

# AGFE BoD April Spotlight

## MIT Bootcamp



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### Program Overview

The MIT Innovation Leadership Bootcamp was organized by the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and United Arab Emirates University (UAEU).

The 10-week bootcamp that kicked off in Dubai on February 15th brought together high achieving Emirati and Arab youth.

The participants were divided into teams and were tasked to work on innovative projects that tackle unemployment challenges faced by Arab youth.

### Objective

The bootcamp aims to sharpen creative collaboration, customer discovery and project design skills, that help youth extract, conceptualize, and convert ideas into reality in the entrepreneurial space.

### Demo Day

The four teams of finalists presented their solutions to a high-profile panel comprising of

- HE Hussain bin Ibrahim Al Hammadi, Minister of Education
- HE Zaki Anwar Nusseibeh, Cultural Advisor to the UAE President and the Chancellor of UAEU
- HE Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair, Chairman of AGFE
- Dr. Dalya Al Muthanna, CEO Gulf, General Electric
- Dr. Dena Assaf, Resident Coordinator for the UAE, UN

“It is important that organizations from the public and private sector work together to support continued innovation in the design and delivery of educational programs in general, and particularly those such as the Bootcamp which are digitized and immersive.”

**HE Zaki Anwar Nusseibeh, Cultural Advisor to the UAE President and the Chancellor of UAEU**

### Quick Facts

- First of its kind in the Arab region
- Over 600 applicants
- 120 Emirati (79%) + Arab youth participants
- 17-35 years old
- 150+ training hours
- 15 coaches from different industries
- Virtual and in-person meet-ups in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Al Ain
- 22 teams pitched to 12 expert judges
- 4 finalist teams pitched to VVIP Panel of judges
- 4 winning projects - incubated at UAEU's SIP & featured as part of UAEU's pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai

Data are based on the information collected from AGFE, MIT & UAEU

“It's such a huge honour for us to have been amongst 120 passionate and inspirational youth. Being able to represent such a cohort is our greatest achievement. You are our stars, and we hope that through Mehna, you will shine brighter than ever.”

**Reem Thamer, Mehna team**

