

HKU Social Venture Lab Mentorship Programme

Student Mentorship Agreement

This Agreement sets out the key expectations, responsibilities and participation terms for the assigned Student Innovation Project Team (the “Mentee”) in the Programme.

1. Participation Commitments

- Commit to the one-year mentoring cycle.
- Initiate and attend at least three mentoring sessions per cohort (online or in person).
- Respond to mentors and SV Lab in a timely, respectful, and professional manner.
- Complete the short surveys at the midpoint and end of the Programme.
- Understand that repeated non-participation, unresponsiveness, or unprofessional conduct may lead to removal from the Programme.

2. Mentee-Driven Mentoring

- You own your venture, decisions, and implementation.
- You set the agenda, bring questions, and follow up on agreed actions.
- Mentors advise and challenge; they do not “run” or manage your venture.

3. Confidentiality and Information Use

- SV Lab and mentors will treat your venture information as confidential and use it mainly for programme administration, mentoring and related reporting, unless additional consent is obtained.
- You may receive confidential or sensitive information from mentors, and you agree not to disclose or use it without prior permission.

4. Intellectual Property

- All ideas, ventures, materials and works created by your team remain your property.
- Mentors’ suggestions or feedback do not give them any ownership, equity, revenue, or other rights in your venture.
- You grant SV Lab the right to use your venture name and a brief project description for programme promotion, reporting, and outreach.

5. Professional Boundaries

- Mentors participate voluntarily to offer general and strategic guidance; they are not providing legal, financial, or other regulated professional services.
- You will not request or pressure mentors for paid work, investment, or personal financial benefit during the mentoring period.

6. Duration

- Confidentiality applies during the one-year mentoring cycle and continues for two years after the Programme ends.