Blog



Our Team



Christine Janssen, PhD

Founder & CEO

Dr. Christine Janssen is the visionary behind Edstutia's mission. She is a creator, builder, and disruptor – and is unreservedly passionate about the future of education and learning. The combination of her background, experience, credentials, and relentless energy make her the ideal person to disrupt the status quo of higher education and corporate training.

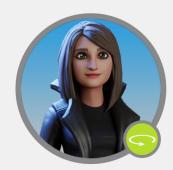
After decades of being a student herself followed by 12 years of working as a professor in academia, Dr. Janssen realized how massive gaps and outdated systems are short-changing students – and employers! – today. Years of research on the disconnect amongst academic institutions, students, employees and employers led to designing and building Edstutia, a contemporary learning platform that addresses the skills gap head on.

Dr. Janssen earned a BS in Marketing from the University of South Florida, a Global MBA in Communications and Information Systems (CIS) and Finance with a specialization in e-Business from Fordham University, and a PhD in Business Education from New York University, where her dissertation focused on how entrepreneurs learn. Her research interests hone in on the future of education/learning, virtual reality, and the metaverse.

Yogini Joglekar, PhD

Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Yogini Joglekar taught in virtual reality for the first time in January 2021, and was hooked. In her two plus decades of teaching, corporate consulting, and education leadership experience across three continents, she had consistently integrated experiential, inclusive, skills-based lifelong learning as core components. With Edstutia, she excited to work together with a fantastic team to translate these core principles into a unique, VR-enhanced learning program for individuals and enterprise—both from a strategic and operational perspective. Yogini is a Founding Member of Divershefy and has served on advisory boards or committees within edtech startups as well as professional organizations. She enjoys writing across genres and audiences, from academic research papers to popular media articles to film micro-reviews on Twitter @worldcinemasal1.





Divya Susan Varkey

Head of Corporate Relations, Europe

Divya Susan Varkey is a trainer, coach, and lecturer in Cross-Cultural Communication and Management. She has received wide acclaim for designing and delivering highly effective programs for companies like Boeing, Bayer, Nike, General Motors, Goldman Sachs, Mercedes Benz, Tata Steel, Swissnex, and the like for their multicultural teams and C-suite executives. As Head of Corporate Relations, Europe, Divya works with corporates to co-create Learning and Development strategies using Virtual Reality and the Edstutia platform. She lives in The Hague with her half-Spanish, half-Indian family and their in-house zoo of dog, cat, guinea pigs, chicken and a fish. When she is not working in front of a screen, she is busy getting her hands dirty in the family olive fields in Spain.

Jose Gonzalez

Content Manager

Jose brings over 20 years of work experience in various roles with companies big and small. He is a copywriter and marketer who looks to create real connections with all content he writes. At Edstutia, he strives to deliver the message of the benefits of using virtual reality for learning & development. He joined Edstutia in 2021 and has helped to shape Edstutia's voice and message through website and social media content. He is also part of the team shaping the new Edstutia website experience in 2023. His passion for writing, marketing, and learning make him a vital member of the Edstutia team. When he's not writing, he's enjoying music, hiking, or watching movies with his family in Los Angeles, California.







Renu Ramakrishnan, MBA

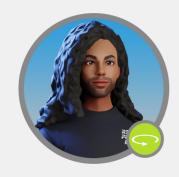
Head of Client Services and Learning Experiences

Renu Ramakrishnan's multifaceted career of over two decades and across borders has taken her from marketing well known consumer brands to teaching university courses and facilitating corporate training sessions in the areas of Communication, Leadership and Intercultural Management. She deeply values learning by doing, collaboration, and nurturing relationships, and brings her rich international experience to Edstutia where she works with corporate clients and learners in their unique and enriching learning journeys using Virtual Reality. Currently based in the San Francisco Bay Area, Renu is a passionate cook and travel enthusiast, never missing an opportunity to try new recipes for anyone willing to join her around the table.

Xavier LeBlanc

Media Specialist

Xavier LeBlanc has worked extensively within the media and entertainment industry for more than 10 years. He has directed music videos for Grammy nominated artists such as Skip Marley, and the Bob Marley estate. And as a broadcast television professional, he has produced broadcast news and entertainment programming on several networks. With Edstutia, Xavier incorporates his passion and love of creating content to help visually communicate Edstutia's mission and ideas. When he is not busy creating, he enjoys pursuing his lifelong journey of fitness and nutrition.



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