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Exponential
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Exponential Learning Initiative: Project Description

Recently, eCampusOntario launched the Student-Experience Design (SXD) Lab, an incubator to support student-led innovation for online and technology-enabled learning. Currently, the Lab is building six projects named 1) My Meaningful Life, 2) Measuring Success, 3) Free the Learning, 4) Exponential Learning, 5) Co-Creating Virtual Reality Content and 6) a Research Squad initiative. All projects are working towards the goal of *supporting purposeful learning for a meaningful life*.

Exponential Learning: How many courses use the same assignments year after year, requiring students to do the exact same work over and over? How many assignments have you done that were looked at once, then never again? How often have you felt like you were working just to get a grade, instead of doing something of value? This project tackles the issue of meaningless work, by inviting students to explore new ways to make sure everything they do has value. Instead of “throwing away” the work of students, Exponential Learning captures it and makes it available to other students. Then, when students do an assignment, they build on all this previous work and do something new that future students will be able to use. This will make assignments more meaningful and useful, which will increase engagement and expand our collective knowledge on every topic.

This initiative is led by three student Project Designers: Anne Fillion, Danielle Cruz, and Eric Chung.

For more information about the project and/or to add comments or suggestions, please visit sxdlab.ecampusontario.ca or tweet us @SXDLab.