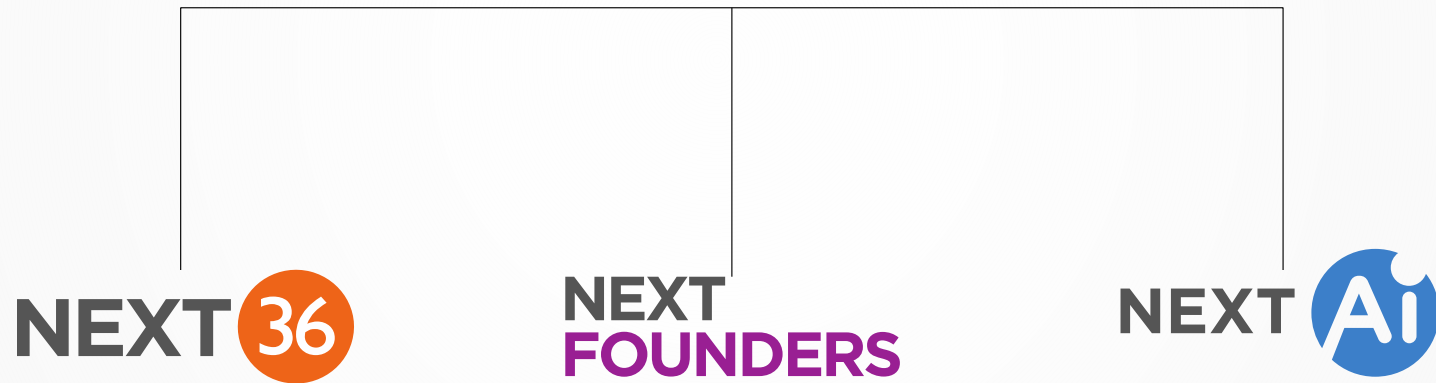**Tech Innovation Platform 2017**

NEXT Canada's mission is to increase national prosperity by providing an ecosystem to support the country's most exceptional entrepreneurs and innovators.

Inspiring Innovation

NEXT 36

- Approx. 36 students and new grads selected
- Provides up to 60K in funding in exchange for equity
- Provides dedicated mentors
- Full time commitment from May to August (in Toronto)

NEXT FOUNDERS

SEED/GROWTH STAGE

- Approximately 20 founders accepted
- Provides up to 30K in non-dilutive funding
- Provides a pool of advisory resources
- Entrepreneurial education with a flexible schedule

NEXT AI

IDEA STAGE

- 10 - 20 teams selected
- Provides up to 200K in funding in exchange for equity
- Access to AI tech platforms, corporate advisors, leading researchers
- Technical and business education

The NEXT Canada Model

- Charitable organization - private sector, government and alumni funding

- Focus on high potential individual founders vs. ventures

- Idea stage businesses (Next 36 and NextAI)

- Founder Development – relevant entrepreneurial education

Inspiring Innovation **NEXT** CANADA

The NEXT Canada Model

- Direct funding in exchange for equity (Next 36 and NextAI)

- 300+ Mentors and Advisors

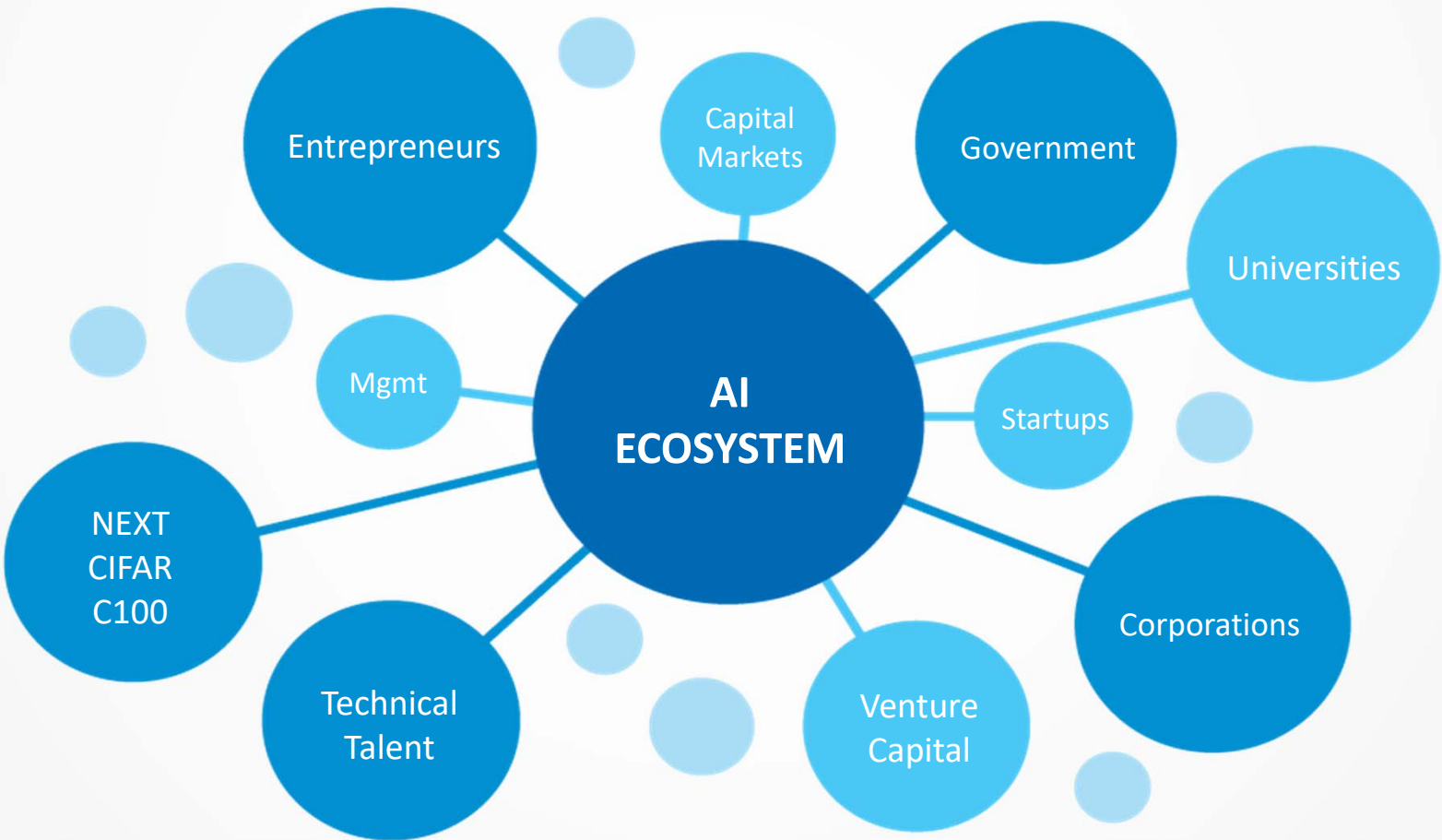- Pan-Canadian, Industry agnostic

- 300+ alumni, 80 ventures since 2011

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- Modelled after Next 36, running annually from January to September

- Recruit 20 teams and 60-80 entrepreneurs and professionals from top Canadian and international universities

- Teams located in Toronto for duration of the summer program

- Provide up to 200K per venture in funding and access to tools, scientists, corporate challenges and data sets

Program goals:

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Faculty – Internationally acclaimed

Intro to AI and ML

Graham Taylor
University of Guelph/CIFAR

Computer Vision

Raquel Urtasun   **Sanja Fidler**
University of Toronto

Natural Language Processing

Kyunghyun Cho
New York University

Reinforcement Learning

Joelle Pineau
McGill University

Intelligence in Practice

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