

# ETIIC

NEDCO's **Entrepreneurial Training Institute and Incubation Centre (ETIIC)** was established to provide a supportive and enabling environment - “where ideas can be transformed into successful, commercially - viable and robust enterprises.”

# Background

- We have provided training for over 2,000 entrepreneurs at various stages of their development over the past 3 years and as such we are equipped to assist NIHERST with the delivery of Entrepreneurial Skills Training to applicants of the Prime Minister's Award for Scientific Ingenuity.
- This will be achieved by utilizing a series of custom-made, entrepreneurial skills training programmes for participants to improve or gain knowledge, skills and abilities in the subject areas delivered.

# Steps to Starting Your Business

At the end of the programme participants would be able to:

- Pinpoint the major issues with starting a business
- Outline the importance of business planning
- Generate business ideas
- Complete a sample business plan
- Appreciate the factors that should be considered when starting a business in Trinidad and Tobago

# Innovation and Creativity in Entrepreneurship

At the end of the programme participants will be able to:

- Define entrepreneur, entrepreneurship, creativity, creative thinking and innovation
- Outline the qualities of the entrepreneur
- List the principles of creativity
- Explain the creative process and identify any barriers to creativity
- State the elements in innovation
- Outline challenges to innovation

# Developing your Business Model

At the end of the programme participants will be able to:

- Explain the purpose of a Business Model
- Outline the format of a Business Model
- Complete a Business Model using the Business Model Canvas

# Marketing for SME's

At the end of the programme participants will be able to:

- Understand the basic principles of advertising, promotion, public relations and personal selling
- Explain how they can effectively outpace their competition
- Explain basic marketing practices for small businesses
- Understand the keys to designing products and services to meet customer needs

# Information Technology

At the end of the programme participants will be able to:

- Understand the concept of social media
- Explain basic internet research techniques
- Explain the most important features of Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point
- Utilise Microsoft Word to prepare monthly reports
- Utilise Microsoft Excel to develop spreadsheets to assist in recordkeeping and analysis of business data

# Conclusion

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The workshops will be:

- Taught at an introductory level
- Hands on and practical with real world application
- Delivered by well qualified and experienced practitioners