VIPKid Named a Finalist on *Fast Company*'s 2021 Best Workplaces for Innovators International List

Impressing judges with its innovative culture, VIPKid is recognized in this category as one of five global leaders across various industries.



Beijing, August 4, 2021 -- Today, *Fast Company* announced its third annual Best Workplaces for Innovators list, honoring businesses and organizations that demonstrate a deep commitment to encouraging innovation at all levels. VIPKid was recognized as a finalist in the Best Workplaces for Innovators International category because of its ability to foster collaboration and nurture a workplace environment that aligns with the company's global and purpose-driven mission.

VIPKid has been recognized as a *Fast Company* Most Innovative Company multiple times. The company was first named to the list in <u>2018</u>, and again in <u>2019</u>. This year marks the second time VIPKid has been recognized in *Fast Company*'s Best Workplace for Innovators, making #53 on the list in <u>2020</u>.

Jessie Chen, VIPKid co-founder explains the company's commitment to building cross-cultural connections through online English language education is realized through its devoted employees. "VIPKid is a truly international, authentic, mission-driven workplace. We place a premium on collaboration throughout our offices to ensure we are building a global platform that empowers online teachers and ignites curiosity in students to lead a life filled with a passion for learning," Chen says. "We are exceptionally proud of this recognition and want to thank all of our amazing global team members who remain committed to our mission."

Developed in collaboration with Accenture, the 2021 Best Workplaces for Innovators ranks 100 winners from a variety of industries, including computer science, biotech, consumer packaged goods, nonprofit, education, financial services, cybersecurity, and engineering. Working together, *Fast Company* editors and Accenture researchers scored nearly 1,500 applications, and a panel of eight eminent judges reviewed and endorsed the top 100 companies. The 2021 awards feature the most innovative workplaces from around the world.

"These leaders and teams created cultures of innovation and sustained them, even as remote work extended into 2021," says Stephanie Mehta, editor-in-chief of *Fast Company*. "This newest list of the Best Workplaces for Innovators honors those organizations that found ways to collaborate and invent despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, ensuring employees were at the forefront."

To see the list, go to:

https://www.fastcompany.com/90659111/best-workplaces-innovators-2021-international

Fast Company's Best Workplaces for Innovators issue (September 2021) is available online now, and the print issue will be on newsstands beginning August 17, 2021. Join the Best Workplaces for Innovators conversation using #FCBestWorkplaces.

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ABOUT VIPKID

VIPKid is a global education technology company and a leader in children's online English language education. Since its founding in 2013 and formal launch in 2014, VIPKid has connected students with experienced online educators for real-time English learning. VIPKid's mission is to inspire and empower every child for the future. VIPKid envisions a global classroom that empowers students and teachers through personalized learning, connects cultures across the world and ignites a passion for lifelong learning.

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