

Testimonials for Venture Talent



"As the co-founder of a company approaching its scale stage, the knowledge I've gained in the Venture Talent class was absolutely invaluable. The insights on hiring, nurturing, and retaining talent – as well as building a high-performance culture – will save me from multiple mistakes I was on the path to making.

While Jenny's encyclopedic knowledge and deep expertise in the field are certainly world class, I was delighted by how astute, experienced and informed my classmates were. I – and by extension, my team – couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity to grow through Schulich Venture Academy."

— **Shay Nulman, Co-Founder & CFO at Mantaro**

"The Schulich Venture Academy's Venture Talent program was an incredible experience. Jenny's vast knowledge and expertise in HR, combined with her ability to create a safe and open learning environment, made the course truly unique. The diverse group of participants, including both HR professionals and startup founders, provided invaluable perspectives and a true sense of community.

I highly recommend this program to anyone looking to gain a deep understanding of HR in the startup context and learn from a top-notch instructor and stellar pool of guest speakers!"

— **Tatiana Garcia Loth, Startup HR Specialist**

"I highly recommend the Venture Talent course at Schulich for anyone who wants to excel in people management and culture building. The course, led by the highly experienced Jenny do Forno, provided invaluable insights on building a robust company culture and effective talent development - which plays a critical role in any company's success. ***It directly impacted how I lead and grow my team now.***"

— **Gaurav Madani, Co-Founder & Chief Revenue Officer at RealSage**

Testimonials for Venture Operations



"Izabella's real-world experience and knowledge were invaluable. The Venture Operations program helped me identify the various components of my company that could be managed more effectively and how we could set clearer KRs (key results) that would lead us to our company objectives.

The case studies and breakout sessions provided a great opportunity to apply what I learned. I highly recommend this program to anyone looking to gain a deeper understanding of how to effectively manage and scale a startup!"

— **Ryan Tso, Business Development Consultant at RCM Health Consultancy**

"The Venture Operations program provided well-rounded and comprehensive teaching, while Izabella's unique teaching style meant I gained new tools to my toolkit. I made great connections with others in the class, who share similar experiences to me.

I think of the Masterclass Programs as a mini MBA, perfect for startups needing holistic and current learning, while helping individuals contribute more effectively to their companies. The learning process was both enlightening and supportive!"

— **Zeeshan Jafri, Co-Founder & CEO of OVRA Consulting**

"Learning from Izabella was an extraordinary journey. Her dedication to sharing deep insights and experiences was truly inspiring, offering a valuable executive perspective on operations. Despite my years in the field, her course notably enriched my understanding of the unique challenges that operations have within ventures.

The group activities, involving real-world scenarios, were impactful, fostering profound insights through collaborative learning with fellow students. This newfound knowledge has instilled in me the confidence to excel in any operational challenges or projects!"

— **Alexander Pau, Startup Operations Specialist**

Testimonials for Venture Finance



"The Venture Finance program, led by Leen Li, provided me with a practical learning experience, tailored to the unique challenges faced by startups and scaleups. The curriculum was designed to cover a wide range of topics essential for raising finance in a startup environment. ***Her expertise and insights were instrumental in enhancing my understanding of financial strategies and operations specific to startups.***

A valuable aspect of the SVA was the access to the Schulich Startups ecosystem. This network has provided me with opportunities to connect with industry leaders, potential partners, and mentors, enhancing my professional growth and my ventures!"

— **Munazzeel Riasat, Co-Founder at Agrigate Network**

"Our mindset influences everything in our lives. I had the privilege of taking part in Schulich's Venture Finance program led by Leen Li, a top professional in her field. Leen's mindset, approach and perspective to analyzing issues and solving them were fascinating. ***The practical skills and experiences shared by her and the other guest speakers were truly enlightening!***"

— **Behnam Razipour, Founder at MetaMindXR**

"Leen provided me with a solid financial foundation that helped me make it much easier to run my company InvestAlice. She took time to give me valuable insights and connections for our early prototype, which was incredibly helpful. The guest speakers she introduced brought extensive practical experience and a genuine willingness to assist. ***InvestAlice's rapid progress was only possible because of these connections.***

I deeply appreciate Leen, my lovely and knowledgeable director, for her wonderful influence on my journey. Thank you to Schulich Venture Academy for bringing this amazing experience to life!"

— **Zoe Yeh, CEO at InvestAlice**

Testimonials for Venture Capital



"The SVA Venture Capital program is an incredible masterclass that packs a punch. I was looking for a class just like this for the last 3 years, only because there's nothing like this out there. When I found out that Schulich offered this course, I didn't hesitate. A 6-week lightning fast sprint with a Canadian leader in the VC space, Prashant, our instructor, is a master of his craft. Our classes were full of rich discussions and colorful case studies.

If you're looking to break into the VC space, this is THE class to take. The network that I've built is world-class. Don't think twice because there's nothing like this in Canada!"

— **William To, Program Portfolio Manager at Ontario Centre of Innovation**

"The Schulich Venture Academy's Venture Capital program was a truly valuable experience. Prashant's comprehensive modules provided a clear and practical understanding of the venture capital landscape, from fund operations to investment strategies. His approachable nature and industry insights created an engaging learning environment, and the opportunity to connect with a diverse cohort was invaluable. I highly recommend this program to anyone looking to excel in the venture capital world."

— **Supraneet Saxena, Venture Analyst at PyCap Ventures**

"In the Venture Capital program, I gained months, if not years, worth of knowledge in a short period. I entered the program with some uncertainty about the VC field, but left highly motivated to expand our company's activities into venture capital and support startups at the next level. The program was more than just an educational experience; it provided a great network.

During this time, I became a member of the Canadian Venture Capital & Private Equity Association (CVCA) thanks to the strong connections of my instructor, Prashant. ***This effective, fruitful, and robust program is one of the best I have attended.***"

— **Melika Miran, Founder & CEO at Bay & Co**