

# THE FUTURE OF GRADUATE EDUCATION

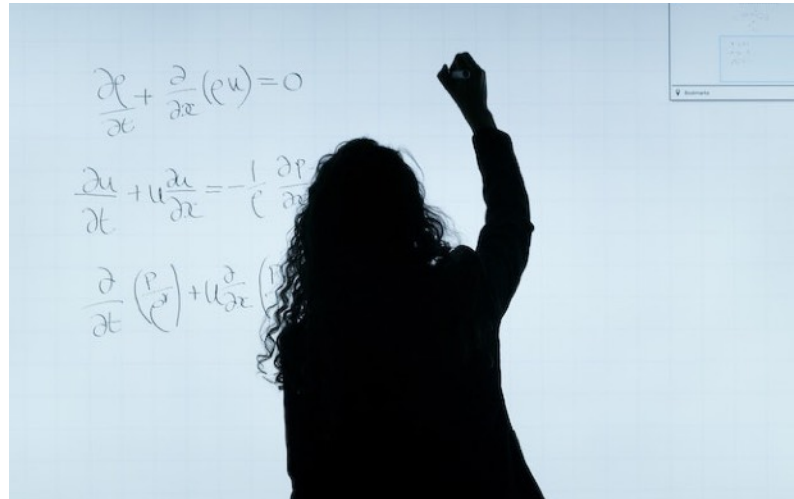
## Bridging the Skills Gap with Innovative Programs Like inGen Futureonauts



### The Growing Skills Gap and the Future of Work

The World Economic Forum (WEF) predicts that 54% of all employees will require significant reskilling by 2022. Unfortunately, traditional education systems, with their rigid curricula and theoretical focus, are often ill-equipped to meet these challenges. According to a 2022 report from the Manpower Group, approximately 69% of employers globally reported difficulty filling jobs due to a lack of skilled candidates, up from 30% in 2020.

This widening skills gap is particularly evident in technology-focused fields. The fast-paced nature of tech advancements means that skills become outdated quickly, leading to a constant demand for upskilling and reskilling. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there will be 1.4 million computer science-related jobs by 2023, but only 400,000 computer science graduates to fill those roles.



## Introduction

The future of education is swiftly gravitating towards dynamic and specialized learning experiences that offer a direct pathway to gainful employment. Traditional educational paradigms are being challenged as the skills required for the jobs of the future evolve rapidly in line with technological advancements. The disconnect between what students learn and what employers need is often termed as the 'skills gap.' According to a study by McKinsey & Company, up to 375 million workers globally may need to switch occupational categories by 2030 due to digitization, automation, and advances in artificial intelligence (AI).





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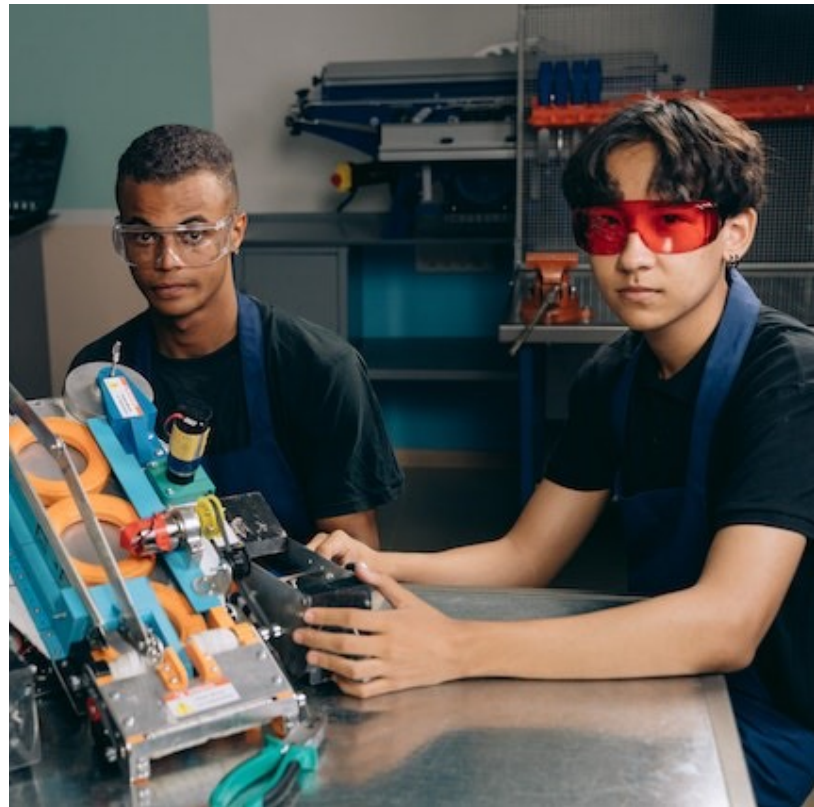
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InGen Dynamics' Futureonauts Program exemplifies a new breed of innovative educational initiatives, designed to skill the next generation in line with the evolving industry demands. Offering hands-on experience with cutting-edge technologies like AI, automation, and robotics, the program is structured to provide practical knowledge and experience that can directly translate to the job market.

Educational entrepreneur Sal Khan, founder of Khan Academy, has long argued for a shift from the traditional "just-in-case" learning model to a "just-in-time" model, where students learn skills as they need them. The Futureonauts program echoes this sentiment, providing timely, industry-relevant learning that equips students with marketable skills.

Programs like InGen Futureonauts provide a compelling blueprint for the next generation of educational endeavors to bridge this skills gap. Such innovative programs promote practical learning, thereby fostering in-demand skills and competencies that meet the evolving needs of industry and society.

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Additionally, the Futureonauts program is also in line with Sugata Mitra's 'Self Organized Learning Environment (SOLE)' model. Mitra, an educational entrepreneur known for his "Hole in the Wall" experiment, advocates for the use of technology and student curiosity to drive learning. The Futureonauts program fosters such a self-organized learning environment by providing students with cutting-edge resources and freedom to explore different domains.



## Conclusion: A New Era of Education

The Futureonauts Program represents a forward-thinking solution to the global skills gap problem. It personifies the "future of education"—one characterized by hands-on, practical learning experiences, shaped by the needs of the industry.

The world is on the cusp of a major workforce transition. As we march forward into this new era, it is programs like Futureonauts that will pave the way, providing the next generation with the skills and experiences they need to thrive in the jobs of the future.

With the support of policy-makers, educational institutions, and the private sector, the integration of such programs into mainstream education can ensure a smoother transition towards the future of work. This shift will not only transform individual lives but also foster economic growth, innovation, and societal progress on a global scale.

