex, multifaceted, and diverse society."

### TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

"[...T]he Ontario Ministry of Education has defined seven important categories of transferable skills: Critical thinking and problem solving; innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship; self-directed learning; collaboration; communication; global citizenship and sustainability; digital literacy."



## TIMELINE FOR 2022-23

*02 Nov'22: Program kick-off (in-person)*

*07 Dec'22: Session 1 (online)*

*18 Jan'23: Session 2 (online)*

*08 Feb'23: Session 3 (online)*

*08 Mar'23: Session 4 (online)*

*05 Apr'23: Session 5 (online)*

*21 Apr'23: Final Symposium (in-person)*

*All sessions will be held from 4 PM - 6 PM ET  
The final symposium will be a day-long event*

## PAST CHALLENGES:

In the past nine years the challenge topics have been: Sustainable Energy for All, Financial Inclusion in India; Scaling the Aravind Eye Institute program; broadening the distribution of Sprinkles micronutrient packets; reinventing the toilet; birth registration; sustainable energy access for all, food security, and mental health & well-being. And most recently, health equity during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



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