

TechX



**CLEAN ENERGY
ACCELERATOR**

CALL FOR MENTORS



TechX Mentors Overview

TechX mentors provide guidance, support and advice to our clean energy start-ups (our Pioneers) throughout their TechX journey, providing the help they need to grow their businesses and develop their technologies.

We look for industry leaders, technical experts, entrepreneurs, investors and those with experience in supporting start-ups. With our new focus, we are particularly seeking mentors with a background in clean energy. We pride ourselves on having a diverse pool of mentors from a range of industries and backgrounds. If you are unsure whether you would fit, please reach out to the team at TechX@netzerotc.com and we can assess your suitability.

Each Pioneer is matched with one or more mentors at the beginning of the accelerator programme. We work closely with our Pioneers and mentors to make sure that the best matches are made, ensuring that each party is happy with their allocated mentor or 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 their 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 innovative clean energy technology start-ups that will accelerate the transition to net zero



"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."

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 the matched mentor and Pioneer 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 mentors' input and thoughts at various stages during the process.

Do mentors get paid or expenses covered?

TechX Mentors take part without reward or compensation.

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?

You do not need to have mentored before.