

Driving Impact: TELUS CSW Fuels Social Change and Innovation with Cohort 6

Edmonton, Alberta, October 1, 2024 - The [TELUS Community Safety and Wellness Accelerator](#) (CSW) is kicking off its sixth cohort with an exciting new structure aimed at amplifying social impact. This expanded program will take place in two phases: Phase 1 in Fall 2024 and Phase 2 in Winter 2025, culminating in a prestigious Global Delegation trip to Silicon Valley, where participating ventures will be introduced to influential investors and industry leaders.

From a record-breaking pool of over 100 applicants, 17 promising startups were selected, including the largest Alberta-based cohort in the program's history. These ventures, both local and international, are focused on delivering innovative solutions to enhance community well-being through advanced technologies, such as AI and machine learning. Their diverse solutions span a range of social challenges, emphasizing the intersection of innovation, entrepreneurship, and social change.

The TELUS CSW Accelerator powered by [AlchemistX](#) and [Alberta Innovates](#) in partnership with the [Edmonton Police Foundation](#) (EPF), plays a pivotal role in Alberta's growing tech and social innovation ecosystem. It is part of the [Alberta Innovates Scaleup and Growth Accelerator Program](#) supported by a consortium led by [Alberta Innovates](#) and including two levels of government in the provincial ministry of [Technology and Innovation](#) and the federal department of [PrairiesCan](#).

"We're thrilled to welcome our sixth cohort to Edmonton for an intensive in-person week, and showcase Alberta's incredible entrepreneurial resources through a global delegation. The strong support system for tech startups here consistently attracts top talent from Alberta and beyond. With a unique blend of local expertise and global mentorship, these companies will gain valuable insights to refine their business models and scale rapidly. By partnering with community-driven organizations, they'll further develop innovative solutions that enhance safety and well-being in our communities," said Ashif Mawji, Chair of the TELUS Community Safety and Wellness Accelerator and Past Chair of the EPF.

Over the past two years, the CSW Accelerator has fostered a collaborative ecosystem that drives economic growth and social progress. By building connections with pre-accelerator programs, facilitating local partnerships, and launching pilot projects, the accelerator strengthens Edmonton's innovation network and accelerates the success of social impact startups.

Since its inception in 2022, the CSW Accelerator has supported a diverse range of social impact ventures addressing key societal issues such as crime prevention and healthcare accessibility. The program equips these startups with the resources and connections needed to scale their solutions and create lasting, positive change in their communities and beyond.

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Upcoming Highlights for Cohort 6

From October 6-11, 2024, Edmonton will host the Cohort 6 social impact leaders for an immersive in-person program. Participants will engage with local innovation, entrepreneurial, and social impact networks through 1:1 meetings, workshops, and networking events. A key highlight will be the "Meet the Cohort" networking event and Expo, scheduled for October 9 at the Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute (AMII). During this event, participating ventures will showcase their solutions to an audience of local and global investors, as well as community stakeholders, aiming to secure additional partnerships and investment to propel their growth and impact.

Meet Cohort 6

Learn more about the participating companies [HERE](#).

About TELUS Community Safety and Wellness Accelerator

The TELUS Community Safety and Wellness Accelerator (TELUS CSW) is sponsored by the Edmonton Police Foundation in conjunction with various partners, including ATB Financial, TELUS, Motorola, U of A, AMII, Edmonton Police Service and others. Using a combination of data, artificial intelligence and machine learning, entrepreneurship, mentorship, domain expertise, funding, structured accelerator programming and other key ingredients to help create successful social impact ventures, its mission is to help solve our community's challenges and create a sustainable model to help bring those solutions to the world. Being one of the first in the world with this unique combination will allow the TELUS CSW to demonstrate the social impact power of Albertans. The TELUS CSW is funded through the Alberta Innovates Scaleup and Growth Accelerators Program.

Learn more about [TELUS CSW Accelerator](#)

Learn more about the [ScaleGood Fund](#)

About Alberta Innovates

Alberta Innovates manages nearly 1,300 projects in a portfolio valued at \$1.33 billion. We work with innovators in all sectors of the economy and all corners of the province to drive entrepreneurship, applied research and industry development. With our impact-based funding programs and services, we are transforming energy systems for a net-zero world, promoting the responsible use of land and water, leveraging provincial strengths in agriculture, and contributing to improved health and well-being by harnessing digital tech and data. We are also advancing emerging technologies and strengthening entrepreneurship for a strong and diversified economy. We operate in 11 locations with more than one million sq. ft. of industrial testing and lab facilities, and 600 acres of farmland. We employ nearly 600 highly skilled scientists, business and technical professionals. From funding to commercialization, we are Alberta's innovation engine! [See what entrepreneurs](#) say about our coaching and support.

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About AlchemistX

[AlchemistX](#) is the corporate innovation and government services division of Alchemist Accelerator. We partner with industry leaders and forward-thinking governments to engage with and support the world's best entrepreneurs and innovation concepts. AlchemistX's customized acceleration, market-entry, intrapreneurship, and venture incubation programs are built on the methods, knowledge and network that have supported successful Alchemist founders for over a decade.

About PrairiesCan:

[PrairiesCan](#) is the federal department that supports economic growth in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Its programs and services help businesses, not-for-profits and communities grow stronger. Its mandate is to support economic growth and diversification in the Prairie provinces and advance the interests of the region in national economic policy, programs and projects. Learn more at www.prairiescan.gc.ca

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