

# POLICY HACK 3.0 – OVERVIEW

## What is the Policy Hack?

- Policy Hack is a case competition looking at real, complex challenges facing government, identified by senior leaders at municipal, provincial and federal levels.
- It is a partnership between the Province of Prince Edward Island, Veterans Affairs Canada, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, the Startup Zone and the University of Prince Edward Island.
- The competition is open to any professional through membership in the partnering networks and municipal public servants.

## Why should I do it?

- It's a unique and free opportunity for professional development.
- It provides horizontal and vertical networking: You will meet federal, municipal and provincial counterparts, and work with a coach.
- You can develop or fine-tune your policy and collaboration skills and you will be contributing fresh, creative ideas to real policy challenges.

## How does it work?

- Multidisciplinary teams will be formed around policy cases and be introduced to each other virtually on Launch Day being October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Teams have from October 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> to prepare a mock Cabinet submission. This will involve a written submission as well as an oral presentation.
- We ensure time at the end of each day to attend to the regular job demands of your position.
- Each team will be assigned as a coach as a mentor and be set up to use various tools for virtual interaction.
- The competition will culminate in a day-long virtual competition, scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in which teams pitch to a panel of judges.

## Who is eligible?

- The competition is open to any professional through membership in the partnering networks and municipal public servants.
- We encourage people from all job functions and departments to apply. You do not need to be in a policy position. Diversity will enrich the experience of all participating.
- We also encourage people from all regions of Prince Edward Island to apply.

## How will participants be selected?

- If the number of applicants exceeds our capacity for this competition, we will select participants through a random lottery. The Policy Hack team reserves the right to adjust the lottery to ensure a distribution of participants across departments and networks.

## What do I need to do?

- The application process will open September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- Be committed to attend three independent studies prior to the commencement of the program.
- Be able to commit to 5 days of intense learning 9:00am - 2:30pm from October 13th-19th with the final case competition on the 19th; and up to 5 hours working with my team on the policy problem we are assigned.
- We will notify successful applicants as soon as possible after the application deadline.



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