



TECHX CLEAN ENERGY ACCELERATOR

CALL FOR MENTORS



TechX Mentors Overview

Our TechX mentors provide guidance, support and advice to our start-up companies (our Pioneers) throughout their TechX journey, providing the help they need to grow and develop both their businesses and technology.

We look for industry leaders, technical experts, entrepreneurs, investors and those with experience in supporting start-ups. It's important that the mentor understands how important it is to receive help and guidance when starting a business. We pride ourselves on having a diverse pool of mentors from a range of industries and backgrounds, therefore if you do not fit into the list above but would like to be a TechX mentor, please reach out to the team at TechX@netzerotc.com and we can access your suitability.

Each start-up company is matched with one or more mentors at the beginning of the accelerator programme through our mentor matching process. We work closely with both our Pioneers and mentors to make sure that the best matches are made, ensuring that both parties are happy with their allocated mentor/mentee.

These mentors will support our Pioneers during the 15-week accelerator programme, with many choosing to continue offering support once the programme concludes. We ask that our mentors support at least one company per cohort - we currently run one cohort per year.

We ask that our mentors...

- Participate without expectation of reward or compensation
- Try and support at least one company per cohort
- Introduce companies to your broader network
- Provide guidance, support, advice to Pioneer companies

What makes a perfect mentor?

- A good listener and communicator
- Direct and truthful
- Challenging and robust
- Optimistic and positive

How will TechX mentoring benefit me?

- Unique access to Pioneer companies
- Invite to TechX Demo Day
- Sense of pride by supporting the next generation of technology companies for our industry



“Being part of the TechX programme is hugely satisfying as well as rewarding in helping start-ups navigate their journey in the energy industry. I would encourage anyone to get involved and be part of the programme, ensuring success and vital take-up of relevant technologies in our sector.

“I hugely enjoyed working with the enthusiasm and drive of the Pioneer teams and look forward to their creative technology being applied”

Caroline Roberts-Haritonov,
TechX's 2020 Mentor of the Year



“Our two key mentors couldn't have been more helpful or professional. Two very experienced people... Both had great experience with the investment community, and from both sides of the fence. Importantly for us, they both got what we were doing, and saw the value straight away.”

Iain Lees,
Founder of Resolute Energy and TechX Pioneer Graduate

TechX Mentors FAQs

How do I sign up to be a mentor?

If you are interested in becoming a TechX Mentor please contact the TechX team:

TechX@netzerotc.com

The TechX team will then assess your suitability for mentoring and will be in touch once this is complete.

What happens if/when I am accepted as a mentor?

If accepted, you will be asked to complete the Net Zero Technology Centre NDA and mentor biography details. You will then be invited to attend our mentor matching days – these will take place virtually on the second week of the Clean Energy Accelerator programme in early March 2022. At Mentor Matching you will meet the 12 Pioneer companies taking part in the cohort and hopefully find your match.

When will I be needed to mentor the Pioneers?

We ask that all of our mentors try and support at least one Pioneer company during the 15 week accelerator. Often, we see our mentors build strong relationships with the Pioneers, so they continue to support them post-programme, should both sides agree.

How much time is expected of me to provide support?

We are very flexible with this and encourage Pioneers to work with whatever you can provide. We typically leave it up to our matched mentor and Pioneers to discuss availability.

What kind of support are the Pioneers looking for?

This depends on the company and their requirements. The TechX team will do their best to ensure the best matches for mentors and mentees, asking for your input and thoughts at various stages.

Do mentors get paid or expenses covered?

TechX Mentors join us on a 'give back first' basis and should take part without expectation of reward or compensation etc.

Do I need to be based in the UK to be a TechX Mentor?

As we are a fully virtual programme, we welcome mentors from the UK and out with the UK. Mentors must have access to a PC and webcam to ensure they can meet Pioneers via video call.

Do I need to have mentored before?

No, just experience in supporting start-ups.