



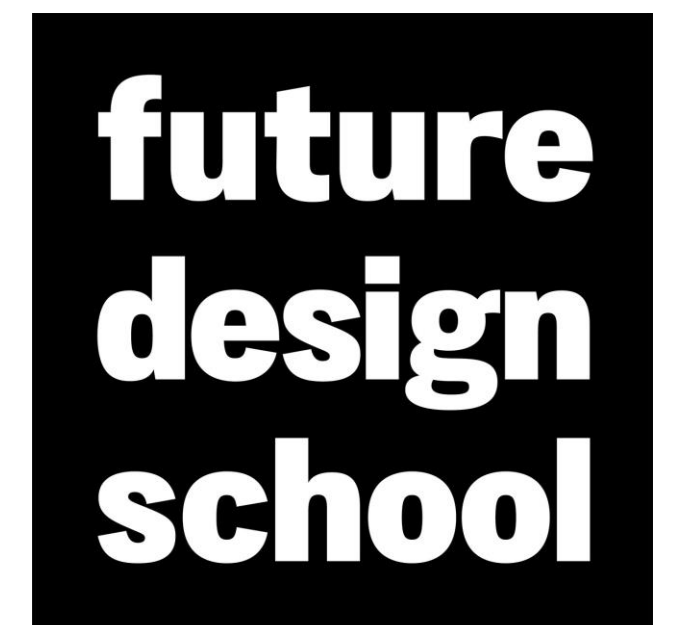
About MaRS

World’s largest urban innovation hub that helps transform innovative ideas into booming Canadian-made businesses. Provides ventures services, capital, partnerships, and working space for startups, and works with government on systems change projects.

About Catalyst Fund

- \$5M venture capital fund that invests in Canadian cleantech, health and education startups.
- Uses an impact investment approach that seeks both high financial return and high impact.
- Richard Branson is an investor, along with other Canadian foundations, and high net worth individuals.

Portfolio Companies



Highlights of Internship



Produced the first ever investor quarterly reports that showcased the Fund’s financial and impact performance.



Created a new venture screening questionnaire that incorporates more social, environmental and governance questions.



Developed impact goals the fund attempts to achieve over its lifetime by 2026.



Met +50 startups, participated in over several pitch competitions, and conducted due diligence on numerous potential investments.



Attended a responsible investment conference in Vancouver, and went to numerous ‘innovative’ events on biotechnology, artificial intelligence, big data, & social entrepreneurship.

- Access to financing is one of the BIGGEST hurdles to successfully starting a company in Canada.
- There is no shortage of Canadians thinking of creative solutions to some of our most pressing sustainability problems.



- Hardest part of this job is quantifying the impact of a company and knowing which venture’s solution will solve the problem at hand.
- Impact investing is very new and risky, and investors are hesitant but the Catalyst Fund is working on educating the Canadian market.