What is Global Tech EDGE NEXT?

The goal of the program is to develop global entrepreneurs and develop an eco-system among related domestic and overseas organizations which enables the continuous upbringing of these talents. This program is subsidized by MEXT.

This education program is provided by 4 universities:

- The University of Tokyo: Serves as the Coordinating Organization that leads this program based on the track record of generating a number of university-based startups up until now.
- <u>The University of Tsukuba</u>: Holds a number of prominent technology seeds and can integrate them across many disciplines.
- -Ochanomizu University: Develops female global leaders.
- -Shizuoka University: Has been carrying out collaborative researches with global industrial corporations.

This provides a good opportunity for you to choose a program that will suit you best so that you could challenge making your research results bear fruit as an enterprise.

This program basically consists of 3 phases: Basic Phase, Advanced Phase, and Practical Phase.

In the Basic Phase, our aim is to increase the number of the people (including undergraduate students) who are interested in entrepreneurship. In the Advanced Phase, we try to brush up the basic business skills already possessed by the participants through team learning in the mentoring sessions. In the Practical Phase, several selected teams will be given opportunities to further develop their business capabilities to the level where they would possibly be able to get VC funding.

You can join this program from any phase. Especially the Practical Phase invites students any time in the year.

We would expect many of you to join us with this opportunity.