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# Happy Holidays from the University of Alberta Innovation Fund Team!

As the year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for the support from our community. This holiday season, we are reflecting on the opportunities created for the startup ecosystem and the wealth of innovation coming out of the province. We are excited to continue working and developing the startup space with the greater Albertan ecosystem over the new year.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all the different stakeholders and entities we have had the opportunity to work with at the University of Alberta over the past year. To the President's Office, the Vice President's Office (Research + Innovation), different Faculties, and all additional stakeholders, we thank you for your collaboration over 2024.



An additional huge thank you to the phenomenal researchers, founders, innovators, donors, and others who have made this year possible. We look forward to what lies ahead!

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## **Student Involvement Activities: Movement51 Bootcamp**

Last week, one of our Student Involvement Team Members, Naliya John, had the opportunity to attend the Movement51 Bootcamp: An early-stage investing BootCamp that promotes investing in early-stage companies with confidence. Naliya had the following to say about her experience at the event:

*"I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend Movement51's Early-Stage Investing Bootcamp. It was a day filled with lots of learning and the chance to connect with so many amazing people. One of my key takeaways was the idea that investing is not reserved for the elite - anyone can invest. This bootcamp empowers individuals, particularly women, in their own financial decisions and help change the narrative in the world of venture capital. Given that women receive less than 1.8% of VC funding globally, I am especially grateful to be part of the team at the Innovation Fund. I am excited to continue exploring social impact investing on this journey. Thank you, Movement51!"*



Thank you Naliya for representing the UA Innovation Fund, and thank you to Movement51 for hosting such an incredible event!



## Fund Portal

### **Heads Up: Our Newsletter is Changing**

We are excited to announce that we will be moving our newsletter on to our Online Community Portal! Please ensure you have an account created at the UA Innovation Fund Online Community Portal to continue receiving exciting updates.

### **Funding Applications Open**

Are you an Alberta-based Based Startup with a diverse team? Are you willing to tackle challenges resulting in financial return and social impact? You might be who we are looking for!

Check out our application portal at the link here to see if the UA Innovation Fund is the right fit for you.

## **Apply for Funding**

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