

Entries close on 18 April for the SingularityU Southern Africa GIC

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Entries close 18 April 2017 for the Singularity University (SU), Global Impact Challenge (GIC). This challenge is an open call to innovators, entrepreneurs, scientists, and technologists to foster moonshot innovations and startups that positively impact the lives of people living in southern Africa.



The goal in holding a southern African GIC is to identify a diverse and talented group of innovators in Africa who can put forth creative solutions to long-standing problems. Once applications are reviewed, we look forward to welcoming the winners to our nine-week Global Solutions Program at Singularity University, and empower participants with the tools, knowledge, skills and mindset needed to deliver real humanitarian impact at multiple levels."

The SingularityU 'Southern Africa' GIC is open to all residents and citizens over the age of 21 from: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Winner(s) of the GIC will receive a full sponsorship to attend SU's Global Solutions Program (GSP) in Silicon Valley, where they are provided with SU's core curriculum on exponential thinking, technologies, and leadership, as well as access to SU's extensive global network of alumni and participating companies to further develop and commercialise their innovations.

Finalists benefit from the challenge by having access to a cadre of expert mentors and advisors from SU to engage with them in the start-up phase of their projects.

Deadline is 18 April, and the winner will be selected on 9 May 2017 by a panel of judges from SU and senior representatives from the business and the entrepreneurial communities in southern Africa.

Mic Mann, an alumnus of Singularity University and co-head of the 'SingularityU Johannesburg Chapter' said, "Global Impact Challenges are an important vehicle to create change in Southern Africa. SU is laying the foundation to build a powerful network and innovation community in southern Africa."

For more information, and to apply for the Global Impact Challenge in Southern Africa, visit: <https://su.org/gic/2017/southernafrica/>.

For more information about Singularity University GICs, visit: <https://su.org/gic>.

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