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CIFAL Honolulu - Sustainability Innovations Course II



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| Course : | Course |
| Location : | Honolulu, Hawaii, United States of America |
| Dates : | 6 1 st 2025 to 2 5 th 2025 |
| Duration : | 116 Days |
| Programme : | Decentralize Cooperation Programme |
| Registration : | https://www.inanainnovators.org/ |
| Cost : | US\$0.00 |
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| Organizer : | CIFAL Honolulu, Chaminade University of Honolulu |



No background knowledge required



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Grades are calculated from the student's daily work, class participation, quizzes, individual reports and the final group project. Classes are twice a week with guest speakers



Students will explore problem identification, ideation, and user insights during the first phase, using tools like the Social Lean Canvas. In the second phase, they will create and refine prototypes or minimum viable products (MVPs), applying rapid prototyping techniques and user testing. Students will also engage in field trips, guest lectures, and mentorship opportunities to strengthen their understanding of real-world sustainability innovations. The course concludes with a Final

Showcase where students present their innovations to peers, mentors, and external evaluators



College students, entrepreneurs, sustainability enthusiasts