

PROJECT COORDINATOR LEARNING OBJECTIVES

As a Project Coordinator with the Local Economic Development Lab, you will:

COMMUNITY CONTEXT

- Learn about the history and varied cultures of the DTES
- Gain practical experience working in a community setting

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- Develop autonomous critical thinking, problem solving and creative conflict resolution skills
- Refine your ability to explain complex concepts in simple ways
- Increase your ability to relate and translate learning across different organizational, social and peer contexts
- Practice reflection, evaluation and self-awareness during action
- Engage in active listening, peer coaching, and collaborative decision making

TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS SKILLS

- Gain expertise in business model development, and rapid prototyping and assessment methods
- Practice fundraising and pitching business ideas for investment
- Practice place-based approaches to community development
- Learn fundamental skills for cross-sector partnerships

SOCIAL INNOVATION TOOLS AND METHODS

- Learn to navigate and apply a suite of tools from the 'toolkit of social innovation'
- Increase your ability to see patterns and structural barriers in systems
- Combine attention at the community and systems levels to identify opportunities for creativity and new solutions
- Practice engaging across institutional barriers and differences in race, power and privilege
- Be part of a learning community that is responsible for Lab communications and partner engagement