Technovation Challenge Student Application

Please return this completed application to Dr. Dorothy Okello, CEDAT Rm 3013
Deadline: Friday 15th November 2013

1. Program Details

The Technovation Challenge program in Uganda invites secondary school and university female students to design mobile apps, gain technology and entrepreneurship skills, and work with women mentors from the tech industry. Students work in teams at their school site to build their apps with the help of a teacher and mentor who visits the school regularly.

In April 2014, each team submits their mobile app, business plan, and video pitch for their app. There will be a Technovation Uganda Pitch to identify the winning team from Uganda. Winners from Uganda may have the opportunity to fly to the San Francisco, United States, in May 2014 for the Technovation World Pitch event where students demo their apps and present their business plans to a panel of experts, competing to have their app funded and taken to market.

2. Participation in the Uganda challenge

STEM Women is working with your school/institution to announce the Technovation Challenge to secondary school and university female students. Schools shall determine the girls who are eligible to participate based on their own school programs e.g. members of innovation or science clubs, etc. To see who else has participated in these challenges around the world, please visit http://iridescentlearning.org/programs/technovation-challenge/involved/

It is important to note that no programming experience is expected or required for girls to participate in this program.

3. Cost of participation

The Technovation program is free for all participants.

4. Class Dates and Location

Classes will be held once a week from February to April 2014. The class dates and location will be determined by your school/institution.

Application Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

College: _____

Degree Program: _____

School Address: _____

School Telephone Number: _____

Personal Telephone Number (if have one): _____

Year of Study: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Can you commit to attending class once per week for twelve weeks? _____

ESSAY #1: Your Commitment to Technovation Challenge Uganda

Explain your level of commitment to this program. How much time are you willing to put into Technovation, and how dedicated will you be to your team's project? If you have other commitments outside of school, please list them here and outline your plan for accommodating the additional workload of Technovation into your schedule.

ESSAY #2: Communication Technology for Development

Choose one of the following questions and answer it in essay format (you may use additional sheets if necessary):

a) What are some ways that you think communication will be different in ten years and why?
b) What is one new technology product that has caught your attention? If you were in charge of the development team, what would you do to improve this product?
c) Identify a problem in your community and explain how you would go about solving it through the use of technology.