

# Hacking for X

National Program to Connect Students to Government and Community Problems



# Connecting Students to Solve National Problems

- Students want to work on real and hard problems that matter
- They want to learn entrepreneurship while doing a form of national service
- Government agencies need creative problem solvers
- We took a known class and methodology Lean LaunchPad / National Science Foundation I-Corps
  - Instead of students working on their problems, they worked on sponsors problems



### **Hacking for X Curriculum**

- Lean Methodology
  - Mission Model + Customer Development + Agile Development
- Exact same I-Corps Curriculum
- I-Corps instructors + domain experts

#### **Mission Model Canvas**



#### **Key Partners**

Which of these activities can your company outsource to others?

#### **Key Activities**

What are the unique activities your company needs to deliver the value proposition?

#### **Key Resources**

Which of these activities does your company needs to own?

# Value Proposition

For each beneficiary what is their value proposition?

What problem pain/gain does this solve for them?

# Buy-in & Support

For each beneficiary how does the team get "Buy-In"

#### **Deployment**

- What will it take to deploy the MVP to widespread use?
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- What constitutes a successful deployment?

## Beneficiaries/S takeholders

- By title/function
   who are the
   individuals who
   are creating value
   for?
- What is their archetype

#### Mission Budget (or cost)

What are the costs to deliver the value proposition?



Mission Achievement/Success (or "fulfillment" or "impact") Factors

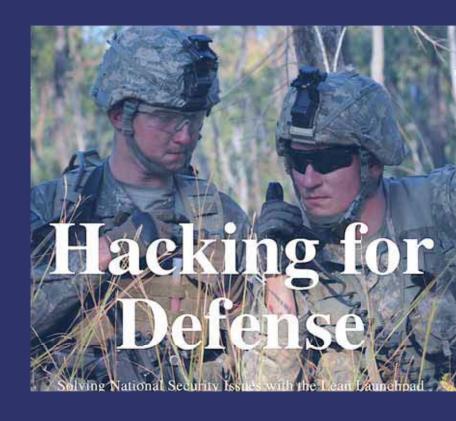
For each beneficiary how does the team know they succeeded?



### 2016 – Hacking for *Defense*

- Solicited problems from the U.S. Defense and Intelligence Community
- Uses the Stanford Lean LaunchPad/ NSF I-Corps curriculum
- Now taught in 22 universities
- Solving 200+ problems a year

See <a href="https://www.h4di.org">https://www.h4di.org</a>



#### Sample: Hacking for *Defense* Problems Ha

#### Stanford University - Spring 2018

- Social Media for Recruiting, D.C. Air National Guard
- Vehicle Immobilization, ERDC
- Commander's Knowledge Management, USF Korea
- Power, Air Force Research Lab
- Non-Instrusive Load Monitoring, Department of Energy
- BYOD in the DoD, NAVSUP
- Indoor Transport of Missile Systems, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center
- Protecting Energy-Related Data, A.F. Office of Energy Assurance (OEA)
- OBC Imagery, 9th ISR Wing
- Building Survivability During Military Operations, ERDC
- Finding Life Beyond Earth, NASA
- Protocol Analysis, National Security Agency



### 2016 – Hacking for Diplomacy

- Solicited problems from the U.S. State Department
- Uses the Stanford Lean LaunchPad/ NSF I-Corps
   Gugriculum

http://web.stanford.edu/class/msande298/



Learn how to apply "lean startup" principles to tackling global challenges

#### Sample: Hacking for *Diplomacy* Problems

- Steer Clear: Avoiding Space Collisions by Tracking Objects in Orbit
- Assessing the Effectiveness of Peacekeeping Forces
- Design an Informal Leader Dataset
- Hacking Violent Extremism Online
- Fatal Journeys: Improving Data on Missing or Perished Refugees
- Fruits of Labor: Bringing Sunshine to the "Labor Recruitment" Market
- Platform for a Coordinated Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis
- All Source Global Violence Datasets
- Crowdsourcing Radiation Detection with New or Improved Methods
- Orchestrating Message Campaigns to Counter Violent Extremism
- Mapping, Analyzing, and Preventing Security Force Abuses
- Leveraging Blockchain for Anti-Corruption: Practical and Policy Implications
- Immigrant and Refugee Integration (mobile solutions for mobile populations)
- Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing



### 2017 – Hacking for *Energy*

- Solicited problems from the utilities and companies for energy sustainability issues
- Uses the Stanford Lean LaunchPad/ NSF I-Corps curriculum
- Taught at Columbia and NYU



See

http://www.hacking4energy.com



### 2018 – Hacking for *Impact*

 Solicited problems from Non-profits/ NGO's

- Uses the Stanford Lean LaunchPad/
   NSF I-Corps curriculum
- Taught at U.C. Berkeley



See <a href="http://hacking4impact.berkeley.edu">http://hacking4impact.berkeley.edu</a>



### 2019 – Hacking for *Local*

- Solicited problems from the City of Oakland
- Uses the Stanford Lean LaunchPad/ NSF I-Corps curriculum
- Taught at U.C. Berkeley

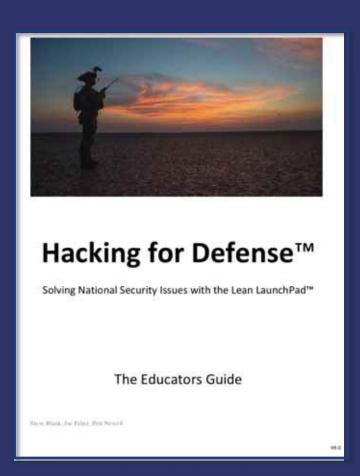
See <a href="https://hackingforlocal-oakland.weebly.com">https://hackingforlocal-oakland.weebly.com</a>





### **Logistics – Hacking for X**

- Wrote 200 page educator guide to train-the-trainers
- Developed 2 ½ day educator course to train new instructors
- Developed on-line video course for students to supplement the lectures
- Class depends on sourcing problems
  - Developed sponsor guide to help curate new problems
  - Set up non-profit for Hacking for Defense to scale the program nationally



# Hacking for X History



-400,000 on-line students Udacity.com



Lean LaunchPad For Students 2010



I-Corps @ NSF For SBIR/STTR 2011

1,500<sup>+</sup> teams

Taught by 98 Universities



I-Corps @ NIH
For Life Sciences
2014



I-Corps @ NSA 2015



Hacking for Defense, Diplomacy, Energy, Local ... 2016



### Hacking for X: Results

- Students work on 100's of government mission-driven problems every year
  - Using the latest entrepreneurship tools
  - While performing a national service
- Government agencies get hundreds of the the "best and brightest" students helping solve their problems



# **Hacking for Defense**

Student Team Example Presentation