MIT Bootcamp

The Foundation collaborated with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) to organize the Arab region's first MIT Innovation Leadership Bootcamp. The Bootcamp tasked participants with developing creative and sustainable ventures to address the challenge of youth unemployment across the Arab region.

Over the course of ten weeks, the participants were guided by 15 MIT faculty and MIT-certified coaches and participated in a mix of in-person team meetings and online expert-led sessions that focused on employment challenges, labor market dynamics, and entrepreneurship ecosystems using region-specific scenarios.

120 paticipants

69%
women

Divided into 22 teams

76%
Emiratis

Aged 17 to 35

Participants mentioned that the knowledge and abilities they gained from the Bootcamp would help them in their future jobs. Through the Bootcamp:

94% learned how to successfully identify problems and use methodical ways to produce innovative solutions.

98% enhanced their communication, team collaboration, and leadership skills.