



CGI U 2021 APPLICATION PREVIEW

Instructions: Copy and paste this text into a separate Word Document to help you prepare your answers for the CGI U Class of 2021 application available at cgiu.org/apply. Anything that requires a long form response is highlighted in yellow. We encourage all applicants to have their long form responses reviewed by peers, professors, advisers, and trusted colleagues before submitting their final application.

Please note: Former CGI U participants are not eligible for CGI U 2021. Applicants may only submit one application for CGI U 2021; duplicate applications will automatically be omitted.

BIO INFORMATION

Name as it appears on legal identification:

I am applying as a(n):

- Individual
- Group

If you are the group leader, you will fill out this application and then your teammates will get separate emails to fill out their information.

Note that we will use your personal email address for all communications. **Personal email:**

University OR Secondary email:

Phone: (no symbols or spaces)

Date of birth:

I identify my gender as:

Preferred pronouns:

We are committed to inclusion of people with disabilities in our program. To help us measure how well we are doing, we are asking you to tell us if you have a disability or if you ever had a disability. Answering this question is voluntary and any answer you give will be kept private and will not be used against you in any way. **If you need a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the program such as a sign language interpreter or materials in alternate formats, please let us know:**

Ancestry:

Country of citizenship:

Select your university using the searchable field below. Note: If you attend a graduate school or specialized program within a university, provide the name of the university. (Example: New York University rather than NYU Medical School)

School name: (if international or not listed above)

Major or Field of Study:

University status:

Expected date of graduation:

Permanent address:

How did you hear about CGI U?

Online presence (optional): In the fields below, list any additional links to online profiles you or your commitment may have. The purpose of these fields is to enable greater online connectivity between you and other CGI U attendees in the future. Link to website/blog:

Link to website/blog (project or personal):

Twitter handle:

Link to LinkedIn profile:

Link to Instagram handle:

Any additional relevant link:

BIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY PORTION:

Write a short biography about yourself and include any relevant employment experiences, campus activities, and/or roles and projects that you are passionate about. In other words, what would you like us to know as we consider your candidacy? (word limit: 150)

Essay response:

Select one writing prompt from below and provide a response: (word limit: 150)

- Describe your proudest achievement.
- Who inspires you and why?

Essay response:

COMMITMENT TO ACTION CURRICULUM PARTICIPATION:

Our expectation is that all accepted CGI U students will be available for the entirety of the scheduled dates of the four modules outlined below. Accepted students are required to attend and fully participate in all module activities. The CGI U 2021 program runs from February-November 2021. The program is broken up into the following sections:

- New Student Orientation: February 2021
- Module One: February-March 2021
- Module Two: March-April 2021
- Module Three: April-May 2021
- Module Four: May-November 2021
- Graduation: November 2021

Do you have a known conflict that would prevent you from attending and participating fully in any of the listed modules? (Yes or No)

Will you have reliable internet access in order to participate in the CGI U program fully? (Yes or No)

Please indicate your primary time zone:

OTHER:

Please check this box if you are interested in receiving information about Clinton Foundation Virtual Codeathon Events. (Yes or No)

Have you attended or been invited to attend any previous CGI U meetings? (Yes or No)

TEAM MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Additional Group Member #1 Name:

Additional Group Member #1 Email:

Additional Group Member #1 Phone:

Additional Group Member #2 Name:

Additional Group Member #2 Email:

Additional Group Member #2 Phone:

COMMITMENT TO ACTION INFORMATION

Commitment name: (This is the title of your project, and may be shared externally if accepted to CGI U 2021. Be creative and concise!)

Commitment focus area: (If you are not certain which focus area applies to your commitment, [click here.](#))

In the fields below, select primary, secondary, tertiary keywords that best apply to your CGI U commitment. This will help the CGI U team pair you with a Commitment Mentor and connect you to students within the same project area. (If you are not certain which keywords apply to your commitment, [click here](#) for keyword descriptions.)

Primary keyword:

Secondary keyword:

Tertiary keyword:

In the fields below, you should be as specific as possible when describing when and where your commitment will take place. **Primary city where commitment will be carried out:**

Primary state or region where commitment will be carried out:

Primary country where commitment will be carried out:

When will you complete this commitment? (Commitments should have clearly defined goals and a timeline for action, usually no longer than two years.)

Select the appropriate phase of your commitment. *Remember, CGI U students are accepted at all phases of their Commitment to Action journey!

- Ideation: You have a great idea for a project that involves identifying a problem and an opportunity. You want to refine your idea and you are ready to turn your idea into action.
- Implementation: You have done the necessary research and project development to bring your project to life - now you are ready to launch.
- Scaling: Your project has already started and it is doing well, and now you are ready to grow - whether that means expanding your project's existing efforts or replicating your model elsewhere.

Select:

- Ideation
- Implementation
- Scale

1. Commitment to Action Summary: Use the fields in the template below to prepare a short summary of your Commitment to Action. You will be able to further elaborate on these points later in the application.

See this example of a commitment summary:

In 2021, Maria and Alan committed to create a community-based recycling framework to convert plastic waste into new products in Indonesia. The team will make a small modular unit that contains a shredder, rotational mold, and an extruder to expedite the recycling process. They will partner with local NGOs and waste management services to convert the repurposed plastic into malaria bed-nets and 3D filament. The group expects to decrease plastic waste by 50% and increase plastics converted to valued outputs by 70% in 24 months.

In 2021, (name of 1-3 students on team in 240 characters or less) committed to (explain what your Commitment to Action is in 240 characters or less) in (location of commitment in 240 characters or less) .

They will ____ **(describe the actions you or your group will take with your commitment in 300 characters or less)** ____.

They will partner with ____ **(include strategic partners – public, private, or non-governmental – that you and/or your group will need to work with in 300 characters or less)** ____ in order to ____ **(explain what this partnership will accomplish in 300 characters or less)** ____.

They expect to ____ **(explain the outcome/s you or your group expect to see as a result of your commitment in 240 characters or less)** ____.

2. Issue Area: CGI U students work to address specific global challenges. In this section, we want to know what issue you are trying to solve through your commitment and why you are passionate about it.

- **2a. What is the problem you or your group are working to address?** (300 character limit)
- **2b. Who is your target population?** (300 character limit)
- **2c. What challenges do you or your group anticipate encountering?** (300 character limit)

[Note: If you reference statistics or facts, fully cite your source(s) here or in the Additional Comments section below.]

3. Action Plan: In this section, we want to understand how your commitment is specific and attainable.

- **3a. Describe the primary activities you or your group will undertake to carry out your Commitment to Action.** (2000 character limit)
- **3b. List your strategic partners and what they do.** (1000 character limit)
- **3c. Include a timeline of proposed activities.** (1500 character limit)

4. Landscape Analysis: In this section, we want to understand how your effort is new and different from other initiatives that attempt to tackle a similar problem. You are being asked here to acknowledge other projects worldwide that are doing similar work.

- **4a. What projects or organizations currently exist that are similar to your commitment?** (500 character limit)
- **4b. How is your commitment new and/or different?** (500 character limit)

5. Impact: In this section, we want to know how your commitment is measurable and will create impact.

- **5a. Describe your short-term and longer-term goals for your commitment.** (750 character limit)
- **5b. Identify the specific data and metrics you will analyze, interpret, and report out on as you make progress toward achieving your goals.** (750 character limit)

6. Why You? CGI U wants to know what makes you a dedicated commitment-maker.

- **6a. Why is the issue you are addressing important to you or your group?** (750 character limit)
- **6b. What makes you or your group uniquely positioned to solve this problem?** (750 character limit)

If you have statistics or other information about your Commitment, please explain: