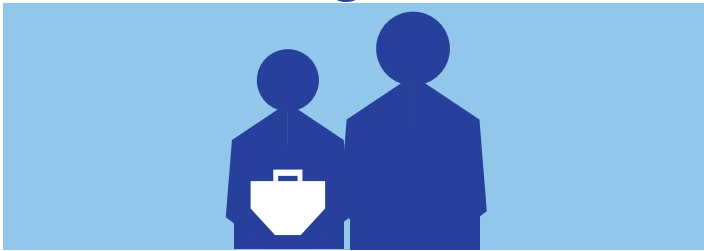


# Youth Small Business Program



Rise Asset Development's **Youth Small Business Program** is a **free** course for youth aged 16 to 29 who are interested in launching or growing a small business.

The program is a great opportunity to learn essential business and financial skills while developing the confidence required to run a successful business.

## Benefits

- Skills to develop a concrete **business plan**.
- Creative workshops for business idea development.
- Rotman Designwork's powerful, **customer centric Business Design™** curriculum.
- In-class **mentorship** from business professionals.
- **Use of a laptop** for students without computer access.
- Graduates are eligible for a **\$500 in startup grant**.

## Successful graduates are eligible to apply for a low interest business loan from Rise:

- Low interest
- No fees
- We're flexible: loan terms to match client needs
- We lend based on a person's personal readiness and strength of business plan

## Eligibility Criteria Includes

- Self-identify as having experienced mental health and or addiction challenges (anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, PTSD, anorexia, addiction, autism, ADHD, learning disabilities, etc.);
- Be between the ages of 16 and 29;
- Have a practical idea to start or grow your own for-profit business of any size (full or part-time);
- Unable to obtain traditional bank financing;
- Commit to attend all sessions and submit all work;
- Reside in Ontario and be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

## Session Info

- Sessions run in Fall and Winter
- 2 classes per week over 3 months; 2 hours per class
- Class size of up to 25 people
- Offered in Toronto
- For more info: [www.riseyouth.ca](http://www.riseyouth.ca)

## To Apply

Places are limited so apply now!

1. Visit [www.riseyouth.ca](http://www.riseyouth.ca)
2. Create a community profile and submit an application.
3. Meet with a Rise team member to discuss your business idea and to answer all of your questions.

Selection will be based on applicant motivation and viability of business idea.

## Connect

For more info call us at 1-855-464-RISE (7473) or email [youth@riseassetdevelopment.ca](mailto:youth@riseassetdevelopment.ca)



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## About Rise

Rise Asset Development is a registered **charity** that provides low-interest small business loans, training and mentorship to men and women with a history of mental health and addictions challenges.

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