

K12 Lab Design Thinking Institute, June 7-9

The K12 Lab is thrilled to announce our first international Design Thinking Institute this summer. The program will take place June 7-9, 2019 at the Concordia campus in Pudong, Shanghai. We will be offering two three-day experiences for participants to choose from: An Introduction to Design Thinking best suited for educators and Multi-Stakeholder Design, suited for community partners in the non-profit sector.

An Introduction to Design Thinking for Educators

This introductory workshop is designed to help educators build creative confidence and equity awareness that can be applied upon return to their local contexts. This three-day intensive workshop offers participants the opportunity to learn design thinking by tackling a real world problem, connect with like-minded educators from across our network, apply high-quality resources, and develop a plan for how to implement the process and mindsets of design thinking in their local context.

Workshop participants will hit the ground running with a real-world innovation challenge. Using design thinking as an innovative framework, attendees will experiment with new tools through two hands-on challenges. Between lively activities and exercises, facilitators will tie in moments of reflection for participants to collect, process, and share learning with teammates. By the workshop's close, we expect all attendees to leave with an understanding of the key tenets of design thinking and spend a full day transferring what they learned to their classrooms, schools, and beyond. The arc of this program is best suited to K-12 school-based educators with limited-to-no experience with design thinking.

Multi-Stakeholder Design

It's impossible to truly see the world through someone else's eyes, but to make systemic and equitable change, we need to be adept at considering the experiences of multiple stakeholders. Running into perspectives that are at odds with our own awareness and understanding of power and privilege can be uncomfortable. It is also natural to be more aware of some stakeholders than others and often overlook the needs of those marginalized in our society. In this three-day course, you will learn to identify and include more stakeholders, address the tension that arises between viewpoints, and craft solutions that meet the needs of those groups most affected by a problem. You'll come to understand your stakeholder ecosystem better, how to address tensions between and across points of view and levels of privilege, and how to craft inclusive, equitable solutions. Expect to leave with a plan for how to move the project forward after class.