

Entrepreneur-in-Residence

SELCO Foundation invites applications from entrepreneurs interested in assisting vulnerable communities to access sustainable livelihood and earning opportunities. The program allows for mentoring of entrepreneurs as they build an ecosystem that is financially viable to both themselves as well as the underserved communities they would be working with.

What SELCO Foundation offers

SELCO Foundation is a non-profit that is committed to pioneering the utilization of decentralized sustainable energy as a catalyst for environmental, social and financial sustainability. These include ecosystem development in the areas of basic access to energy, health, education, livelihoods and healthy living environments.

What kinds of projects is SELCO looking for?

Many vulnerable communities are skilled and talented, but are not able to monetize their skills in a manner that can help them move out of poverty. SELCO is interested in supporting entrepreneurs as they traverse through the value chain – market linkage, product development, positioning and business planning. These activities can help move the communities out of their present situations of vulnerability. Entrepreneurs are expected to partner with these communities to refine their existing skills, enhance their products, build capacity for new product development, and put together all the necessary business methodologies needed to make the value chain successful. What does the program offer?

The Entrepreneur-in-residence program connects individual entrepreneurs with resources that can help them create a long term impact on selected vulnerable communities. The program believes that entrepreneurs have the ability to create replicable processes and systems, and make a real difference to poorer communities in terms of economic and social self sustenance.

By assisting entrepreneurs with structural support in the form of infrastructural and financial resources, as well as access to experienced mentors in the field, the program is designed to inspire and empower Entrepreneurs to adopt innovative models which make grassroots level interventions socially, financially and environmentally sustainable. Entrepreneurs will, in addition, get the opportunity to implement joint pilots with SELCO team, visit existing SELCO operational sites to gain first-hand experience, and in selected cases also receive seed funding to start their venture.

Who can apply?

Entrepreneurs or enterprises engaged in social business, from any part of India, who identify with the skill and product of a certain community, are encouraged to apply. Entrepreneurs must be willing to invest considerable amounts of time with the communities and engage holistically towards a the development of a sustainable enterprise.

Application Details:

Application: Rolling applications. In order to apply please send your CV, and a small write up of proposed project or areas of interest to info@selcofoundation.org