

GUIDE TO

Innovation and Entrepreneurship support 2024/25

IE Cambridge is here to
support, inspire and develop
your entrepreneurial thinking

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HOW CAN THIS GUIDE HELP YOU?

The University sits at the heart of one of the world's most successful innovation and technology clusters, with more than 308 patent applications per 100,000 residents. The unique 'Cambridge Ecosystem' provides the optimum environment in which to develop and grow startups and spinouts, with unrivalled access to some of the most experienced experts in the field both within the University and from the wider network. The ethos of paying it forward is very much alive.

However, knowing where to look and understanding the type of support programmes and activities available to University members can be a mammoth task. This guide puts the information at your fingertips, so you can tap into the right networks and communities, as well as locate dedicated programmes designed to kickstart your entrepreneurial journey.

Inside, you'll find information about:

- Societies, networking and knowledge sharing communities
- Accelerators, venture builders and competitions
- Investment, innovation centres and Intellectual Property (IP)

WHAT IS IE CAMBRIDGE?

IE Cambridge is the University's dedicated innovation and entrepreneurship support service.

We act as a central hub for all the University's entrepreneurship initiatives, so that budding entrepreneurs - from undergrads through to faculty - are better able to navigate the rich ecosystem on offer.

Use the online signposting tool to work out which programmes and events are most relevant to you. You may just be curious, or want to learn how to have more of an entrepreneurial mindset. Or you may already have an idea, or be scaling a venture. Whatever stage you are at you will find a wealth of workshops, events and programmes to help you meet your goals.

You will also find inspiring stories of how other Cambridge entrepreneurs have transformed their ideas into startup success, along with essential resources including How-to-Guides on topics like Intellectual Property and Fundraising.

For those looking to connect with like-minded people and share insights, the IE Cambridge app provides a community space to develop and explore entrepreneurial avenues and experiences with each other.

Capitalise on the unique ecosystem we have around us.

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THE STAGES OF YOUR JOURNEY

Tailored support for every stage

So that you can easily navigate the rich support ecosystem, IE Cambridge considers where you are along the journey. Information and events are categorised into the following groups:

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CURIOUS?

I want to learn more, gain skills and meet people who have experience as entrepreneurs and innovators.

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STAGE A

CURIOUS?

I want to learn more, gain skills and meet people who have experience as entrepreneurs and innovators.

BIO-SPARK FELLOWSHIPS

Bio-spark is an entrepreneurial education programme and support system for early-career academics considering a career in business and enterprise, run by Cambridge Gravity.

The programme is a gateway into industry and startup formation. It is a fellowship programme that provides internships at Pharma, Biotech or Venture partners, mentorship for those with ideas for setting up companies, and networking opportunities for all Bio-spark fellows. Bio-spark is a “learn by experience” programme that runs outside of PhD and postdoc responsibilities.

There are three types of Bio-spark fellows:

- Exploring fellows who wish to experience the networking opportunities with partner companies and biotech role-models in the Cambridge ecosystem
- Challenge-solving fellows who wish to do internships and engage with partner companies through solving challenges
- Company-seeding fellows who have ideas for setting up companies and need mentoring and funding opportunities

The annual programme runs over eight months (from November until June).



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BUILDING BRIDGES IN MEDICAL SCIENCE (BBMS)

This University of Cambridge society focuses on exploring career opportunities outside of academia, including opportunities in the bio-entrepreneurial ecosystem.

It hosts a diverse set of events including panel discussions, workshops and an annual conference with keynote speakers from biotech startups, venture capital firms and more.



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CAMBRIDGE ACADEMY OF THERAPEUTIC SCIENCES (CATS)

The Cambridge Academy of Therapeutic Sciences (CATS) serves as a pivotal hub dedicated to fostering the development of new therapeutics and nurturing the next generation of leading researchers. Established by the University of Cambridge as an Interdisciplinary Research Centre (IRC), CATS break down conventional barriers between disciplines, unite academia and industry, driving collaborative efforts to catalyse the translation of therapeutic research into tangible treatments.

As the proud home of the Cambridge Alliance on Medicines Safety (CAMS), CATS spear-heads essential research in drug safety. This partnership between the university, Astra-Zeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, and Novartis fosters collaboration between scholars and industry leaders, shaping the future of medicine with a focus on safety and efficacy.



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CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION (CJBS) – CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

The Social Enterprise and Impact-driven Business Programme marries the insights of globally renowned social innovation researchers with the practical experience of social entrepreneurs who are addressing societal and environmental challenges through commercial initiatives.

The programme equips participants with tangible skills, enabling them to design and present a social enterprise proposition to prospective funders.



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CAMBRIDGE CONSULTING NETWORK (CCN)

CCN is one of the world's largest student-run consulting organisations, founded at the University of Cambridge, offering real-world consulting projects with clients ranging from F50 companies to charities across industries.

It offers outstanding practical consulting experiences and training to students and access to student teams recruited across disciplines at some of the world's best universities.



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CAMBRIDGE ENTERPRISE - CROSS IDEAS INCUBATOR

Do you have an idea for a social innovation with its roots in your research? You might be developing new methods or interventions, partnerships or networks, tools, platforms or services which could create real-world impact whether on a local or global scale.

Want to learn more about how to make your idea a reality? Interested in meeting like-minded researchers and getting some tailored and practical support to propel your project beyond the research phase?

Expressions of Interest is invited in the CRoSS Ideas Incubator programme, a support programme for researchers and their collaborators who are committed to creating social impact



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and are interested in exploring socially responsible innovation models and/or social entrepreneurship.

This incubator is focussed on establishing new products and services which can deliver measurable and scalable social or environmental impact, whether enabled by research evidence, practice, lived experience, technologies, or expertise.

All disciplines are welcome: and applications with a strong emphasis on understanding and tackling societal and environmental challenges are prioritised.

Applications are especially welcomed from researchers in arts, humanities and social sciences and from inter/multi-disciplinary projects; and from researchers who have previously been involved in public engagement or policy engagement and are curious about entrepreneurial and innovation pathways.

CAMBRIDGE FEMTECH SOCIETY

The Cambridge University Femtech Society is a recently formed network of students and alumni, of all genders and disciplines, whose mission is to tackle some of the systemic challenges within women's health by promoting knowledge-sharing and facilitating student engagement in femtech.

Femtech operates at the intersection of women's health and technology and is an emerging field proposing innovative solutions to address unmet needs in diseases, conditions and indications that solely, predominantly or differently impact the health of females.



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CAMBRIDGE GRAVITY

Cambridge Gravity supports the development of science and entrepreneurship at the University of Cambridge. Gravity is administered in collaboration with the Milner Therapeutics Institute, the Gurdon Institute and the University Development Office, and events are driven by the Gravity Committee, which is composed of Cambridge graduate students.

The aim is to provide a forum for interaction, mentorship and inspiration within the community of early-career scientists at the University of Cambridge and beyond, as the goal is to enrich the entrepreneurial ethos of the local community through a series of programmes and events.



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CAMBRIDGE MEDTECH FOUNDATION (MTF)- INNOVATION PROGRAMME

The Innovation Programme is a four-month educational programme that introduces medical device development and provides experience of interdisciplinary teamwork.

Small teams of students and early career researchers and clinicians work to solve a real-life problem identified by clinical partners. Interactive workshops and small-group mentoring cover approaches to clinical problems, concept generation, effective teamwork, business model development, and pitching. Teams produce an Executive Summary and pitch their ideas to a panel of judges from academia, industry, and clinical practice.

The Innovation Programme is open to students at the University of Cambridge, Anglia Ruskin University and junior clinicians at Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Trust.

You can register your interest for the Innovation Programme and be informed when applications open in Autumn.



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CAMBRIDGE STUDENT INVESTMENT FUND

The Cambridge Student Investment Fund (CamSIF) is Cambridge University's most active, entirely student-led finance society.

In the last few years, CamSIF has demonstrated dedication to fostering talent and providing transformative opportunities through sustainable growth in scale and scope.

It is the only finance society in Cambridge with consistent, weekly sessions. Every Sunday, members gather in the Riley Auditorium in Clare College. Members receive a holistic insight into finance through dedicated training, discussion into the latest trends and networking.

In the last two years, it pioneered sector divisions: dedicated teams of six led by an experienced sector head. Divisions cover TMT; Consumer and Retail; Energy; Healthcare; Industrials; Real Estate; and Sustainability.

Over the year, each team develops industry-specific investment pitches which are presented at weekly meetings. Every year they also send high-performing teams to the London Stock Pitch Competition where they achieved Top 4 in the UK last year.

The society has also introduced its Portfolio Management Competition.

CAMBRIDGE
STUDENT INVESTMENT FUND

🏠 camsif.org

CAMBRIDGE TECH PODCAST

Are you curious about Tech and entrepreneurship in Cambridge?

Cambridge Tech Podcast covers all things tech in Cambridge, the UK's Tech capital, and one of the most respected tech and innovation hubs in the world.

Every Sunday, James Parton and Faye Holland explore this exciting ecosystem, meeting the founders, the companies, and the organisations that make the Cambridge Tech ecosystem so special.

Listen weekly to get the local tech news headlines, and meet the movers and shakers behind all the innovation. Search and subscribe to 'Cambridge Tech Podcast' on all major podcasting platforms, or go direct to the website, where you will also find a handy Ecosystem Map which will help you visualise everything happening within the city.



🏠 cambridgetechpodcast.com

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CONSULTING SOCIETY

Cambridge University Consulting Society serves over 3,000 undergraduate and postgraduate student members, facilitating skill development, profile-building, networking opportunities and providing unique exposure to the consulting industry via a vast portfolio of events and projects.

As an organisation that prioritises your growth, the CUCS membership – and the access to all of our events and resources that come with it – is completely free.

The society is focused on being a central hub for all things consulting. This means engaging with the key institutions that define the exciting Cambridge ecosystem – while creating a

truly global network of partners, including consultancy firms, startups, student societies and universities.

By doing so, it can play a key role in realising your professional aspirations and holistic growth, providing you with international exposure early on in your journey and preparing you for what it takes to break into the industry.



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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY ENTREPRENEURS (CUE)

Cambridge University Entrepreneurs (CUE) is a community for the next generation of entrepreneurs. Since 1999, it has supported and accelerated business innovation and entrepreneurship and provided training for hundreds of students, staff and alumni.

CUE educates and encourages students to consider entrepreneurial careers and is renowned for hosting some of the most successful student-run business creation competitions in the world. They have traditionally hosted four competitions annually: £100 for 100 words, the £2k competition, the £10k competition and the Young



Entrepreneur of the Year Award. To date, they have awarded over £600,000 in prize money to more than 60 startups many of whom have developed into successful companies. In addition, a new CUE flagship competition has been launched with an identical format as the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, but with an increased £20k prize money for the winners.

A supportive and inclusive community, CUE provides a platform to connect with like-minded individuals. With access to a wide range of resources, events, and networking opportunities, CUE is a fantastic launchpad for anyone looking to start their own business and make a real impact. The new CV database allows students interested in startups to submit their CVs, which are shared with relevant sponsor firms.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE CLUB (CUTEC)

Cambridge University Technology and Enterprise Club (CUTEC) was founded in 2003 to support scientific entrepreneurship in Cambridge. It is a leading student-run organisation that seeks to nurture and enhance the entrepreneurial spirit among academics and students.

The club hosts the annual Technology Ventures Conference connecting entrepreneurs, academics, investors, and business professionals in Cambridge. The conference is one of the world's largest student-run entrepreneurial events, attracting high profile venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, and angel investors from around the world providing unparalleled networking opportunities.



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CUTEC aims to:

- Connect: to promote networking between students, experienced entrepreneurs, startups, investment partners, advisors and alumni
- Inspire: to spread ideas about technology and business to promote entrepreneurship and creation of value
- Enrich: to foster an entrepreneurial culture in technology and strengthen networking, teamwork, and business knowledge

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY VENTURE CAPITAL AND PRIVATE EQUITY SOCIETY (CUVCPES)

CUVCPES is a student society incubating tomorrow's visionary investors and entrepreneurs and is Cambridge University's only venture capital and private equity society.

Founded in 2016, the society's mission is to provide members with opportunities to learn about the venture capital and private equity industries, to interact with leading professional investors and business executives, and to develop relationships with members of the Cambridge community and alumni who share similar interests. Past events include speakers from Merck Innovation, Cambridge Innovation Capital and Ahren Innovation Capital.



🏠 cambridgesu.co.uk/organisation/15839

CAMBRIDGE ZERO

Cambridge Zero exists to maximise the University of Cambridge's contribution towards achieving a resilient and sustainable zero-carbon world.

We do this by enabling, integrating and accelerating climate activities related to education, research and innovation.

We work in a co-ordinating and supporting role across the full academic lifecycle; connecting, convening and engaging the full breadth of the greater University community (i.e. the University, Colleges and related institutions).

Acting in close collaboration and partnership with a broad range of University functions, we help integrate, enhance and accelerate the greater University's climate activities.



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CAMBRIDGE ZERO – CLIMATE CHALLENGE

The Climate Challenge is an early-stage climate entrepreneurship training programme and competition, open to postgraduate students and postdocs at the University of Cambridge.

Over 8 weeks in the Lent Term, participants will engage in weekly training sessions to learn about intellectual property rights, effective pitching and more.

Participants will then form small teams to develop and pitch scalable solutions to climate challenges. The winning and runner-up teams receive a cash prize.

The Climate Challenge is run by Cambridge Zero in partnership with Carbon13, Cambridge Enterprise, CISL Canopy, Energy IRC and the Maxwell Centre, with sponsorship from Moda Living.



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CAMENTREPRENEURS (CAMBRIDGE ALUMNI ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY)

CAMentrepreneurs is a University alumni group, formed to support business and social entrepreneurship among Cambridge University alumni, current students and others. Since its launch in 2016, events have been held in Boston, Cambridge, Dallas, Dubai, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Houston, Lisbon, London, Oxford, Paris, New York, Shanghai, San Francisco, Sydney, Vancouver and Warsaw. We partner with other major business schools and Universities such as Imperial, LBS, LSE, Oxford and others, and have thousands of members around the world.



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CAMSTART

Camstart is a tailor-made youth social entrepreneurship programme for 14-19 year olds. Cambridge students can apply to become a project consultant helping young entrepreneurs turn their initial ideas into fully fledged startups.

By joining Camstart, you will assist aspiring youth social entrepreneurs to scale their business whilst yourself benefitting from:

- Business skills, consulting experience and on-the-job learning (e.g. market research, marketing analytics)
- Training workshops on Impact Measurement, MVP testing, Piloting and Fundraising
- Growing your network, joining an impact-minded community, and connecting with the wider social innovation ecosystem
- Connecting with mentors from consulting firms and third sector organisations

CAMSTART

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CONNECT: HEALTH TECH

Connect: Health Tech (C:HT) is an online community bringing together people who are passionate and innovative in life science and health technologies. Starting out as a University of Cambridge initiative to connect expertise and disciplines from across its university campuses, today the platform supports a thriving global community of over 2,000 professionals.

Connect: Health Tech joins the dots between medicine and technology: making connections, fostering collaborations and catalysing ideas between biomedical research, cutting-edge technology and clinical need to transform and accelerate healthcare design, development and testing for real world applications.



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Democratising access for all, it serves as a one-stop-shop for connectivity to all stakeholders in the community from researchers to entrepreneurs, investors and academics. Regardless of location or time zone, it helps members expand their networks beyond their own sector, discipline or research areas, amplifies the reach of events and funding opportunities and enhances the search for relevant research and innovation journey partners.

EMMANUEL ENTERPRISE

Emmanuel College provides opportunities to students and postdocs to broaden their entrepreneurial skills. The College hosts an annual 'Emma Enterprise' competition to provide practical experience in developing and pitching a business or social enterprise idea. The competition is open to any team of students and postdocs, of whom at least one must be a member of Emmanuel College. As part of the competition, there are skill workshops, mentoring opportunities and the chance to develop your ideas. There is additionally a series of online Entrepreneurs' Workshops where alumni and friends of the College give talks about their experiences and lessons learnt in starting up a business or social enterprise.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) - ENTERPRISE TUESDAY

Enterprise Tuesday offers a series of evening talks and panel discussions with tech pioneers, business leaders and experienced entrepreneurs held at the Cambridge Judge Business School. The series inspires people to pursue their own entrepreneurial ambitions and helps plug those already underway with their new venture creation into the Cambridge ecosystem.

Topics typically cover:

- How to recognise a good business idea
- How to build teams
- The challenges of raising funding
- Stories of successes and failures

Experienced entrepreneurs, industry experts and practitioners share real-world insights to help others think about transforming their ideas into something real and of meaningful value.

Talks take place on Tuesday evenings during Michaelmas, Lent, and Easter Terms from 18:30-20:00.

Tickets are free.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) - ENTERPRISETECH

EnterpriseTECH is a 10-week entrepreneurship programme that includes a lecture series and practical, hands-on project experience to give you a real-world understanding of the startup world and the commercialisation journey.

The programme empowers you to unlock your full entrepreneurial potential by providing a dynamic and immersive learning experience that brings together the worlds of research and startups. You don't need a business school background; the programme aims to inspire and motivate you to take ideas you have now, or will have in the future, to the next level.

Unlock your creativity, sharpen your problem-solving skills, and cultivate a growth mindset – one that will carry you forward in your entrepreneurial journey and help you turn passions into actions.

Through a creative blend of intensive lectures, hands-on workshops, supervisions, and practical application to real-world projects, the programme equips you with versatile entrepreneurship skills and provides access to valuable enterprise networks, enabling you to thrive in today's entrepreneurial landscape.

EnterpriseTECH runs twice every academic year. There is a cap of 60 places per cohort and entry is by application and interview. Open to graduate students, PhD researchers and postdocs from the University of Cambridge as well as UK and international universities, University of Cambridge staff, NHS medics, and industry professionals.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) - ENTERPRISEWOMEN

EnterpriseWOMEN is a university-level entrepreneurship learning programme designed for women who are looking to explore entrepreneurship or are early stage founders.

The programme runs as bi-monthly workshops from April till October and offers practical, experiential learning opportunities and hands-on training in key areas such as business planning, marketing, ESG, and finance. The hands-on training facilitates group work, open communication, peer-to-peer interaction, collaborative learning, and relationship building. The programme also has a valuable mentorship component designed to support women entrepreneurs and help them grow their networks.

Full scholarships are available for eligible participants, which includes University of Cambridge PhD students, postdocs, researchers, staff, and faculty. Applications are considered on a rolling basis.



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HACKBRIDGE

Hackbridge is a student community founded by two Cambridge Engineering students who wanted to bring the “hacker” culture to Cambridge and supercharge students’ learning via side projects outside of their course.

Hackbridge helps students develop practical skills by facilitating challenging projects that create either novel research or commercial products. The society has grown into a community of around 70 students across disciplines and year groups, who are developing over 20 deeply challenging projects that range from Machine Learning, to Blockchain to SaaS products.

As well as providing opportunities to work on existing projects, Hackbridge JumpStart is a hub that provides mentorship, workshops, and exit plans to support students to work on their own ideas and start their own company. JumpStart members are accepted on a rolling-basis, with two mass intakes at the start of Michaelmas and Lent terms.

Open to all students.

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HOMERTON CHANGEMAKERS

Homerton Changemakers is a programme that sits alongside your degree offering the time, space and deep skills to learn more about who you are and how to be the change you want to see.

The programme is built around three domains: Self, Society and World. Each domain focuses on crucial attributes and skillsets via a mixture of theoretical, applied and embodied learning.

The core curriculum consists of a residential and a day-long workshop on each domain. Supporting the core programme are extended elements including Tuesday Conversations,

roundtables, mentoring, an annual seed fund, workshops and socials, and a student ambassador scheme. You can sign up for one or two events, or all. There's no minimum requirement and no assessment.

Changemakers is free and open to all Homerton students.



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HUGHES HALL ENTERPRISE SOCIETY

The Hughes Enterprise Society is a partnership between students (supported by the MCR), senior members and alumni. It has three core offerings:

- An entrepreneurs prize for Hughes-led student teams
- A speaking programme on the theme of entrepreneurship
- A Hughes entrepreneurs network for mentoring and support

The Society is chaired by Rupert Pearce Gould, Entrepreneur in Residence at the Judge and By-Fellow of Hughes Hall. The Society is open to Hughes Hall students and alumni.



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I-TEAMS

Gain hands-on business skills in consulting, market research and entrepreneurship. Work on a real university invention as part of a multi-disciplinary team, supported by an industry mentor and a focused programme of lectures and workshops.

"Participating in i-Teams has been one of the best things I did while being in Cambridge."

i-Teams focus on interviewing industry and sector experts to identify the best commercialisation route for university innovations. No prior commercial experience needed. Open to all students and staff from any university department.

PhDs & Masters, post-docs, MBAs & staff (plus undergraduates for Development i-Teams).



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i-Teams has worked on over 250 technologies, trained over 1500 students and resulted in more than 110 spinout companies which have attracted over \$300m of investment.

Innovation i-Teams - investigate the best commercialisation route for a new invention. Monday evenings. Apply by Sept 30 for Michaelmas, by Mar 10 for Easter

Development i-Teams (with the Centre for Global Equality) - taking new technologies into the developing world. Tuesday evenings. Apply by Dec 2 for Lent, by Mar 10 for Easter

Medical i-Teams - commercialisation of new medical technologies, including treatments, diagnostics and research tools. Monday evenings in Lent term. Apply by Dec 2.

ICURE PROGRAMME

ICURE is a pre-accelerator programme for researchers. This programme is designed to help explore the commercial application and potential of UK research. The ICURE programme has developed a range of funding and commercialisation training with industry experts, and this is delivered via 4 key programmes; ICURE Engage, ICURE Discover, ICURE Explore and ICURE Exploit.

For Researchers:

If you are a researcher with an idea, this programme is designed to help you through the process of defining your proposition and testing it with your prospective target markets.



icureprogramme.com

For Industry:

ICURE is an ideal access point to some of the UK's leading innovation. Supporting a range of innovation themes, it provides SMEs and corporations with an opportunity to evaluate the commercial potential for cutting-edge research.

For Investors:

ICURE provides investors with an insight into the latest innovation, while it is still at an early stage of development. ICURE can keep you informed on developments in your portfolio area.

KING'S COLLEGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP LAB

King's College Entrepreneurship Lab (E-Lab) equips people with entrepreneurial skills and supports those wishing to explore a career path in innovation, entrepreneurship and business. Emphasis is on developing sustainable and ethical projects with a positive social and environmental impact.

The E-Lab offers a year-long extracurricular programme open to all (undergrads to fellows) from any subject. Participants learn to assess opportunities, conduct a market analysis, prepare a business plan, manage a dynamic team, as well as the basics of venture finance and pitching. The programme

cultivates an entrepreneurial mindset which can be applied to the participant's own business project, social enterprise, or research project.

The E-Lab welcomes biweekly high-calibre speakers who offer expertise and latest industry knowledge, and hosts an Entrepreneur in Residence (as well as a Visiting Entrepreneur programme) who provides students, staff and fellows with mentoring, guidance, practical advice and connections to help them succeed in their entrepreneurship journey.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP LAB
KING'S COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE 

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KING'S COLLEGE E-LAB SOCIETY

Launched in 2023, the newly-formed King's College E-Lab Society aims to be the nexus of innovation, collaboration and creation – all driven by the unmatched spirit of the student community.

Whether you're an established entrepreneur, an aspiring innovator, or someone who's curious about the startup landscape, this is a platform for you to learn, grow and innovate.

The society has three core principles:

Dynamic Engagement: Engage with a community that breathes innovation. Participate in panels, workshops, and discussions that expand horizons.

Network: Connect with students across all disciplines and colleges, sharing your vision, aspirations, and challenges.

Mentorship: Benefit from the 1:1 mentorship program tailored to foster entrepreneurial growth.

Empowering a student-driven movement that harmoniously aligns with the overarching objectives of the Entrepreneurship Lab (E-Lab) at King's College, Cambridge, fostering a thriving entrepreneurial culture.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP LAB
KING'S COLLEGE
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KING'S COLLEGE E-LAB SPEAKER SERIES

The E-Lab, an initiative of King's College Cambridge, runs a portfolio of activities to equip students with entrepreneurial skills, and supports those wishing to explore a career path in innovation, entrepreneurship and business. E-Lab activities cover both commercial and social venturing, with an emphasis on developing sustainable and ethical projects having a positive social and environmental impact.

Each month King's E-Lab welcomes a high-calibre speaker to offer their expertise and latest industry knowledge. You will hear from founders, investors, scientists, inventors, CEOs and managers of established companies as well as startups and many more.

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KING'S COLLEGE E-LAB - 1 YEAR PROGRAMME

This year-long extracurricular programme is aimed at students from various degree paths (from undergrads to postdocs) and any subject (current cohort includes students in genetics, politics, economics, or history).

Students will learn to assess opportunities, conduct a market analysis, prepare a business plan, understand the basics of venture finance and pitching as well as managing dynamic teams.

The programme's goal is to develop an entrepreneurial mindset, which can then be applied to a student's own cultural projects, research translation and social/charity projects, as well as entrepreneurially within organisations.

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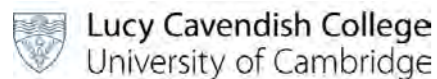
LUCY ENTERPRISE - LUCENT CHALLENGE

The Lucy Enterprise programme is supported by Lucy Cavendish Fellows, alumni and other friends of the College and runs throughout the academic year.

Students are invited to join a series of events including a launch in Michaelmas term, a competition in Lent term and a celebration in Easter term. Termly idea surgeries, coaching and mentoring are available to support students' development, along with other informal opportunities to network with like-minded Lucy students.

The LucEnt Challenge invites students at the College to combine their knowledge, skills and experience in a multi-disciplinary team to identify an enterprising solution to a challenge relevant to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). Teams are selected to join the LucEnt challenge weekend, where they will receive mentoring and present their ideas for the opportunity to win up to £1000 towards implementing their vision.

The programme is open to all Lucy Cavendish students – members of other colleges are welcome to join Lucy-led teams.



📍 Lucy Cavendish College 🏠 lucy.cam.ac.uk/your-career/lucy-enterprise

MAKESPACE

Makespace is a community workshop in the heart of Cambridge. The equipment at the facility ranges from embroidery machines and craft tools to industrial 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC routers, an electronics bench, and a machine shop.

The space and equipment are available 24/7 to paying members (£40 per month).

Makespace is member-run organisation. Members use the space for activities ranging from fixing bikes and prototyping to building sailboats and launching hardware startups.

Each year hundreds of events, training sessions, talks and themed meet-ups are hosted, all in a collaborative spirit. The wide range

of people at Makespace creates great friendships and successful businesses.

The foundation of the community is the peer-to-peer exchange of skills and experience, making it a hub of business, technology and design expertise in Cambridgeshire.

No matter the reason for coming to Makespace, members will find like-minded people.

Try something new, create something different and become part of Cambridge's extensive creative network.

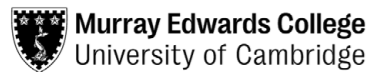


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MURRAY EDWARDS ENTERPRISING WOMEN

Murray Edwards Enterprising Women is an initiative launched in collaboration with AstraZeneca, designed to empower women students across Cambridge University to achieve entrepreneurial success. The scheme aims to foster diversity, recognising its crucial role in driving sustainable innovation within the Cambridge ecosystem.

The programme provides expert advice, mentoring, and essential support to help women thrive in the entrepreneurial landscape. Partners AstraZeneca will also supply mentors and board members for new startups, working alongside other commercial organisations to amplify the impact of this initiative.



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POSTDOC ACADEMY (PDA)

The Postdoc Academy supports postdocs to realise their full potential through four pillars of activity:

- Information - bringing postdocs the information they need when they need it
- Community - fostering a sense of belonging for all postdocs
- Advocacy - working with the community to solve issues
- Professional Development - helping postdocs develop for their current role and beyond



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Postdocs can use the three Postdoc Centres (at Mill Lane, Eddington and the Biomedical Campus) for free for hotdesking and events. You can also subscribe to the Postdoc Bulletin and the Postdoc Calendar for events and opportunities, take part in our professional development training designed specifically for postdocs, and expand your professional network through colleges, societies and our mentoring programme.

POSTDOCS OF CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY

Postdocs Of Cambridge (PdOC) is the Cambridge University Society for postdocs and early career researchers. PdOC represents postdocs in University discussions, career development, contract research conditions, college affiliation, social and sporting issues, as well as entrepreneurship events and communications. There is a dedicated Entrepreneurial Officer and sub-committee to explore opportunities and support postdocs interested in this area.

All Cambridge postdocs and early career researchers are welcome to join, and there is no membership fee.



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POSTDOCS TO INNOVATORS (P2I)

Postdocs to innovators (p2i) is a collaborative network of international Higher Education institutes and global businesses, led by the Postdoc Academy, University of Cambridge. It aims to unlock the innovation potential from these postdoc communities.

The p2i Network provides training and events that help postdocs adopt an entrepreneurial mindset and apply skills and tools from the business world to increase impact from their research and pursue their career ambitions in and outside academia. p2i helps build the confidence and credibility of researchers to engage with businesses for research collaborations and

with stakeholders of entrepreneurial ecosystems. It provides an increased number of postdocs with the belief and know how that they could create impact from their research through starting a company. The p2i online course and in person programmes and events are designed to work around / alongside the busy schedules of postdocs.

Through participating in p2i programmes, researchers expand their networks internationally with like-minded researchers, entrepreneurs and industry experts.



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RISINGWISE

RisingWISE nurtures an interest in commercialisation, focusing specifically on commercialisation as a route to impact and the delivery of economic, social and environmental value.

It is tailored specifically for women early career researchers and faculty working in science, technology, engineering and mathematics as well as the medical sciences (STEMM) in both academia and industry. A small number of PhD students who are nearing the end of their studies and thinking about next steps are also welcome.



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RisingWISE has been developed to address the challenge of connecting researchers to business and industry, bringing together women early career researchers from the universities of Cambridge and Oxford to meet with women working in industry and business, who face similar impact challenges.

Rather than existing in competition with each other, both universities developed an innovative, collaborative programme, including working closely with industry to build mutual relationships, aiming to benefit STEM researcher women from both institutions, and all involved.

**"WE WORKED WITH
SO MANY GREAT
ENTREPRENEURS
DURING OUR
TIME AT CUTECH."**

JEROEN VERHEYEN
CEO, SEMARION

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THE BRIDGE INITIATIVE (HUGHES HALL)

The Bridge is a powerful tool for engaging the global ecosystem of thought leaders and influencers in the College's areas of strength in research translation and impact.

The Bridge supports researchers (whether senior academics, postdocs or students) to apply their expertise to some of the world's most pressing problems through improved connections with policy-makers, industry leaders, practitioners and professionals in many sectors and countries. The Bridge engages students more widely through talks, guest lectures and discussions, all emphasising the importance of innovation to the challenges facing humanity, and the role the College community can play in creating a future that benefits all.



Within The Bridge, there are four distinct Centres – each focused on using knowledge and insight from research to effect beneficial change in the world. These are:

- Oracy Cambridge
- Cambridge Digital Innovation
- The Centre for Climate Engagement
- The Digital Education Futures Initiative

Smaller projects are also supported, particularly in the areas of health, education and digital/AI technologies.

A key component of the Bridge is the Impact Leadership Programme which targets transferable skills and experiences to complement academic research training. It is open to a small annual cohort of postdoctoral researchers and second and third-year PhD students at Hughes. Participants are encouraged to reflect deeply about their paths, take ownership of change, and translate their learning into practice.

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TRINITY HALL ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK (THEN)

THEN encourages innovation and entrepreneurship among Trinity Hall students, postdocs and alumni looking to commercialise their ideas.

THEN aims to:

- Promote University enterprise events and competitions, and host in-College events that promote entrepreneurship.
- Provide financial support through grants from the Experiencing Entrepreneurship Fund, the Lee-Yung Family Fund for Entrepreneurship, and the Cambridge Social Innovation Prize – alongside the Cambridge Judge Business School.

- Offer practical advice via access to a network of like-minded alumni and a mentoring scheme through LinkHall, the Trinity Hall online community.



TRINITY
HALL
ENTREPRENEURS
NETWORK

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TRINITY HALL ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK (THEN) - EXPERIENCING ENTREPRENEURSHIP FUND

The award is designed to give current students and postdocs the opportunity to experience entrepreneurship by assisting students who are undertaking internships with startups, and/or travel related to enterprise, and/or relevant training.

Students undertaking unpaid work in a startup may wish to apply for a grant to help with accommodation/travel costs; or students taking part in entrepreneurship activities such as a hackathon may need help with travel costs.

It is also possible to apply for a grant to help with course fees for a programme such as EnterpriseTECH in order to gain more entrepreneurship skills.



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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE CAREERS SERVICE

The University of Cambridge Careers Service offers major careers events each year; an extensive programme of briefings and skill sessions; coordinated employer presentations; numerous resources and subscriptions to career development platforms; and a database of graduate-level job vacancies in Handshake, the career development platform.

Support is available for people interested in enterprise and innovation as a career route, with dedicated resources, workshops and events to support those getting started with their own venture or wanting to work in a startup.



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WE 4IMPACT

WE4Impact is a programme for University of Cambridge women faculty and staff, designed and delivered by Cambridge women, that brings together women from all schools who share an ambition for increased impact.

WE4Impact aims to deliver routes to impact by offering women faculty and staff additional and alternative tools and access to resources to widen engagement with the public, policymakers, industry, and the Cambridge entrepreneurial cluster.

The programme includes site visits to connect, inspire and motivate, introducing participants to what the University has to offer in the way of facilities and communities to help boost enterprise activity.

Programme elements include entrepreneurial skills for impact, visioning, valuing ideas, recognising opportunities, mobilising resources, mitigating uncertainty, pitching your ideas, and networking. Participants will be introduced to a diverse group of women faculty and staff who are driving a wide range of impact from their different roles within in the University.

For queries or to express an interest please email.

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WE IMPACT SPARKS

WE Impact Sparks inspires women staff across all schools to engage with impact and enterprise.

It comprises roundtable discussions for each school, showcasing inspirational, school-specific role models and raising awareness of the importance of training and mentoring for routes to impact.

The discussions will include an introduction to the programme, a panel discussion of women senior academics from each school speaking on their experiences with creating impact through enterprise, a Q&A, and the next steps for support.

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WE LEAD FOOD

WE Lead Food is open to professional women from any part of the global food system. The programme creates and equips an international community of enterprising women leaders committed to transforming the Food System, with a focus on leveraging enterprise for a more sustainable and inclusive food system. WE Lead Food is based on the Three Cs of collective leadership – cooperate, collaborate and co-create. The programme creates enabling environments where women leaders thrive and can be inspired by other women leaders.

The programme is designed for women, and:

- Have a passion and commitment to drive the transformation to a more sustainable food system
- Are currently in, or have been in, a leadership* position in the food system
- All backgrounds and disciplines are welcome, from research, business, policy, and civil society.

Programme participants will be given the space and time needed for more strategic and innovative thinking. The WE Lead Food team will work with participants to:

- Explore and develop their entrepreneurial self and leadership self
- Define their vision for a more sustainable food system
- Devise a plan to realise their vision
- Connect with women from across the world, from diverse professional backgrounds, who share a passion and commitment to creating a better food system.

*WE Lead Food does not discriminate on age, and a broad view is taken on leadership.

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WOLFSON ENTREPRENEURS SOCIETY (WES)

The entrepreneurs' programme at Wolfson believes that entrepreneurship expresses something of value to every member of the College. The programme seeks to engage the interest and meet the needs of all who aspire to create commercial startups and also to explore the related field of social entrepreneurship.

Starting with a series of inspiring and informative talks with Wolfson Members who are startup veterans who are invited to share their successes and reveal their scars, the programme is then developed to reflect the interests of those who join in.



Wolfson College
Cambridge

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GOT AN IDEA?

I think I have something that could develop into a venture but am not sure what I need to do next.

BIO-SPARK FELLOWSHIPS

Bio-spark is an entrepreneurial education programme and support system for early-career academics considering a career in business and enterprise, run by Cambridge Gravity.

The programme is a gateway into industry and startup formation. It is a fellowship programme that provides internships at Pharma, Biotech or Venture partners, mentorship for those with ideas for setting up companies, and networking opportunities for all Bio-spark fellows. Bio-spark is a “learn by experience” programme that runs outside of PhD and postdoc responsibilities.

There are three types of Bio-spark fellows:

- Exploring fellows who wish to experience the networking opportunities with partner companies and biotech role-models in the Cambridge ecosystem
- Challenge-solving fellows who wish to do internships and engage with partner companies through solving challenges
- Company-seeding fellows who have ideas for setting up companies and need mentoring and funding opportunities

The annual programme runs over eight months (from October until June).



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BRIDGES FOR ENTERPRISE - CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER

The BfE Cambridge Chapter recognises the pitfalls many face in social entrepreneurship in certain parts of the world, with relatively fewer resources and financial support, and wanted to make it easier for more social entrepreneurs to create impact and become investor-ready.

BfE has worked with over 100 different students across multiple disciplines, dozens of passionate entrepreneurs around the world, and forged new partnerships with social impact ecosystem players. It also provides consulting, finance, legal and technical advisory services to social entrepreneurs, in addition to its four other teams that support the chapter.



🏠 bridgesforentrise.com

The BfE Incubation Programme would be a good fit if:

- You are a for-profit or non-profit social enterprise
- You are an early-stage startup at the pre-seed or seed stage
- You have an existing product or service, earning revenue
- Your business is legally established in Africa, Asia, Latin America or the Middle East
- You demonstrate a clear path to financial returns and social impact.

Each advisory engagement lasts for 3 to 4 months. Startups may expect to complete the programme within 6 to 8 months. They accept applications on a rolling basis year-round. However, there are deadlines to be considered for specific cohorts. Startups who apply earlier are more likely to receive detailed consideration.

BUILDING BRIDGES IN MEDICAL SCIENCE (BBMS)

This University of Cambridge society focuses on exploring career opportunities outside of academia, including opportunities in the bio-entrepreneurial ecosystem.

It hosts a diverse set of events including panel discussions, workshops and an annual conference with keynote speakers from biotech startups, venture capital firms and more.



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BUSINESS & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTRE - CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH

The Business & IP Centre (BIPC) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough provides free and low-cost business support and advice to startup business owners, entrepreneurs, and inventors.

BIPC supports a thriving community of bright and inspiring people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough by partnering with local libraries, offering free access to high-value business information and market intelligence, and intellectual property guidance.

BIPC has an ongoing programme of support in the form of webinars, workshops and coffee mornings which cover a broad range of fundamentals when it comes to starting or running a business. It also offers help with intellectual property protection and grants access to vast business resources via The BIPC Network.

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CAMBRIDGE ACADEMY OF THERAPEUTIC SCIENCES (CATS)

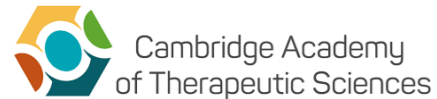
The Cambridge Academy of Therapeutic Sciences (CATS) serves as a pivotal hub dedicated to fostering the development of new therapeutics and nurturing the next generation of leading researchers. Established by the University of Cambridge as an Interdisciplinary Research Centre (IRC), CATS break down conventional barriers between disciplines, unite academia and industry, driving collaborative efforts to catalyse the translation of therapeutic research into tangible treatments.

As the proud home of the Cambridge Alliance on Medicines Safety (CAMS), CATS spear-heads essential research in drug safety. This partnership between the university, Astra-Zeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, and Novartis fosters collaboration between

scholars and industry leaders, shaping the future of medicine with a focus on safety and efficacy.

CATS supports a network of Translation Champions consisting of senior academics from across schools active in therapeutics and medtech research, Translation Champions support translational strategy and research projects within departments through various internal awards made available by CATS such as the Developing Concept Fund, Access to Expertise and the CATS Industry Experts in Residence programme.

Additionally, CATS offers a gateway to translation by providing training opportunities for academics and industry researchers. This includes seminar series in collaboration with Translation Manchester and training courses in drug discovery and safety.



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CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION (CJBS) – CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

The Social Enterprise and Impact-driven Business Programme marries the insights of globally renowned social innovation researchers with the practical experience of social entrepreneurs who are addressing societal and environmental challenges through commercial initiatives.

The programme equips participants with tangible skills, enabling them to design and present a social enterprise proposition to prospective funders.



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CAMBRIDGE CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (COLLABORATIVE FUND)

The Cambridge Conservation Initiative (CCI) is a unique collaboration between the University of Cambridge and ten leading internationally focused biodiversity conservation organisations.

Based in the David Attenborough Building, Cambridge, UK, the CCI partners represent the largest cluster of conservation organisations in the world.

Strong convening power allows them to directly engage with a wide audience globally, from leaders in government, business, academic and NGO communities to the general public.

CCI's work spans disciplines, organisations and continents. As a global network of leaders in research, education, policy and practice they are fostering a greater awareness of conservation issues, and accelerating positive change towards sustainable living.

Cambridge
Conservation
Initiative

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CAMBRIDGE ENTERPRISE - CROSS IDEAS INCUBATOR

Do you have an idea for a social innovation with its roots in your research? You might be developing new methods or interventions, partnerships or networks, tools, platforms or services which could create real-world impact whether on a local or global scale.

Want to learn more about how to make your idea a reality? Interested in meeting like-minded researchers and getting some tailored and practical support to propel your project beyond the research phase?

Expressions of Interest is invited in the CRoSS Ideas Incubator programme, a support programme for researchers and their collaborators who are committed to creating social impact

and are interested in exploring socially responsible innovation models and/or social entrepreneurship.

This incubator is focussed on establishing new products and services which can deliver measurable and scalable social or environmental impact, whether enabled by research evidence, practice, lived experience, technologies, or expertise.

All disciplines are welcome: and applications with a strong emphasis on understanding and tackling societal and environmental challenges are prioritised.

Applications are especially welcomed from researchers in arts, humanities and social sciences and from inter/multi-disciplinary projects; and from researchers who have previously been involved in public engagement or policy engagement and are curious about entrepreneurial and innovation pathways.

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CAMBRIDGE MEDTECH FOUNDATION (MTF) - INNOVATION PROGRAMME

The Innovation Programme is a four-month educational programme that introduces medical device development and provides experience of interdisciplinary teamwork.

Small teams of students and early career researchers and clinicians work to solve a real-life problem identified by clinical partners. Interactive workshops and small-group mentoring cover approaches to clinical problems, concept generation, effective teamwork, business model development, and pitching. Teams produce an Executive Summary and pitch their ideas to a panel of judges from academia, industry, and clinical practice.

The Innovation Programme is open to students at the University of Cambridge, Anglia Ruskin University and junior clinicians at Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Trust.

You can register your interest for the Innovation Programme and be informed when applications open in Autumn.



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CAMBRIDGE SOCIAL VENTURES (CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION CJBS) - SOCIAL VENTURE WEEKEND

The Social Venture Weekend is for anyone aiming to set up or grow a business that makes a positive social or environmental impact. The workshop is an inspiring introduction to the social venture sector and a valuable opportunity to focus intensely on your own business. In an inclusive, supportive and friendly atmosphere, you'll have the opportunity to share and test your ideas with others and learn from the experience of successful social entrepreneurs.

The Social Venture Weekend is for you if you are starting or already running a business dedicated to making social impact,

or you're ambitious to scale up rapidly, become investment ready, and secure finance.

The weekend provides two days of world-class training on topics including business models for social ventures, financial tools, market research and legal structures.

The cost of the weekend is £75 and it is held at the Cambridge Judge Business School.



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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE CLUB (CUTEC)

Cambridge University Technology and Enterprise Club (CUTEC) was founded in 2003 to support scientific entrepreneurship in Cambridge. It is a leading student-run organisation that seeks to nurture and enhance the entrepreneurial spirit among academics and students.

The club hosts the annual Technology Ventures Conference connecting entrepreneurs, academics, investors, and business professionals in Cambridge. The conference is one of the world's largest student-run entrepreneurial events, attracting high profile venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, and angel investors from around the world providing unparalleled networking opportunities.



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CUTEC aims to:

- **Connect:** to promote networking between students, experienced entrepreneurs, startups, investment partners, advisors and alumni
- **Inspire:** to spread ideas about technology and business to promote entrepreneurship and creation of value
- **Enrich:** to foster an entrepreneurial culture in technology and strengthen networking, teamwork, and business knowledge

CAMBRIDGE ZERO

Cambridge Zero exists to maximise the University of Cambridge's contribution towards achieving a resilient and sustainable zero-carbon world.

We do this by enabling, integrating and accelerating climate activities related to education, research and innovation.

We work in a co-ordinating and supporting role across the full academic lifecycle; connecting, convening and engaging the full breadth of the greater University community (i.e. the University, Colleges and related institutions).

Acting in close collaboration and partnership with a broad range of University functions, we help integrate, enhance and accelerate the greater University's climate activities.



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CAMBRIDGE ZERO – CLIMATE CHALLENGE

The Climate Challenge is an early-stage climate entrepreneurship training programme and competition, open to postgraduate students and postdocs at the University of Cambridge.

Over 8 weeks in the Lent Term, participants will engage in weekly training sessions to learn about intellectual property rights, effective pitching and more.

Participants will then form small teams to develop and pitch scalable solutions to climate challenges. The winning and runner-up teams receive a cash prize.



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The Climate Challenge is run by Cambridge Zero in partnership with Carbon13, Cambridge Enterprise, CISL Canopy, Energy IRC and the Maxwell Centre, with sponsorship from Moda Living.

CARBON13

Carbon13 is the Venture Builder for the Climate Emergency.

It believes that entrepreneurs are the creative force which will build the Net Zero future. The entrepreneur programmes support founders at all stages of startup development, from the very beginning of ideas and co-founder teaming, through to pre-seed investment and scale.

The organisation's Cambridge origins have taught it the importance of world class carbon, commercial and scientific understanding. Its expansion to Berlin places it at the heart of Europe's ClimateTech momentum.



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Carbon13 only launches startups that have the potential to mitigate 10 million tonnes CO₂e emissions per year when at scale and its programme enables founders to develop ventures that can achieve this.

The UK Venture Builder is for those seeking co-founders and are at the earliest stage of the journey, while Venture Builder Europe is intended for founders who are resident, or are able to work, in the EU.

The Venture Launchpad is an 18-week fully-remote accelerator for established teams who have not yet raised equity finance but are looking to do so.

CENTRE FOR GLOBAL EQUALITY (CGE)

CGE evolves innovative solutions to challenges in sustainable development, particularly those relating to food, water, energy, health, income generation and the environment. Through its inclusive innovation approach, CGE mobilises the application of research findings, particularly those from science and technology, for the benefit of people who live on less than \$5 a day, without harming the environment or the interests of future generations.

Bringing together collaborators from civil society, academia, government and business, CGE enables the co-creation of solutions with the people they are intended to benefit.

Teaching and research collaborations across the University are based out of the Cambridge Centre for Inclusive Innovation at the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology (CEB).

Extracurricular innovation activities are run from an Inclusive Innovation Hub in central Cambridge where CGE's Cultivator provides specialist incubator-style support for projects and enterprises focused on sustainable development.

CGE also collaborates with i-Teams (IfM) to co-deliver International i-Teams and Development i-teams where teams of students and post-docs explore how research findings and emerging technologies could enhance the lives of people living in low- and middle-income countries.



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CONNECT: HEALTH TECH

Connect: Health Tech (C:HT) is an online community bringing together people who are passionate and innovative in life science and health technologies. Starting out as a University of Cambridge initiative to connect expertise and disciplines from across its university campuses, today the platform supports a thriving global community of over 2,000 professionals.

Connect: Health Tech joins the dots between medicine and technology: making connections, fostering collaborations and catalysing ideas between biomedical research, cutting-edge technology and clinical need to transform and accelerate healthcare design, development and testing for real world applications.



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Democratising access for all, it serves as a one-stop-shop for connectivity to all stakeholders in the community from researchers to entrepreneurs, investors and academics. Regardless of location or time zone, it helps members expand their networks beyond their own sector, discipline or research areas, amplifies the reach of events and funding opportunities and enhances the search for relevant research and innovation journey partners.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND BIOTECHNOLOGY – ENTERPRISE

The Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology recognises the need for a greater level of commercialisation of public and charity-funded research, as well as for educational programmes focused on instilling an enterprise mindset in future generations.

The department welcomes enquiries from industry, and others, about collaborations to tackle particular problems or research areas, whether these are suited to a short consultancy, a small experimental programme or to a longer-term study requiring a major research effort. They offer flexible funding, intellectual property ownership, timing, personnel, and management options to suit client companies.



The department is an active collaborative partner for joint research and strives to build:

- Industrial links via consultancy, studentships, contracts, and longer-term research programmes
- Entrepreneurship and support for the creation of spinouts with a particular focus on inclusive innovation and social and ethical entrepreneurship
- Clinical relationships resulting from entrepreneurial and collaborative activities

The Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology is also home to the Master's in Bioscience Enterprise (MBE) programme.

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EMMANUEL ENTERPRISE

Emmanuel College provides opportunities to students and postdocs to broaden their entrepreneurial skills. The College hosts an annual 'Emma Enterprise' competition to provide practical experience in developing and pitching a business or social enterprise idea. The competition is open to any team of students and postdocs, of whom at least one must be a member of Emmanuel College. As part of the competition, there are skill workshops, mentoring opportunities and the chance to develop your ideas. There is additionally a series of online Entrepreneurs' Workshops where alumni and friends of the College give talks about their experiences and lessons learnt in starting up a business or social enterprise.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) - ENTERPRISETECH

EnterpriseTECH is a 10-week entrepreneurship programme that includes a lecture series and practical, hands-on project experience to give you a real-world understanding of the startup world and the commercialisation journey.

The programme empowers you to unlock your full entrepreneurial potential by providing a dynamic and immersive learning experience that brings together the worlds of research and startups. You don't need a business school background; the programme aims to inspire and motivate you to take ideas you have now, or will have in the future, to the next level.

Unlock your creativity, sharpen your problem-solving skills, and cultivate a growth mindset – one that will carry you forward in your entrepreneurial journey and help you turn passions into actions.

Through a creative blend of intensive lectures, hands-on workshops, supervisions, and practical application to real-world projects, the programme equips you with versatile entrepreneurship skills and provides access to valuable enterprise networks, enabling you to thrive in today's entrepreneurial landscape.

EnterpriseTECH runs twice every academic year. There is a cap of 60 places per cohort and entry is by application and interview. Open to graduate students, PhD researchers and postdocs from the University of Cambridge as well as UK and international universities, University of Cambridge staff, NHS medics, and industry professionals.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) - ENTERPRISEWOMEN

EnterpriseWOMEN is a university-level entrepreneurship learning programme designed for women who are looking to explore entrepreneurship or are early-stage founders.

The programme runs as bi-monthly workshops from April till October and offers practical, experiential learning opportunities and hands-on training in key areas such as business planning, marketing, ESG, and finance. The hands-on training facilitates group work, open communication, peer-to-peer interaction, collaborative learning, and relationship building. The programme also has a valuable mentorship component

designed to support women entrepreneurs and help them grow their networks.

Full scholarships are available for eligible participants, which include University of Cambridge PhD students, postdocs, researchers, staff, and faculty. Applications are considered on a rolling basis.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) - VENTURE CREATION

The Venture Creation programme takes place at the Cambridge Judge Business School and helps build the people who build businesses, matching great ideas with exciting talent, and providing a springboard for you and your team to work towards a high-impact and scalable new venture. It will also give you access to a community of like-minded individuals offering their support and shared experiences. Participating in the programme will develop your capacity for future innovation and an entrepreneurial mindset that will support you throughout your career choices.

You will build long-lasting relationships which could lead to you being part of a founding team, on your way to finding your founders and even a potential investor, or perhaps a job offer.



Apply your creativity and problem-solving skills in your chosen area of expertise/interests and identify and explore the opportunities for innovation. You are then encouraged to develop your own personal development programme which may include:

- New venture creation
- Understanding the possibilities in your studies and research
- Identifying new research projects
- Applying the learning to your organisation or your career search and choices

The fee for the programme is £48 per delegate which includes the orientation weekend and access to the monthly Venture Labs.

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FOUNDERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE – SYNC

Accelerating Connection.

Founders at the University of Cambridge is a strategic initiative that equips founders for growth through capital investment, multi-stage programmes, intensive mentoring and a global community of experts, delivered by Cambridge Enterprise.

SYNC BETA is the new University pathway to connect aspiring founders, from undergraduates to postdocs, while they complete their studies or academic research. Within the beta version programme, people from key disciplines and technical experts are matched to launch new AI and software startups within 12 months. The programme is aimed at individuals who wish to solve humanity's greatest challenges through the use

of AI and other emerging technologies and those selected will join an exclusive cohort of up to 30 ambitious people.

During the 10-week initial programme phases, the cohort will attend workshops and founder-led masterclasses three evenings per week. The programme is part-time, fee-free and participants will receive a monthly stipend during those ten weeks. Phase 3 is delivered over 14 weeks, designed to move the cohort into startup build mode. There will be an opportunity to pitch for capital investment post programme.

The full-time SYNC programme aims to launch for the 2025 academic year, offering a clear route to the established START pre-seed accelerator. Applications are via the website.



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HOMERTON CHANGEMAKERS

University students get an amazing degree – Homerton Changemakers equips these students with skills and perspectives beyond their degrees to become wise change-agents amidst complexity, challenge and disruption. The programme is unique to Homerton and its approved partners, teaching students and the next generation the tools for 21st leadership and living and making a profound difference for good.

The Changemakers Catalyst Fund is an annual entrepreneurial scheme to help accelerate the development of student-led initiatives with capacity for making change in society, business, or policy.



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I-TEAMS

Gain hands-on business skills in consulting, market research and entrepreneurship. Work on a real university invention as part of a multi-disciplinary team, supported by an industry mentor and a focused programme of lectures and workshops.

“Participating in i-Teams has been one of the best things I did while being in Cambridge.”

i-Teams focus on interviewing industry and sector experts to identify the best commercialisation route for university innovations. No prior commercial experience needed. Open to all students and staff from any university department.

PhDs & Masters, post-docs, MBAs & staff (plus undergraduates for Development i-Teams).



🏠 iteamsonline.org

i-Teams has worked on over 250 technologies, trained over 1500 students and resulted in more than 110 spinout companies which have attracted over \$300m of investment.

Innovation i-Teams - investigate the best commercialisation route for a new invention. Monday evenings. Apply by Sept 30 for Michaelmas, by Mar 10 for Easter

Development i-Teams (with the Centre for Global Equality) - taking new technologies into the developing world. Tuesday evenings. Apply by Dec 2 for Lent, by Mar 10 for Easter

Medical i-Teams - commercialisation of new medical technologies, including treatments, diagnostics and research tools. Monday evenings in Lent term. Apply by Dec 2.

ICURE PROGRAMME

ICURe is a pre-accelerator programme for researchers. This programme is designed to help explore the commercial application and potential of UK research. Within the ICURe programme, it has developed a range of funding and commercialisation training with industry experts, and this is delivered via 4 key programmes; ICURe Engage, ICURe Discover, ICURe Explore and ICURe Exploit.

For Researchers:

If you are a researcher with an idea, this programme is designed to help you through the process of defining your proposition and testing it with your prospective target markets.

For Industry:

ICURe is an ideal access point to some of the UK's leading innovation. Supporting a range of innovation themes, it provides SMEs and corporations with an opportunity to evaluate the commercial potential for cutting-edge research.

For Investors:

ICURe provides investors with an insight into the latest innovation, while it is still at an early stage of development. ICURe can keep you informed on developments in your portfolio area.



icureprogramme.com

KING'S COLLEGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PRIZE (KEP)

King's Entrepreneurship Prize is one of the largest (by awarded sum) university entrepreneurship competitions in the UK and the EU that do not request an equity in return for the grant. It is the oldest and an integral part of the entrepreneurship ecosystem at King's.

The King's Entrepreneurship Prize aims to encourage the development of entrepreneurial ideas, and the conversion of creativity and knowhow into sustainable commercial and social benefit. Established in 2014, past prizewinners have gone on to develop innovative businesses in healthcare, engineering, robotics, communications and consumer products.



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Finalists compete for a first prize of £20,000 with additional discretionary awards. All candidates are offered feedback and mentorship to help raise startup funds and bring their concepts to market.

The Competition is open to all students, Fellows, Associates and alumni of King's.

In the first stage of the competition, entrants provide a one-page summary of their entrepreneurial project. A selection is longlisted to receive a grant of £100 and asked for four supplementary pages of information and analysis about their project. A shortlist is then chosen and asked to present a full and comprehensive business plan to an expert panel of judges – this live presentation meeting is called the Lyons Den (named after the generous donor who established and funded the prize – Stuart Lyons CBE). Financial prizes are awarded to the winning entrants.

KING'S COLLEGE E-LAB - 1 YEAR PROGRAMME

This year-long extracurricular programme is aimed at students from various degree paths (from undergrads to postdocs) and any subject (current cohort includes students in genetics, politics, economics, or history).

Students will learn to assess opportunities, conduct a market analysis, prepare a business plan, basics of venture finance and pitching as well as managing dynamic teams.

The programme's goal is to develop an entrepreneurial mindset, which can then be applied to a student's own business project, social enterprise or research project, as well as entrepreneurially within organisations.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP LAB
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CAN BE ABOUT
PRODUCING
SOCIAL GOOD."**

GABRIEL BROWN
CEO, CAUSE



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KQ LABS | CRICK

An accelerator programme for exciting early-stage startups using data as a core part of their business model to improve human health, run by the Francis Crick Institute, with sponsorship from Cancer Research Horizons for one cancer-focused venture. The programme is aimed at early-stage data-driven health startups looking for support to validate their ideas and develop their business goals in a supportive and enriching environment.

It offers:

- Weekly virtual workshops, both in-person and virtual on a wide range of topics, all tailored to the needs of early-stage data-driven health companies
- Access to 1:1 mentoring with a hand-picked network of experts, as well as introductions to key investors and corporates
- Access to a network of alumni, experts, mentors, investors and corporates beyond the programme

Crick is located in London's Knowledge Quarter, and has success partners from across the UK and around the world.



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LUCY ENTERPRISE - LUCENT CHALLENGE

The Lucy Enterprise programme is supported by Lucy Cavendish Fellows, alumni and other friends of the College and runs throughout the academic year.

Students are invited to join a series of events including a launch in Michaelmas term, a competition in Lent term and a celebration in Easter term. Termly idea surgeries, coaching and mentoring are available to support students' development, along with other informal opportunities to network with like-minded Lucy students.

The LucEnt Challenge invites students at the College to combine their knowledge, skills and experience in a multi-disciplinary team to identify an enterprising solution to a challenge relevant to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). Teams are selected to join the LucEnt challenge weekend, where they will receive mentoring and present their ideas for the opportunity to win up to £1000 towards implementing their vision.

The programme is open to all Lucy Cavendish students – members of other colleges are welcome to join Lucy-led teams.



Lucy Cavendish College
University of Cambridge

📍 Lucy Cavendish College 🏠 lucy.cam.ac.uk/your-career/lucy-enterprise

MAKESPACE

Makespace is a community workshop in the heart of Cambridge.

The equipment at the facility ranges from embroidery machines and craft tools to industrial 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC routers, an electronics bench, and a machine shop.

The space and equipment are available 24/7 to paying members (£40 per month).

Makespace is member-run organisation. Members use the space for activities ranging from fixing bikes and prototyping to building sailboats and launching hardware startups.

Each year hundreds of events, training sessions, talks and themed meet-ups are hosted, all in a collaborative spirit. The wide range

of people at Makespace creates great friendships and successful businesses.

The foundation of the community is the peer-to-peer exchange of skills and experience, making it a hub of business, technology and design expertise in Cambridgeshire.

No matter the reason for coming to Makespace, members will find like-minded people.

Try something new, create something different and become part of Cambridge's extensive creative network.



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MAXWELL CENTRE

The Maxwell Centre is a centrepiece for industry-academia partnerships development across the Schools of Physical Sciences, Technology, and beyond.

The Maxwell Centre catalyses innovative and interdisciplinary research collaborations and operates at the heart of the West Cambridge site. Maxwell facilitates academia-industry interactions around research, fostering new links and supporting existing collaborations. The current strategic focus areas are Zero Carbon and Science-Technology-Medicine.

The Maxwell Centre is a founding partner of Connect: Health Tech, runs the Cambridge Zero Demonstrator Laboratory and it is home to the impulse for tech innovators programme, multiple research groups and several companies.

Maxwell Centre leverages significant knowledge exchange experience, a vast network of contacts, and multiple engagement models to generate new knowledge and unlock impact through partnerships. If you want to collaborate on your technology development, they can probably help!

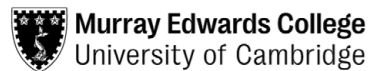


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MURRAY EDWARDS ENTERPRISING WOMEN

Murray Edwards Enterprising Women is an initiative launched in collaboration with AstraZeneca, designed to empower women students across Cambridge University to achieve entrepreneurial success. The scheme aims to foster diversity, recognising its crucial role in driving sustainable innovation within the Cambridge ecosystem.

The programme provides expert advice, mentoring, and essential support to help women thrive in the entrepreneurial landscape. Partners AstraZeneca will also supply mentors and board members for new startups, working alongside other commercial organisations to amplify the impact of this initiative.



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There are three intensive programmes:

- **SheStarts:** An intensive programme offering workshops, talks, and mentoring for aspiring innovators, led by top executives from AstraZeneca and other leading companies
- **SheSoars:** A structured support programme for women-led startups, featuring expert talks, curated networking opportunities, and tailored mentoring.
- **SheScales:** A series of lectures and networking events designed for advisors and non-executive directors looking to join the growth journey, and women aspiring to become early-stage investors.

The programmes will launch in Michaelmas Term 2024 but expressions of interest are welcome now.

OFFICE FOR TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH (OTR)

The Office for Translational Research (OTR) supports researchers from the whole of the University of Cambridge, and associated hospitals – Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Cambridge and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust – in their efforts to translate findings from biological, biomedical or clinical research into health benefits for patients including new therapeutics, devices, diagnostics or other medical interventions.



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The team is composed of internal consultants who assess each researcher's project in terms of where it sits in the translational pathway and provide a complete translational project life cycle support. They provide practical support in three major areas:

- Make the right connections for the stage of your project
- Source translational funding
- Provide project management support to ensure that specific translational goals are achieved

You can find them in the School of Clinical Medicine, above the café.

POSTDOC ACADEMY (PDA)

The Postdoc Academy supports postdocs to realise their full potential through four pillars of activity:

- Information – bringing postdocs the information they need when they need it
- Community – fostering a sense of belonging for all postdocs
- Advocacy – working with the community to solve issues
- Professional Development – helping postdocs develop for their current role and beyond

Utilise the different Postdoc centres for hotdesking and events. These are currently based at three sites – Mill Lane, Eddington and the Biomedical Campus.

You can also subscribe to the Postdoc Bulletin for updates, news and opportunities, attend events across the university, engage with Researcher Development Training, join professional networks and find a mentor through the mentoring scheme or elsewhere through new contacts.



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POSTDOCS TO INNOVATORS (P2I)

Postdocs to innovators (p2i) is a collaborative network of international Higher Education institutes and global businesses, led by the Postdoc Academy, University of Cambridge. It aims to unlock the innovation potential from these postdoc communities.

The p2i Network provides training and events that help postdocs adopt an entrepreneurial mindset and apply skills and tools from the business world to increase impact from their research and pursue their career ambitions in and outside academia. p2i helps build the confidence and credibility of researchers to engage with businesses for research collaborations and

with stakeholders of entrepreneurial ecosystems. It provides an increased number of postdocs with the belief and know how that they could create impact from their research through starting a company. The p2i online course and in person programmes and events are designed to work around / alongside the busy schedules of postdocs.

Through participating in p2i programmes, researchers expand their networks internationally with like-minded researchers, entrepreneurs and industry experts.



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RISINGWISE

RisingWISE nurtures an interest in commercialisation, focusing specifically on commercialisation as a route to impact and the delivery of economic, social and environmental value.

It is tailored specifically for women early career researchers and faculty working in science, technology, engineering and mathematics as well as the medical sciences (STEMM) in both academia and industry. A small number of PhD students who are nearing the end of their studies and thinking about next steps are also welcomed.

RisingWISE has been developed to address the challenge of connecting researchers to business and industry, bringing together women early career researchers from the universities of Cambridge and Oxford to meet with women working in industry and business, who face similar impact challenges.

Rather than existing in competition with each other, both universities developed an innovative, collaborative programme, including working closely with industry to build mutual relationships, aiming to benefit STEM researcher women from both institutions, and all involved.



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ROYCE CAMBRIDGE

The Henry Royce Institute provides a network of 18 open access deposition, fabrication and characterisation research facilities at the University of Cambridge. Our aim is to drive the development of advanced materials. All equipment is available for use by researchers from academia, industry and SME's, both locally and internationally. Funding opportunities are available for research projects and trials.

The Royce Institute is the UK's national institute for advanced materials science research and innovation, funded by the Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), a part of UK Research & Innovation (UKRI). The University of

Cambridge is one of Royce's nine partners that together form the centrepiece for the UK's material science community.

Royce Cambridge is part of the Atoms to Devices research theme, steering towards activities that underpin the development of novel devices of the future. Hosting a national technology platform; the Physical Vapour Deposition and Characterisation Facility, Royce supports the engineering of new technologies that can translate into applications. These range from photonics, imaging, semiconductors and sensors to energy storage and quantum technologies to name but a few.

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TRINITY HALL ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK (THEN) - EXPERIENCING ENTREPRENEURSHIP FUND

The award is designed to give current students and postdocs the opportunity to experience entrepreneurship by assisting students who are undertaking internships with startups, and/or travel related to enterprise, and/or relevant training.

Students undertaking unpaid work in a startup may wish to apply for a grant to help with accommodation/travel costs; or students taking part in entrepreneurship activities such as a hackathon may need help with travel costs.

It is also possible to apply for a grant to help with course fees for a programme such as EnterpriseTECH in order to gain more entrepreneurship skills.



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TRINITY HALL ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK (THEN) - LEE-YUNG FAMILY FUND FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Each year until 2027, £1,000 will be distributed across up to five teams or individuals. At the end of the year an additional £1,000 will be awarded to the team/individual whose concept or product shows the most promise.

Applications are open to all those with a Trinity Hall connection, including undergraduates, postgraduates or postdocs affiliated with Trinity Hall, a Trinity Hall alumnus within five years of graduation, or a student supervised by or working with a Trinity Hall Fellow.

The award has been made possible by a donation from Aaron Lee (1993).



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WE IMPACT SPARKS

WE Impact Sparks inspires women staff across all schools to engage with impact and enterprise.

It comprises of roundtable discussions for each School, showcasing inspirational, school-specific role models and raising awareness of the importance of training and mentoring for routes to impact.

The discussions will include an introduction to the programme, a panel discussion of women senior academics from each school speaking on their experiences with creating impact through enterprise, a Q&A, and the next steps for support.

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WE LEAD FOOD

WE Lead Food is open to professional women from any part of the global food system. The programme creates and equips an international community of enterprising women leaders committed to transforming the Food System, with a focus on leveraging enterprise for a more sustainable and inclusive food system. WE Lead Food is based on the Three Cs of collective leadership – cooperate, collaborate and co-create. The programme creates enabling environments where women leaders thrive and can be inspired by other women leaders.

The programme is designed for people who are a women, and:

- Have a passion and commitment to drive the transformation to a more sustainable food system
- Are currently in, or have been in, a leadership* position in the food system
- All backgrounds and disciplines are welcome, from research, business, policy, and civil society.

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Programme participants will be given the space and time needed for more strategic and innovative thinking. The WE Lead Food team will work with participants to:

- Explore and develop their entrepreneurial self and leadership self
- Define their vision for a more sustainable food system
- Devise a plan to realise their vision
- Connect with women from across the world, from diverse professional backgrounds, who share a passion and commitment to creating a better food system.

*WE Lead Food does not discriminate on age, and a broad view is taken on leadership.

WE4IMPACT

WE4Impact is a programme for University of Cambridge women faculty and staff, designed and delivered by Cambridge women, that brings together women from all schools who share an ambition for increased impact.

WE4Impact aims to deliver routes to impact by offering women faculty and staff additional and alternative tools and access to resources to widen engagement with the public, policymakers, industry, and the Cambridge entrepreneurial cluster.

The programme includes site visits to connect, inspire and motivate, introducing participants to what the University has to offer in the way of facilities and communities to help boost enterprise activity.

Programme elements include entrepreneurial skills for impact, visioning, valuing ideas, recognising opportunities, mobilising resources, mitigating uncertainty, pitching your ideas, and networking. Participants will be introduced to a diverse group of women faculty and staff who are driving a wide range of impact from their different roles within in the University.

For queries or to express an interest for 2024 please email.

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WELLCOME GENOME CAMPUS STARTUP SCHOOL

A lean entrepreneurial training programme designed for genomics and biodata scientists from the Wellcome Genome Campus, with eight content-rich sessions, plus an introductory and a wrap-up session. The curriculum is delivered in ten hybrid sessions, with a mix of focused content, interactive discussion and workshop exercises.

Each of the modules is designed to help our participants step out of their comfort zone as they start to validate and test their ideas. The aim is to inspire through role models, peer to peer interaction and mentoring, with opportunities for putting thoughts into practice. The very targeted nature of the curriculum means that this syllabus is unique, focusing solely on genomics and biodata.



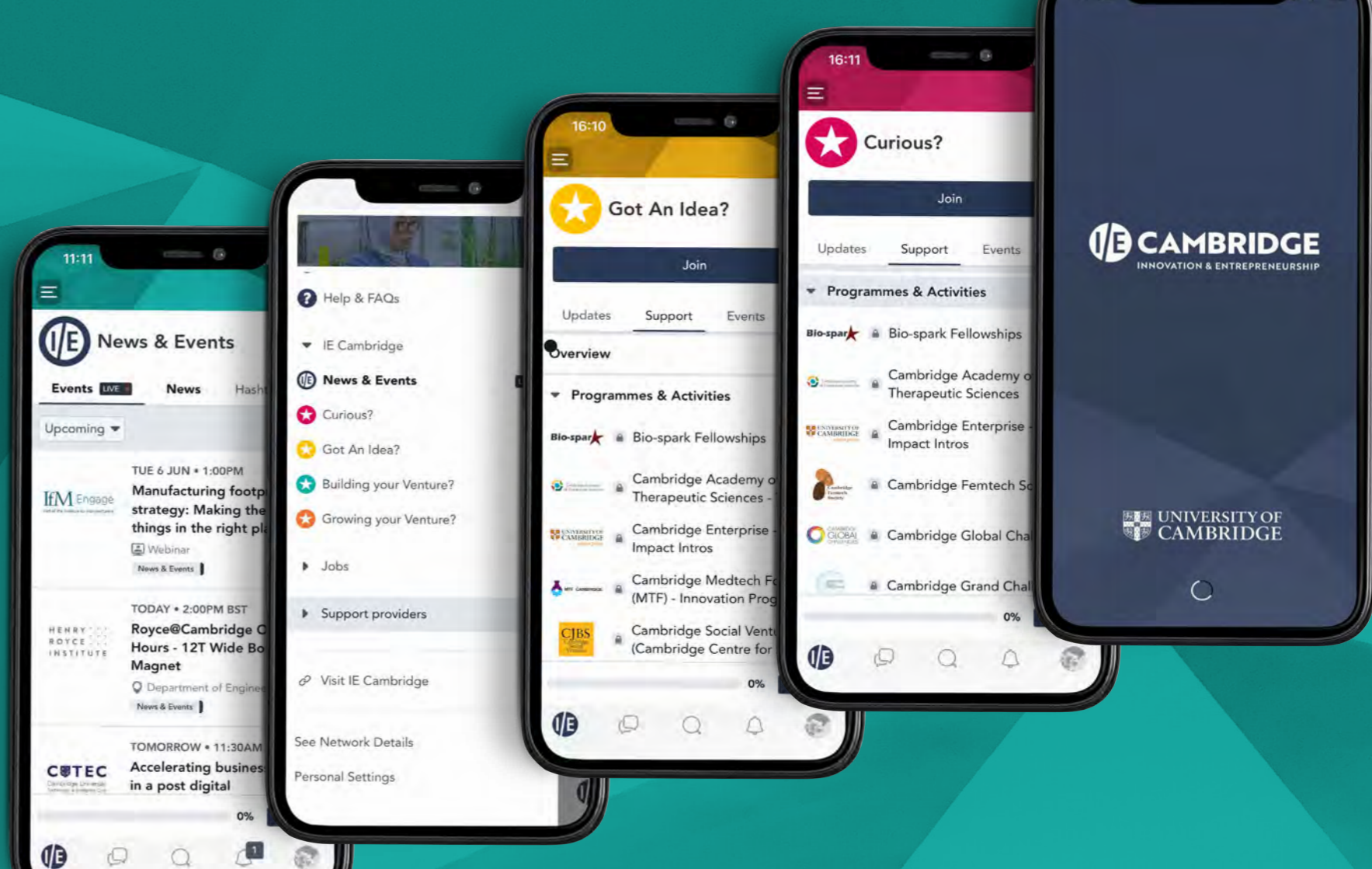
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The CONNECT: IE CAMBRIDGE app is the new network for support providers, future innovators and entrepreneurs, and those who play a part in the journey.

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BUILDING YOUR VENTURE?

I have formed a team and we are ready to work together to progress our venture with the right support.

ACCELERATE@BABRAHAM

Founded and developed at the Babraham Research Campus in 2018, Accelerate@Babraham, the Campus' pre-seed company support programme, was created out of a desire to support and nurture early-stage life science ventures attempting to navigate this tough and fast-moving sector.

The programme, which each year offers five early-stage life science startups the chance to join the Babraham Research Campus community, brings to bear an unrivalled network of experts, mentors, investors, data-driven business support, lab space and funding to equip new enterprises with the

skills, confidence, connections to enable success. It is an opportunity to dedicate a significant period to the exploration and development of your proposal in the company of an exceptional network of strategic partners and supporters, at a location which is one of the best in Europe.



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ALLIA FUTURE BUSINESS CENTRE

Allia Future Business Centres offers flexible workspace and a vibrant community for small businesses who are creating change. Allia Impact runs free business support programmes and innovative funded projects. Together, they are dedicated to supporting businesses to thrive, grow and create jobs, so that they can make a positive impact on their community, as well as addressing social and environmental local and global challenges.

Centres in Cambridge offer flexible workspace, meeting rooms and networking, all within environmentally focused buildings – creating friendly communities in which business can thrive.



📍 Various Locations ✉ hello@futurebusinesscentre.co.uk 🏠 futurebusinesscentre.co.uk

Teams of expert advisors and mentors are also available to help your business grow.

Allia also works on a range of funded projects, from supporting Agetech innovators to help elderly people stay in their homes for longer, to the creation of modular home communities providing affordable supported living for those experiencing homelessness.

BABRAHAM RESEARCH CAMPUS

The Babraham Research Campus is a leading research Campus supporting startup and scale-up bioscience companies. It is distinct in its co-location of bioscience companies with the world leading discovery research of the Babraham Institute.

The Campus is a dynamic environment within 430 acres of parkland, home to over 50 companies, 2,000 employees and 300 academic researchers. It is where discovery research and business come together with a shared scientific focus that accelerates innovation and strengthens links between academia and the commercial world.



📍 Babraham Research Campus ✉ info@babraham.co.uk 🏠 babraham.com

BARCLAYS EAGLE LABS

Barclays Eagle Labs provide support to startup businesses, particularly those who are focussed on technology and innovation. For those needing physical space, we provide coworking and offices at the flagship Chesterton Road site and at The Bradfield Centre.

For those looking for more virtual support you'll be able to access services and expertise remotely. Businesses can be connected to mentors, specialists and deals that are all designed to help them grow. Barclays Eagle Labs provides access to a collaborative community where businesses can be put in touch with and learn from their peers.



📍 Chesterton Road and The Bradfield Centre ✉ paul.hodson@barclays.com 🏠 labs.uk.barclays

Scaling businesses can benefit from some of the more bespoke and tailored approaches that are available through Eagle Labs and businesses looking to raise further capital can be connected to potential investors through Barclays Demo Directory.

In Cambridge we're building a community of startup and scaleups who are leading in climate innovation - essential in delivering the transition to Net Zero.

Our flagship Eagle Lab in the heart of Cambridge, will play an exciting role in accelerating businesses in this sector and support the growth of climate innovators.

BIO-SPARK FELLOWSHIPS

Bio-spark is an entrepreneurial education programme and support system for early-career academics considering a career in business and enterprise, run by Cambridge Gravity.

The programme is a gateway into industry and startup formation. It is a fellowship programme that provides internships at Pharma, Biotech or Venture partners, mentorship for those with ideas for setting up companies, and networking opportunities for all Bio-spark fellows. Bio-spark is a “learn by experience” programme that runs outside of PhD and postdoc responsibilities.

There are three types of Bio-spark fellows:

- Exploring fellows who wish to experience the networking opportunities with partner companies and biotech role-models in the Cambridge ecosystem
- Challenge-solving fellows who wish to do internships and engage with partner companies through solving challenges
- Company-seeding fellows who have ideas for setting up companies and need mentoring and funding opportunities

The annual programme runs over eight months (from November until June).



📍 Milner Therapeutics Institute ✉ contact@gravity.cam.ac.uk 🏠 gravity.cam.ac.uk/bio-spark

BRIDGES FOR ENTERPRISE - CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER

The BfE Cambridge Chapter was founded in Autumn 2015 at the University of Cambridge.

It recognises the pitfalls many face in social entrepreneurship, with relatively fewer resources and financial support, and wanted to make it easier for more social entrepreneurs to create impact and become investor-ready.

The chapter has worked with over 100 different students across multiple disciplines, dozens of passionate entrepreneurs around the world, and forged new partnerships with social impact ecosystem players. The chapter provides consulting, finance, legal and technical advisory services to social entrepreneurs, in addition to its four other teams that support the chapter.



🏠 bridgesforenterprise.com

The BfE Incubation Programme would be a good fit if:

- You are a for-profit or non-profit social enterprise
- You are an early stage startup at the pre-seed or seed stage
- You have an existing product or service and earning revenue
- Your business is legally established in Africa, Asia, Latin America or the Middle East
- You demonstrate a clear path to financial returns and social impact.

Each advisory engagement lasts for 3 to 4 months. Startups may expect to complete the programme within 6 to 8 months.

They accept applications on a rolling basis year-round. However, there are deadlines to be considered for specific cohorts. Startups who apply earlier are more likely to receive detailed consideration.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY - AURORA INNOVATION CENTRE

Aurora Innovation Centre creates space for collaboration with the British Antarctic Survey – addressing issues of global importance and helping society adapt to a changing world. It offers space and support services for interdisciplinary collaboration to tackle environmental challenges and increase real-world benefit of polar research.

With the aim to advance our understanding of Earth as a sustainable planet and contribute to looking for solutions for a Net Zero Carbon future, Aurora Innovation Centre hosts and hires out the Innovation Centre for various events and partners.



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BUILDING BRIDGES IN MEDICAL SCIENCE (BBMS)

This University of Cambridge society focuses on exploring career opportunities outside of academia, including opportunities in the bio-entrepreneurial ecosystem.

It hosts a diverse set of events including panel discussions, workshops and an annual conference with keynote speakers from biotech startups, venture capital firms and more.



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BUSINESS & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTRE - CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH

The Business & IP Centre (BIPC) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough provides free and low-cost business support and advice to startup business owners, entrepreneurs, and inventors.

BIPC supports a thriving community of bright and inspiring people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough by partnering with local libraries, offering free access to high-value business information and market intelligence, and intellectual property guidance.

BIPC has an ongoing programme of support in the form of webinars, workshops and coffee mornings which cover a broad range of fundamentals when it comes to starting or running a business. It also offers help with intellectual property protection and grants access to vast business resources via The BIPC Network.

**Business &
IP Centre**
Cambridgeshire
& Peterborough

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CAMBRIDGE ACADEMY OF THERAPEUTIC SCIENCES - TRANSLATIONAL SUPPORT

The Cambridge Academy of Therapeutic Sciences (CATS) is a strategic research initiative established to facilitate the development of new therapeutics and support the education and training of the next generation of world-leading researchers.

The Academy welcomes academics from across the University, scientists and managers from industry, and key opinion leaders and thinkers concerned with regulatory, legal and policy issues. The Translation Champion network consists of senior academic members from across schools and relevant departments active in therapeutics and medtech research.

It is supported by funding from the Wellcome Trust Translational Partnership Award (WT TPA), which brings over £2m funding to the University to support its translational strategy and to encourage new engagement in translational research.

Translation Champions help to directly support translational research projects, through various internal awards such as the Developing Concept Fund, Access to Expertise, and the CATS Experts in Residence programme.

They also sponsor training and focus on bridging the gender gap in innovation.



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CAMBRIDGE ENTERPRISE - VENTURES

Cambridge Enterprise Ventures is the investment arm of the University of Cambridge.

Investing ring-fenced University capital, Cambridge Enterprise Ventures accelerates and shares in the unique challenges and journeys of University talent startups and spinouts.

Whether you are a student or an academic, the team can support with:

- guiding on the elements that are needed in preparation for speaking with investors
- early stage seed funding investment from £20k to £1m.
- introducing experienced experts and mentors who can help build strong, professional teams

- managing the milestone payments generated by the underlying intellectual property (IP) licence fees and royalties

- assisting with ongoing business management, including links to later stage investors.

Investment options include – Pathfinder – up to 20K; Pre-seed funding – up to £150K; Seed investment – up to £500K; Follow on Investment – upto £1M always working alongside other investors to provide continued support as a company grows.

Cambridge Enterprise Ventures also works in collaboration with Parkwalk Advisors to deploy the University of Cambridge Enterprise Fund, which can double the financial support available for EIS



📍 Hauser Forum 🏠 enterprise.cam.ac.uk

CAMBRIDGE FUTURE TECH

Cambridge Future Tech (CFT) is a unique technology-first venture builder. CFT harnesses ground-breaking academic and corporate research, transforming it into pioneering DeepTech ventures that shape industries and advance society.

CFT supports founders in all aspects of company building from day-zero. CFT works supporting the team to plan, prepare, and develop everything a new DeepTech venture needs when commercialising innovation. The CFT team comprises experienced technologists, innovators, and entrepreneurs, as well as large company executives, working day-to-day with Founders to build DeepTech companies

CFT connects founders with corporate partners, facilitating pilot projects, strategic partnerships, and commercialisation opportunities. CFT's mentor network includes over 100 seasoned exited founders, technical experts, and business leaders from major global corporates

CFT has a broad ranging network of investors for all stages of investment, from first cheque Angels through to Growth Stage and Private Equity. CFT's network stretches globally, with investors from East Asia, the Middle East and both the East and West coasts of the US

Combining the disruptive agility of a startup with the essential structure and economics of an established team, CFT deploys the resources, network, and commercial acumen required to build successful companies.



📍 The Bradfield Centre ✉ info@camfuturetech.com 🏠 camfuturetech.com

CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP (CISL) - CANOPY ACCELERATOR PROGRAMMES

CISL Canopy Accelerators support startups, small businesses, innovators and entrepreneurs to push boundaries in sustainability, through a combination of online and face to face programmes, events, webinars, hackathons and innovation sprints.

These free-of-charge programmes connect leading sustainability innovators with new organisations and transformative business models that will decarbonise our economy, restore nature and prioritise inclusive societies.

Drawing on CISL's expertise and international network in sustainability, each accelerator programme is custom designed around sustainability themes where innovation has an important role to play.



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"CAMBRIDGE IS THE PLACE WHERE I CAN MAKE MY DREAMS A REALITY."

PAWAN SHRESTHA
CEO, LARK OPTICS

Photo: Julian Claxton

CAMBRIDGE SOCIAL INNOVATION PRIZE (CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION CJBS)

The Cambridge Centre for Social Innovation and Trinity Hall have partnered to celebrate and support extraordinary social innovators creating social impact through business across the UK.

There are many early career and lifetime achievement awards, and the Cambridge Social Innovation Prize recognises a gap for mid-career social innovators. The award targets extraordinary individuals with a proven track record, but who would benefit from support to reach the next level. The prize helps social innovators grow themselves in order to grow their social impact.

£10,000 cash is awarded for personal and professional development - training or further study, meetings and conferences, sabbatical or study tour. Mentoring from the Cambridge Social Ventures team at Cambridge Judge Business School provides new connections and new ways to elevate impactful work.

The prize is offered with gratitude to Graham Ross Russell, an alumnus and Honorary Fellow of Trinity Hall, and his family for their generous donation.



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CAMBRIDGE SOCIAL VENTURES (CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION CJBS) - SOCIAL VENTURE INCUBATOR

A well-established, six to twelve month free incubator that helps social ventures get started and grow.

From fashion to farming, prisons to prosthetics, and whether you have global plans or are making an impact in your local community, support is tailored to suit you for six to twelve months.

Through expert business advice, training, and networking, the incubator helps social ventures secure finance, embed their social mission, measure impact, develop strong governance and grow to the next level. The core of the incubator is the relationship with a business advisor, an experienced social entrepreneur, who will support you with setting strong foundations for growth.

Benefits include:

- Six months of structured support, including monthly training days and regular meetings with an advisor
- Further negotiated support for up to 12 months
- Support and introductions to become investment-ready and access finance, including loans and angel investment
- Support to embed and protect your social mission through appropriate legal structures
- Connections to business networks and the social sector
- Shared working space in central Cambridge
- Bursaries for entrepreneurs experiencing financial hardship



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CAMBRIDGE SOCIAL VENTURES (CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION CJBS) - SOCIAL VENTURE WEEKEND

The Social Venture Weekend is for anyone aiming to set up or grow a business that makes a positive social or environmental impact. The workshop is an inspiring introduction to the social venture sector and a valuable opportunity to focus intensely on your own business. In an inclusive, supportive and friendly atmosphere, you'll have the opportunity to share and test your ideas with others and learn from the experience of successful social entrepreneurs.

The Social Venture Weekend is for you if you are starting or already running a business dedicated to making social impact, or you're ambitious to scale up rapidly, become investment ready, and secure finance.

The weekend provides two days of world-class training on topics including business models for social ventures, financial tools, market research and legal structures.

The cost of the weekend is £75 and it is held at the Cambridge Judge Business School.



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CAMBRIDGE SOCIAL VENTURES (CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION CJBS) - SOCIAL SEED FUND

Cambridge Social Ventures and Cambridge Enterprise have partnered to offer seed funding to social ventures emerging from the University of Cambridge.

The programme will invest up to £20,000 each in as many as five businesses that are making a positive social or environmental impact. Returns will be reinvested in future social ventures.

The fund is limited to businesses emerging from the University or founded by alumni. To be eligible for seed investment from this fund, ventures must be:

- Current members or graduates of the Cambridge Social Ventures incubator programme
- Spinouts from University research or founded by Cambridge alumni
- Dedicated to making positive social or environmental impact and suitably structured as a social venture with an embedded social mission (guidance available).



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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY ENTREPRENEURS (CUE)

Cambridge University Entrepreneurs (CUE) is a community for the next generation of entrepreneurs. Since 1999, it has supported and accelerated business innovation and entrepreneurship and provided training for hundreds of students, staff and alumni.

CUE educates and encourages students to consider entrepreneurial careers and is renowned for hosting some of the most successful student-run business creation competitions in the world. They have traditionally hosted four competitions annually: £100 for 100 words, the £2k competition, the £10k competition and the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.



📍 Baker Building ✉️ entrepreneurs@cambridgesu.co.uk 🏠 cambridgeuniversityentrepreneurs.org

To date, they have awarded over £600,000 in prize money to more than 60 startups many of whom have developed into successful companies. In addition, a new CUE flagship competition has been launched with an identical format as the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, but with an increased £20k prize money for the winners.

A supportive and inclusive community, CUE provides a platform to connect with like-minded individuals. With access to a wide range of resources, events, and networking opportunities, CUE is a fantastic launchpad for anyone looking to start their own business and make a real impact. The new CV database allows students interested in startups to submit their CVs, which are shared with relevant sponsor firms.

CAMBRIDGE ZERO

Cambridge Zero aims to maximise the University of Cambridge's contribution towards achieving a resilient and sustainable zero-carbon world. Acting as both hub and umbrella, Cambridge Zero integrates and enhances the University's activities through:

- Research and innovation to drive technological and social change
- Education and training to provide the skills needed to deliver a different future
- Engagement with a broad coalition of stakeholders to develop solutions collectively
- Leading by example by supporting ambitious decarbonisation



📍 Maxwell Centre ✉️ info@zero.cam.ac.uk 🏠 zero.cam.ac.uk

Engage for Change is a free 12-week programme for students culminating in the design and implementation of students' own sustainability related interventions.

The Future Leaders programme offers undergraduates and recent graduates paid summer internships with Cambridge Zero. Placements are eight weeks long and provide interns with the key skills and knowledge needed for successful careers within the climate and sustainability space.

CAMENTREPRENEURS (CAMBRIDGE ALUMNI ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY)

CAMentrepeneurs is a University alumni group, formed to support business and social entrepreneurship among Cambridge University alumni, current students and others. Since its launch in 2016, events have been held in Boston, Cambridge, Dallas, Dubai, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Houston, Lisbon, London, Oxford, Paris, New York, Shanghai, San Francisco, Sydney, Vancouver and Warsaw. We partner with other major business schools and Universities such as Imperial, LBS, LSE, Oxford and others, and has thousands of members around the world.



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CARBON13

Carbon13 is the Venture Builder for the Climate Emergency. It believes that entrepreneurs are the creative force which will build the Net Zero future. The entrepreneur programmes support founders at all stages of startup development, from the very beginning of ideas and co-founder teaming, through to pre-seed investment and scale.

The organisation's Cambridge origins have taught it the importance of world class carbon, commercial and scientific understanding. Its expansion to Berlin places it at the heart of Europe's ClimateTech momentum.



📍 Salisbury House ✉ hello@carbonthirteen.com 🏠 carbonthirteen.com

Carbon13 only launches startups that have the potential to mitigate 10 million tonnes CO₂e emissions per year when at scale and its programme enables founders to develop ventures that can achieve this.

The UK Venture Builder is for those seeking co-founders and are at the earliest stage of the journey, while Venture Builder Europe is intended for founders who are resident, or are able to work, in the EU.

The Venture Launchpad is an 18-week fully-remote accelerator for established teams who have not yet raised equity finance but are looking to do so.

CO-LABS BY JOURNEY

Cambridge is leading the world in research and early-stage innovation, but lacks physical space for founders and growing firms to harness it. Instead of being forced to find the few available startup labs outside Cambridge, Co-Labs by journey provides urban, fully-fitted lab space that companies need, so that you can focus your time and resources on your venture.

Offering a range of spaces, from a single lab bench to larger private lab and write-up spaces, we cater for the diverse mix of high-growth startups across Cambridge. Our labs and offices are fully fitted so you can move in straight away. Our facilities include shared equipment and tissue culture rooms, co-working space, meeting rooms and conference facilities.



📍 NIAB 🏠 journeyre.io/spaces/colabs-niab-cambridge

Co-Labs by journey is a dedicated early-stage facility. It is ideal for collaboration-minded businesses looking for a base near the city centre, with a programme of events and networking to foster knowledge-sharing and development. You will be surrounded by like-minded founders in a space run by scientists. Alongside the bricks and mortar, we continue to build partnerships with the teams and consultants you need to grow your business.

Conveniently located on Huntingdon Road, Co-Labs by journey is a short cycle from Cambridge city centre, West Cambridge Innovation District and the University of Cambridge. Being situated on Huntingdon Road we offer ease of access by bicycle and public transport. We also have parking spaces for those travelling by car and are close to the Chesterton, Eddington and Arbury neighbourhoods.

CONNECT: HEALTH TECH

Connect: Health Tech (C:HT) is an online community bringing together people who are passionate and innovative in life science and health technologies. Starting out as a University of Cambridge initiative to connect expertise and disciplines from across its university campuses, today the platform supports a thriving global community of over 2,000 professionals.

Connect: Health Tech joins the dots between medicine and technology: making connections, fostering collaborations and catalysing ideas between biomedical research, cutting-edge technology and clinical need to transform and accelerate healthcare design, development and testing for real world applications.



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Democratising access for all, it serves as a one-stop-shop for connectivity to all stakeholders in the community from researchers to entrepreneurs, investors and academics. Regardless of location or time zone, it helps members expand their networks beyond their own sector, discipline or research areas, amplifies the reach of events and funding opportunities and enhances the search for relevant research and innovation journey partners.

DEEPTech LABS

Deeptech Labs is an accelerator and VC fund that catalyses deep tech innovation in the UK and Europe, specifically assisting deep tech startups in preparing for a significant Series A.

Deeptech Labs offers a unique combination of intensive, high-quality accelerator pro-grams and early-stage funding to commercialize world-leading deep tech research. This blend of financial support and access to over 500 world-class deep tech experts—including ex-founders, technical and functional specialists, and over 280 active corporate and venture investors—aims to transform breakthrough scientific discoveries into globally impactful, category-defining companies.



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Launched in mid-2021 with the backing of ARM, Cambridge Innovation Capital, Martlet Capital, Ewan Kirk, and the University of Cambridge, Deeptech Labs stands at the heart of Cambridge and global technology ecosystems.

EMMANUEL ENTERPRISE

Emmanuel College provides opportunities to students and postdocs to broaden their entrepreneurial skills. The College hosts an annual 'Emma Enterprise' competition to provide practical experience in developing and pitching a business or social enterprise idea. The competition is open to any team of students and postdocs, of whom at least one must be a member of Emmanuel College. As part of the competition, there are skill workshops, mentoring opportunities and the chance to develop your ideas. There is additionally a series of online Entrepreneurs' Workshops where alumni and friends of the College give talks about their experiences and lessons learnt in starting up a business or social enterprise.



📍 Emmanuel College ✉️ communications@emma.cam.ac.uk 🏠 emma.cam.ac.uk

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) - ACCELERATE CAMBRIDGE

Accelerate Cambridge is an 11-week startup accelerator providing entrepreneurship education expert advice, coaching and mentoring. Providing teams of entrepreneurs with a structured approach that combines online lectures, workshops, weekly coaching and mentoring and access to a shared workspace.

The programme helps teams turn an idea into a business, launch, and then keep going. Accelerate Cambridge is part of an ecosystem of support for entrepreneurs in Cambridge and will help you navigate through to find the resources you need.

Open to teams of two or more people looking to start a venture, one must have a Cambridge connection – student,

alumni, faculty, staff of the University or resident of the town.

Accelerate Cambridge provides advice and mentoring on:

- Ideation, idea shaping and initial screening
- Discovering the most promising applications for your knowledge or technology
- Research and customer development
- Protecting your intellectual property
- Developing a compelling customer value proposition
- Sales and traction
- Branding and marketing
- Establishing evidence of genuine customer demand
- Understanding the competitive landscape and much more.

Accelerate
Cambridge



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) - ENTERPRISETECH

EnterpriseTECH is a 10-week entrepreneurship programme that includes a lecture series and practical, hands-on project experience to give you a real-world understanding of the startup world and the commercialisation journey.

The programme empowers you to unlock your full entrepreneurial potential by providing a dynamic and immersive learning experience that brings together the worlds of research and startups. You don't need a business school background; the programme aims to inspire and motivate you to take ideas you have now, or will have in the future, to the next level.

Unlock your creativity, sharpen your problem-solving skills, and cultivate a growth mindset – one that will carry you forward in your entrepreneurial journey and help you turn passions into actions.



Through a creative blend of intensive lectures, hands-on workshops, supervisions, and practical application to real-world projects, the programme equips you with versatile entrepreneurship skills and provides access to valuable enterprise networks, enabling you to thrive in today's entrepreneurial landscape.

EnterpriseTECH runs twice every academic year. There is a cap of 60 places per cohort and entry is by application and interview. Open to graduate students, PhD researchers and postdocs from the University of Cambridge as well as UK and international universities, University of Cambridge staff, NHS medics, and industry professionals.

EnterpriseTECH Cohort 15 (17 Sep-22 Nov 2024): Application deadline: 21 June 2024 EnterpriseTECH Cohort 16 (5 Nov 2024-31 Jan 2025): Application deadline: 20 September 2024

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) – ENTERPRISE TECH STAR

For graduates of EnterpriseTECH eager to develop early-stage business ideas (with a STEM flavour), EnterpriseTECH STAR offers a selective follow-on programme. Designed to prepare participants for competitions and accelerators, it provides comprehensive support for transforming business ideas into viable ventures and evolving into skilled entrepreneurs.

EnterpriseTECH STAR is an intensive 10-week programme, accommodating up to 20 participants. The programme features face-to-face sessions every other week, including talks, workshops, and progressively challenging tasks.

Participants benefit from personal mentoring with enthusiastic and experienced mentor, fostering both personal and entrepreneurial growth.

Applications open in December 2024 and the deadline to apply is 17 February 2025. The programme runs 9 April-16 June 2025.



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**“THE LIGHT BULB
CAME AT THE END
OF ENTERPRISETECH,
WHERE YOU LEARN TO
EVALUATE AN IDEA.”**

COCO NEWTON
COO, FATHOM COGNITION

Photo: Julian Claxton

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) - ENTERPRISEWOMEN

EnterpriseWOMEN is a university-level entrepreneurship learning programme designed for women who are looking to explore entrepreneurship or are early stage founders.

The programme runs as bi-monthly workshops from April till October and offers practical, experiential learning opportunities and hands-on training in key areas such as business planning, marketing, ESG, and finance. The hands-on training facilitates group work, open communication, peer-to-peer interaction, collaborative learning, and relationship building. The programme also has a valuable mentorship

component designed to support women entrepreneurs and help them grow their networks.

Full scholarships are available for eligible participants, which includes University of Cambridge PhD students, postdocs, researchers, staff, and faculty. Applications are considered on a rolling basis.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) – IGNITE

Ignite is an intensive, one-week entrepreneurship training programme for aspiring entrepreneurs and corporate innovators to trial and prepare business ideas for the commercial environment. Ignite has an impressive track record of both inspiring successful new business ventures and bolstering internal business development. A chance to bring your ambition and business idea to a programme that gives you exclusive access to the knowledge and support systems in the Cambridge Ecosystem.

A unique blend of practical teaching sessions, expert clinics, mentor sessions and advice and support from experienced entrepreneurs and innovators is enhanced by site visits to several of Cambridge's notable startups including the rising stars in technology and life sciences. Delegates will hear from their founders how they developed and brought an idea to market.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) - VENTURE CREATION

The Venture Creation programme takes place at the Cambridge Judge Business School and helps build the people who build businesses, matching great ideas with exciting talent, and providing a springboard for you and your team to work towards a high impact and scalable new venture. It will also give you access to a community of like-minded individuals offering their support and shared experiences. Participating in the programme will develop your capacity for future innovation and an entrepreneurial mindset that will support you throughout your career choices.

You will build long-lasting relationships which could lead to you being part of a founding team, on your way to finding your founders and even a potential investor, or perhaps a job offer.



Apply your creativity and problem-solving skills in your chosen area of expertise/interests and identify and explore the opportunities for innovation. You are then encouraged to develop your own personal development programme which may include:

- New venture creation
- Understanding the possibilities in your studies and research
- Identifying new research projects
- Applying the learning to your organisation or your career search and choices

The fee for the programme is £48 per delegate which includes the orientation weekend and access to the monthly Venture Labs.

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FRAME SHIFT BIO-INCUBATOR - MILNER THERAPEUTICS INSTITUTE

Frame Shift provides unique space for startups and SMEs to work side-by-side with other startups, pharma and academic scientists in an ecosystem physically and culturally designed to spark collaboration and entrepreneurship. It has a particular focus on R&D intensive companies working in areas related to the Milner Institute's expertise (e.g. functional genomics, early target discovery, therapeutics).

Frame Shift offers:

- Wet lab space and write-up desks at the heart of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus
- Potential for interactions with clinicians, researchers and drug discovery scientists at the University and hospitals on the biomedical campus



- Advice and research input from the Milner Institute research teams
- Know-how and expertise of representatives of the 14 Milner affiliated pharma companies that are part of the Milner Consortium
- Membership of an exclusive network of 70+ affiliated global pharma and biotech companies, and access to Milner events including the annual Milner Therapeutics Symposium
- Founders' masterclasses, drop-in sessions, networking and pitching opportunities.

Companies usually join Frame Shift as a team of one to three people and stay for 18-24 months. During this time, many secure successful funding, enabling their teams to expand and move out to other premises by the time their teams have exceeded eight people in the Milner.

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FOUNDERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE – START

Accelerating Potential.

Founders at the University of Cambridge is a strategic initiative that equips founders for growth through capital investment, multi-stage programmes, intensive mentoring and a global community of experts, delivered by Cambridge Enterprise.

START is its pre-seed programme delivering acceleration for a cohort of ten startups connected to the University, whose ideas and research have the potential to change the world – from solving climate change to finding cures to deadly diseases.

With guaranteed funding of £40k in the early stage of the programme, there is a clear pathway to follow-on funding subject to a successful pitch to the Cambridge Enterprise Ventures team.

The 14-week intensive programme focuses on product market fit and positioning, customer business development and investment readiness in addition to providing 50+ hours of mentorship from a handpicked Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) who has successfully scaled tech and science-based businesses and Operators-in-Residence (OIR) in areas such as finance and marketing.

The programme culminates in a pitch opportunity at a London-based Investor Day with more than 200 investors from the wider ecosystem. Participants also benefit from three months' free office space at ideaSpace West, and priority access to lab space.

Applications are open from October to November 2024, but people can register interest for future cohorts at any time via the website.

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HUGHES HALL ENTERPRISE AWARD

The annual Hughes Hall Enterprise Award welcomes applications from teams of entrepreneurs proposing innovative solutions to problems or challenges currently facing society. In 2022/23 the 1st prize of £1,000 was sponsored by Cambridge Digital Innovation – a Hughes Hall Bridge Centre.

Typically, the competition is open to any team of up to five people, with at least one team member from Hughes Hall. It is an ideas competition more than a business competition – as long as your idea is innovative and your passion comes through, you don't need business expertise or experience to take part or to succeed in the competition.



📍 Hughes Hall 🏠 hughes.cam.ac.uk

ICURE PROGRAMME

ICURe is a pre-accelerator programme for researchers. This programme is designed to help explore the commercial application and potential of UK research. Within the ICURe programme, it has developed a range of funding and commercialisation training with industry experts, and this is delivered via 4 key programmes; ICURe Engage, ICURe Discover, ICURe Explore and ICURe Exploit.

For Researchers:

If you are a researcher with an idea, this programme is designed to help you through the process of defining your proposition and testing it with your prospective target markets.

For Industry:

ICURe is an ideal access point to some of the UK's leading innovation. Supporting a range of innovation themes, it provides SMEs and corporations with an opportunity to evaluate the commercial potential for cutting-edge research.

For Investors:

ICURe provides investors with an insight into the latest innovation, while it is still at an early stage of development. ICURe can keep you informed on developments in your portfolio area.



icureprogramme.com

IDEASPACE

A co-working space with a strong focus on community, ideaSpace have three locations across Cambridge – ideaSpace West, ideaSpace South and ideaSpace City. Each office provides a supportive working environment with great facilities, allowing founders to get on and grow their venture.

Members work alongside each other in the space and are provided many opportunities to network within their office and across the ideaSpace community – such as at-attending Mix & Mingle socials and the summer party, as well as business focused events such as the Founders' Breakfast and Entrepreneurship Clinic. Members can also reach out to the

community via our member messaging platforms or gain the insight they need simply by being in the same space as other founders – so many helpful conversations have started over a coffee in the ideaSpace kitchen!

Membership is open to anyone working on a scalable and innovative business idea who would benefit from developing it in a supportive founder community.



[Various locations](#) [✉ enquiries@ideaspace.cam.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@ideaspace.cam.ac.uk) [🏠 ideaspace.cam.ac.uk](https://ideaspace.cam.ac.uk)

INNOVATE UK

St John's Innovation Centre was the first innovation centre in Europe to focus on supporting knowledge-based businesses. Established by St John's College, Cambridge in 1987 as part of St John's Innovation Park, it is the longest standing business incubator in the United Kingdom. The centre provides a dynamic and supportive environment which accelerates the growth of ambitious firms. Based at the centre, the SJIC Innovate and Growth Team works with tenants, virtual tenants and businesses across the East of England.

SJIC is one of 21 UK partners delivering Innovate UK Business Growth. The team provide a range of support to facilitate the growth and scale of SMEs. Innovate UK Business Growth is an integral part of Innovate UK's deep investment in innovative businesses that drive economic growth. It is a publicly-funded service available to all high potential, small to medium sized



innovation-driven companies - including Innovate UK grant winners. Businesses are supported and empowered to grow and achieve their industrial and social transformations in every sector, from seed to scale stage. Innovation and growth specialists are at the centre of their service. Each client engagement has a be-spoke strategy including:

Enhancing business innovation

Developing commercial strategies and a team to deliver it; protecting and harnessing IP; improving innovation management to access ecosystems globally

Sourcing funding and finance

Applying effective strategies to secure business grants and capital to enhance investor appeal and get investment ready

Opening new markets

Creating connections to partners and leveraging insights to expand into vertical and international markets to achieve scale

📍 St John's Innovation Centre ✉ east@innovateukedge.ukri.org 🏠 stjohns.co.uk/scaling-your-business

INSTITUTE FOR MANUFACTURING (IFM) ENGAGE

IfM Engage provides business support, consultancy and executive education based on management and government policy research conducted at the Institute for Manufacturing (IfM).

IfM Engage works with startups, small and medium-sized enterprises, and large corporations from a broad range of sectors to help them develop strategies and enhance their capabilities. We work with governments and their agencies to provide policy evidence, help build capacity and facilitate policy dialogue.

Our work with startups and small companies focuses on enabling development and growth. Through a series of structured workshops, based on the IfM Strategic Compass methodology, the company directors and key stakeholders

work with an expert facilitator to take a step back, determine strategic priorities and improve decision-making. Through the workshops, the organisation focuses on areas vital to achieving rapid scaling and attracting finance. The workshops help to:

- Identify, prioritise and decide which opportunity(s) to focus on.
- Develop a chosen future state/vision, and robust plans to achieve it.
- Identify and mitigate risks and barriers to achieving the chosen future.
- Develop strategic decision-making capabilities, enabling the alignment of leadership teams around the chosen future and how to achieve it.



📍 Institute for Manufacturing ✉ ifm-enquiries@eng.cam.ac.uk 🏠 engage.ifm.eng.cam.ac.uk

KING'S COLLEGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PRIZE (KEP)

King's Entrepreneurship Prize is one of the largest (by awarded sum) university entrepreneurship competitions in the UK and the EU that do not request an equity in return for the grant. It is the oldest and an integral part of the entrepreneurship ecosystem at King's.

The King's Entrepreneurship Prize aims to encourage the development of entrepreneurial ideas, and the conversion of creativity and knowhow into sustainable commercial and social benefit. Established in 2014, past prizewinners have gone on to develop innovative businesses in healthcare, engineering, robotics, communications and consumer products.



Finalists compete for a first prize of £20,000 with additional discretionary awards. All candidates are offered feedback and mentorship to help raise startup funds and bring their concepts to market.

The Competition is open to all students, Fellows, Associates and alumni of King's.

In the first stage of the competition, entrants provide a one-page summary of their entrepreneurial project. A selection is longlisted to receive a grant of £100 and asked for four supplementary pages of information and analysis about their project. A shortlist is then chosen and asked to present a full and comprehensive business plan to an expert panel of judges – this live presentation meeting is called the Lyons Den (named after the generous donor who established and funded the prize – Stuart Lyons CBE). Financial prizes are awarded to the winning entrants.

📍 King's College ✉️ enterprise@kings.cam.ac.uk 🏠 kings.cam.ac.uk/entrepreneurship

KQ LABS | CRICK

An accelerator programme for exciting early-stage startups using data as a core part of their business model to improve human health, run by the Francis Crick Institute, with sponsorship from Cancer Research Horizons for one cancer-focused venture. The programme is aimed at early-stage data-driven health startups looking for support to validate their ideas and develop their business goals in a supportive and enriching environment.



It offers:

- Weekly virtual workshops, both in-person and virtual on a wide range of topics, all tailored to the needs of early-stage data-driven health companies
- Access to 1:1 mentoring with a hand-picked network of experts, as well as introductions to key investors and corporates
- Access to a network of alumni, experts, mentors, investors and corporates beyond the programme

Crick is located in London's Knowledge Quarter, and has success partners from across the UK and around the world.

✉️ kq-labs@crick.ac.uk 🏠 crick.ac.uk

LUCY ENTERPRISE - LUCENT CHALLENGE

The Lucy Enterprise programme is supported by Lucy Cavendish Fellows, alumni and other friends of the College and runs throughout the academic year.

Students are invited to join a series of events including a launch in Michaelmas term, a competition in Lent term and a celebration in Easter term. Termly idea surgeries, coaching and mentoring are available to support students' development, along with other informal opportunities to network with like-minded Lucy students.

The LucEnt Challenge invites students at the College to combine their knowledge, skills and experience in a multi-disciplinary team to identify an enterprising solution to a challenge relevant to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). Teams are selected to join the LucEnt challenge weekend, where they will receive mentoring and present their ideas for the opportunity to win up to £1000 towards implementing their vision.

The programme is open to all Lucy Cavendish students – members of other colleges are welcome to join Lucy-led teams.



Lucy Cavendish College
University of Cambridge

📍 Lucy Cavendish College 🏠 lucy.cam.ac.uk/your-career/lucy-enterprise

MAKESPACE

Makespace is a community workshop in the heart of Cambridge. The equipment at the facility ranges from embroidery machines and craft tools to industrial 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC routers, an electronics bench, and a machine shop.

The space and equipment are available 24/7 to paying members (£40 per month).

Makespace is member-run organisation. Members use the space for activities ranging from fixing bikes and prototyping to building sailboats and launching hardware startups.

Each year hundreds of events, training sessions, talks and themed meet-ups are hosted, all in a collaborative spirit. The wide range

of people on Makespace creates great friendships and successful businesses.

The foundation of the community is the peer-to-peer exchange of skills and experience, making it a hub of business, technology and design expertise in Cambridgeshire.

No matter the reason for coming to Makespace, members will find like-minded people.

Try something new, create something different and become part of Cambridge's extensive creative network.



📍 Mill Lane ✉ membership@makespace.org 🏠 web.makespace.org

MAXWELL CENTRE

The Maxwell Centre is a centrepiece for industry-academia partnerships development across the Schools of Physical Sciences, Technology, and beyond.

The Maxwell Centre catalyses innovative and interdisciplinary research collaborations and operates at the heart of the West Cambridge site. Maxwell facilitates academia-industry interactions around research, fostering new links and supporting existing collaborations. The current strategic focus areas are Zero Carbon and Science-Technology-Medicine.



📍 Maxwell Centre ✉️ monica@maxwell.cam.ac.uk 🏠 maxwell.cam.ac.uk

Maxwell Centre is a founding partner of Connect: Health Tech, runs the Cambridge Zero Demonstrator Laboratory and it is home to the impulse for tech innovators programme, multiple research groups and several companies.

Maxwell Centre leverages significant knowledge exchange experience, a vast network of contacts, and multiple engagement models to generate new knowledge and unlock impact through partnerships. If you want to collaborate on your technology development, they can probably help!

**"TALKING TO
PEOPLE MADE
ME REALISE
THERE'S THIS GAP
THAT NO ONE IS
ADDRESSING."**

NADIA RADZMAN
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
SAINSBURY LABORATORY

Photo: Julian Claxton

MAXWELL CENTRE - IMPULSE PROGRAMME

The impulse Programme, based at the Maxwell Centre, is an established 12-week programme specifically for technology innovators, offering opportunities for both entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship. Run as a mentoring programme, impulse leverages decades of deep science, tech research, and expertise from top-tier entrepreneurs within the city's expansive tech ecosystem to foster a new generation of entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs.

Impulse takes place once a year, from the end of April to the middle of July, and comprises three modules with follow-up support through masterclasses and alumni mentoring. It is delivered through industry mentoring, one-to-one advice, investor pitch sessions, market research, workshops, and networking.

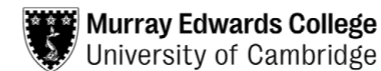


📍 Maxwell Centre ✉ impulse@maxwell.cam.ac.uk 🏠 maxwell.cam.ac.uk/programmes/impulse

MURRAY EDWARDS ENTERPRISING WOMEN

Murray Edwards Enterprising Women is an initiative launched in collaboration with AstraZeneca, designed to empower women students across Cambridge University to achieve entrepreneurial success. The scheme aims to foster diversity, recognising its crucial role in driving sustainable innovation within the Cambridge ecosystem.

The programme provides expert advice, mentoring, and essential support to help women thrive in the entrepreneurial landscape. Partners AstraZeneca will also supply mentors and board members for new startups, working alongside other commercial organisations to amplify the impact of this initiative.



📍 Murray Edwards College ✉ lisa.brent@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk

There are three intensive programmes:

- **SheStarts:** An intensive programme offering workshops, talks, and mentoring for aspiring innovators, led by top executives from AstraZeneca and other leading companies
- **SheSoars:** A structured support programme for women-led startups, featuring expert talks, curated networking opportunities, and tailored mentoring.
- **SheScales:** A series of lectures and networking events designed for advisors and non-executive directors looking to join the growth journey, and women aspiring to become early-stage investors.

The programmes will launch in Michaelmas Term 2024 but expressions of interest are welcome now.

OFFICE FOR TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH (OTR)

The Office for Translational Research (OTR) supports researchers from the whole of the University of Cambridge, and associated hospitals – Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Cambridge and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust – in their efforts to translate findings from biological, biomedical or clinical research into health benefits for patients including new therapeutics, devices, diagnostics or other medical interventions.

The team are internal consultants who assess each researcher's project in terms of where it sits in the translational pathway and provide a complete translational project life cycle support. They provide practical support in three major areas:

- Make the right connections for the stage of your project
- Source translational funding
- Provide project management support to ensure that specific translational goals are achieved

You can find them in the School of Clinical Medicine, above the café.



📍 School of Clinical Medicine ✉ translation@medschl.cam.ac.uk 🏠 otr.medschl.cam.ac.uk

PEMBROKE COLLEGE - THE PARMEE PRIZE

The Parmee Prize is an annual entrepreneurship competition for Pembroke College undergraduate and postgraduate students organised by the Corporate Partnership Programme. William Pitt Fellow Dr Richard Parmee (1970), from Corporate Partner company Cheyney, devised the competition to support aspiring entrepreneurs.

The Parmee Prize welcomes applications from all stages of the entrepreneurship journey. Training and mentoring from Richard helps applicants develop their business idea and shortlisted candidates are given pitching training before pitching their business to a panel of judges. The winning applicant gets £2000 to develop their business and receives mentoring support from Richard.



📍 Pembroke College ✉ corporate@pem.cam.ac.uk 🏠 pem.cam.ac.uk

Past winners come from a diverse range of fields, and include:

- a wearable braille reader
- an AI-powered bill of quantities generator that can 'read' architectural plans
- an AI tool that autogenerates discharge summaries.

The next Parmee Prize is set to take place on 20th March 2025. Applications are welcome from individuals and teams, but the lead applicant must be a Pembroke College undergraduate or postgraduate student.

ROYCE CAMBRIDGE

The Henry Royce Institute provides a network of 18 open access deposition, fabrication and characterisation research facilities at the University of Cambridge. Our aim is to drive the development of advanced materials. All equipment is available for use by researchers from academia, industry and SME's, both locally and internationally. Funding opportunities are available for research projects and trials.

The Royce Institute is the UK's national institute for advanced materials science research and innovation, funded by the Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), a part of UK Research & Innovation (UKRI). The University of

Cambridge is one of Royce's nine partners that together form the centrepiece for the UK's material science community.

Royce Cambridge is part of the Atoms to Devices research theme, steering towards activities that underpin the development of novel devices of the future. Hosting a national technology platform; the Physical Vapour Deposition and Characterisation Facility, Royce supports the engineering of new technologies that can translate into applications. These range from photonics, imaging, semiconductors and sensors to energy storage and quantum technologies to name but a few.

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START CODON

Start Codon is revolutionising the way life science and healthcare innovation is spun-out, developed and commercialised. Based in Cambridge, it invests in and venture builds companies nationally that are developing ground-breaking technologies and solutions.

Start Codon identifies and selects exceptional entrepreneurs and invites them to be part of its innovative 'START' programme. Through that, it leverages deep local, national and international resources to help those entrepreneurs to

establish their companies and provide them with investment, business support services, mentoring, facilities, help and guidance from our dedicated team.

In addition, Start Codon provides access to a wide network of industry leading pharma, biotech and investor contacts, fast-tracking the translation of innovative science into successful commercial companies.

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📍 Milner Therapeutics Institute 🏠 startcodon.co

THE NEUROSPICY ENTREPRENEUR CLUB (NSEC)

The NSEC is a vibrant, award-winning community founded by Jemima Willcox of The Willcox Collective, dedicated to creating a safe and supportive space for neurodiverse entrepreneurs, business professionals, freelancers, and charities.

NSEC's mission is to connect, empower, and celebrate the unique talents and perspectives that neurodiversity brings to the business world.

The aim of NSEC is to create a supportive community where neurodivergent entrepreneurs can collaborate, share knowledge, and foster business growth. This is not just another networking event; it's a launchpad for those who think differently and have the courage to innovate.



NeuroSpicy Entrepreneurs Club

📍 Barclays Eagle Lab Incubator ✉️ hello@thewillcoxcollective.com

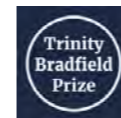
NSEC meets regularly for in-person networking events in Cambridge, designed to inspire, engage, and connect its members. Events range from guest speaker sessions to interactive workshops, all tailored to the needs and interests of neurodiverse business professionals.

Join NSEC and experience a fantastic, welcoming, and inclusive community. NSEC's events support the community's needs; a quiet room is provided when possible during events, and participants can choose their level of involvement, with fidget toys encouraged!

TRINITY BRADFIELD PRIZE

The Trinity Bradfield Prize is one of the leading early start Tech & Science awards running at the University of Cambridge. It has a simple application process and offers a comprehensive package of support for all applicants and the winners.

A total prize pot of £20,000 consists of a £10,000 first place prize, a second place £5,000 prize, and the £5,000 Helling's Prize. In addition, finalists benefit from a mentoring programme, free membership of The Bradfield Centre, and marketing support. This package of benefits has been designed to help you translate early-stage technologies into real-world impact.



📍 Trinity College ✉️ info@trinitybradfieldprize.co.uk 🏠 trinitybradfieldprize.co.uk

All eligible applicants will be invited to attend four one-hour in person workshops covering key entrepreneurial topics, meaning even if you are not ultimately selected for the final, you will gain valuable knowledge and make new connections.

At least one member of a team must be a student (post-graduate or undergraduate) or an early career researcher (not yet career independent) at the University of Cambridge. Single applicants are encouraged to apply. All applicants must be able to commit to attending at least 75% of the workshops. If you are successful in making the final you will present in person at The Bradfield Centre, and will be expected to commit approximately four hours a month to take full advantage of the mentoring sessions.

TRINITY HALL ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK (THEN) - LEE-YUNG FAMILY FUND FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Each year until 2027, £1,000 will be distributed across up to five teams or individuals. At the end of the year an additional £1,000 will be awarded to the team/individual whose concept or product shows the most promise.

Applications are open to all those with a Trinity Hall connection, including undergraduates, postgraduates or postdocs affiliated with Trinity Hall, a Trinity Hall alumnus within five years of graduation, or a student supervised by or working with a Trinity Hall Fellow.

The award has been made possible by a donation from Aaron Lee (1993).



Trinity Hall ✉ then@trinhall.cam.ac.uk 🏠 trinhall.cam.ac.uk/alumni/alumni-associations/then

WE 4IMPACT

WE4Impact is a programme for University of Cambridge women faculty and staff, designed and delivered by Cambridge women, that brings together women from all schools who share an ambition for increased impact.

WE4Impact aims to deliver routes to impact by offering women faculty and staff additional and alternative tools and access to resources to widen engagement with the public, policymakers, industry, and the Cambridge entrepreneurial cluster.

The programme includes site visits to connect, inspire and motivate, introducing participants to what the University has to offer in the way of facilities and communities to help boost enterprise activity.

Programme elements include entrepreneurial skills for impact, visioning, valuing ideas, recognising opportunities, mobilising resources, mitigating uncertainty, pitching your ideas, and networking. Participants will be introduced to a diverse group of women faculty and staff who are driving a wide range of impact from their different roles within in the University.

For queries or to express an interest for 2024 please email.

✉ as3010@cam.ac.uk

WELLCOME GENOME CAMPUS STARTUP SCHOOL

A lean entrepreneurial training programme designed for genomics and biodata scientists from the Wellcome Genome Campus, with eight content-rich sessions, plus an introductory and a wrap-up session. The curriculum is delivered in ten hybrid sessions, with a mix of focused content, interactive discussion and workshop exercises.

Each of the modules is designed to help our participants step out of their comfort zone as they start to validate and test their ideas. The aim is to inspire through role models, peer to peer interaction and mentoring, with opportunities for putting thoughts into practice. The very targeted nature of the curriculum means that this syllabus is unique, focusing solely on genomics and biodata.



📍 Wellcome Genome Campus ✉ info@wellcomegenomecampus.org 🏠 wellcomegenomecampus.org

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of how-to-guides for
tips and advice:

ie.cam.ac.uk/resources



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GROWING YOUR VENTURE?

We are ready to engage with experts who can guide and support our venture.

ALLIA FUTURE BUSINESS CENTRE

Allia Future Business Centres offers flexible workspace and a vibrant community for small businesses who are creating change. Allia Impact runs free business support programmes and innovative funded projects. Together, they are dedicated to supporting businesses to thrive, grow and create jobs, so that they can make a positive impact on their community, as well as addressing social and environmental local and global challenges.

Centres in Cambridge offer flexible workspace, meeting rooms and networking, all within environmentally focused buildings – creating friendly communities in which business can thrive.



📍 Various locations ✉ hello@futurebusinesscentre.co.uk 🏠 futurebusinesscentre.co.uk

BABRAHAM RESEARCH CAMPUS

The Babraham Research Campus is a leading research Campus supporting startup and scale-up bioscience companies. It is distinct in its co-location of bioscience companies with the world leading discovery research of the Babraham Institute.

The Campus is a dynamic environment within 430 acres of parkland, home to over 50 companies, 2,000 employees and 300 academic researchers. It is where discovery research and business come together with a shared scientific focus that accelerates innovation and strengthens links between academia and the commercial world.



📍 Babraham Research Campus ✉ info@babraham.co.uk 🏠 babraham.com

BARCLAYS EAGLE LABS

Barclays Eagle Labs provide support to startup businesses, particularly those who are focussed on technology and innovation. For those needing physical space, we provide coworking and offices at the flagship Chesterton Road site and at The Bradfield Centre.

For those looking for more virtual support you'll be able to access services and expertise remotely. Businesses can be connected to mentors, specialists and deals that are all designed to help them grow. Barclays Eagle Labs provides access to a collaborative community where businesses can be put in touch with and learn from their peers.

Scaling businesses can benefit from some of the more bespoke and tailored approaches that are available through Eagle Labs and businesses looking to raise further capital can be connected to potential investors through Barclays Demo Directory.

In Cambridge we're building a community of startup and scaleups who are leading in climate innovation - essential in delivering the transition to Net Zero.

Our flagship Eagle Lab in the heart of Cambridge, will play an exciting role in accelerating businesses in this sector and support the growth of climate innovators.



📍 Chesterton Road and The Bradfield Centre ✉️ paul.hodson@barclays.com 🏠 labs.uk.barclays

BARN4

Barn4 is the new Agritech Incubator on NIAB's Park Farm campus in Cambridge. It provides space for startups and spin outs to grow with the support of one of the world's leading crop science research centres.

Members of Barn4 can take office and laboratory space within the building and have the opportunity to access the other facilities on the site. More important, is the support of NIAB's technical experts in developing technology and guiding early stage companies through the complexities of the agricultural sector.

Being a part of the NIAB community provides an unparalleled springboard for ambitious companies to grow and flourish in the Agritech sector.



📍 NIAB ✉️ contact@barn4.com 🏠 barn4.com

BIO-INNOVATION CENTRE

Located on the Cambridge Science Park, the Bio-Innovation Centre is a three-storey 40,300sq ft office and wet lab multi-occupier building catering for growing life science companies. The facility includes a co-working laboratory for the very earliest companies. The centre is operated by TUSPARK UK, a global investment and incubation organisation which works with early-stage companies. They provide physical office space, facilitate valuable network introductions locally and can advise on positioning and market entry to China. In addition, they work with high-level collaborators in China and the UK to run startup competitions which provide opportunities for founders to understand the Chinese market.



The China-UK Innovation Centre is an extension of the Cambridge site, which builds a bridge for China-UK science and technology innovation exchange. It provides authoritative resources for business, advising on personalised, integrated plans for multi-national development and builds an effective platform between UK and Chinese entrepreneurs, innovators and collaborators.

📍 Science Park ✉ info@tuspark.co.uk 🏠 tuspark.co.uk/our-science-parks/tuspark-cambridge

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY - AURORA INNOVATION CENTRE

Aurora Innovation Centre creates space for collaboration within the British Antarctic Survey – addressing issues of global importance and helping society adapt to a changing world. It offers space and support services for interdisciplinary collaboration to tackle environmental challenges and increase real-world benefit of polar research.

With the aim to advance our understanding of Earth as a sustainable planet and contribute to looking for solutions for a Net Zero Carbon future, Aurora Innovation Centre hosts and hires out the Innovation Centre for various events and partners.



📍 British Antarctic Survey HQ ✉ aurora@bas.ac.uk 🏠 bas.ac.uk/team/business-teams/innovation

CAMBRIDGE ANGELS

Cambridge Angels is a leading UK business angel network providing smart capital from entrepreneurs to entrepreneurs.

Cambridge Angels looks to maintain a membership where at least 75% are exited entrepreneurs as they realise that prior experience as well as funding can help equip entrepreneurs to generate returns and realise their full potential. They are also constantly looking to increase the diversity within our membership group.

Cambridge Angels members invest in a wide range of startup and scale-up businesses with a particular focus on science and engineering-based companies, and tools and technologies supporting healthcare. They invest in UK registered companies, but the group is not limited to investing only in entrepreneurs from the Cambridge ecosystem. A constant in the group's

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approach is that Cambridge Angels does not charge founders to pitch to the membership nor take success fees.

Cambridge Angels has been investing since 2001, supporting more than 150 companies in their growth journeys. Through their members and their networks, entrepreneurs are better connected.

While the dynamics of each investment will vary, Cambridge Angels typically evaluate early-stage opportunities according to the following broad criteria:

- management team
- market opportunity
- use of proceeds
- growth potential
- exit strategy
- technology
- strategic fit
- competitive advantage

📍 The Bradfield Centre | ✉ info@cambridgeangels.net | 🏠 cambridgeangels.com

CAMBRIDGE ENTERPRISE VENTURES

Cambridge Enterprise Ventures is the investment arm of the University of Cambridge.

Investing ring-fenced University capital, Cambridge Enterprise Ventures accelerates and shares in the unique challenges and journeys of University talent startups and spinouts.

Whether you are a student or an academic, the team can support with:

- guiding on the elements that are needed in preparation for speaking with investors
- early stage seed funding investment from £20k to £1m.
- introducing experienced experts and mentors who can help build strong, professional teams

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- managing the milestone payments generated by the underlying intellectual property (IP) licence fees and royalties
- assisting with ongoing business management, including links to later stage investors.

Investment options include – Pathfinder – up to 20K; Pre-seed funding – up to £150K; Seed investment – up to £500K; Follow on Investment – upto £1M always working alongside other investors to provide continued support as a company grows.

Cambridge Enterprise Ventures also works in collaboration with Parkwalk Advisors to deploy the University of Cambridge Enterprise Fund, which can double the financial support available for EIS

CAMBRIDGE INNOVATION CAPITAL

A venture capital investor which focuses on the Cambridge ecosystem, Cambridge Innovation Capital (CIC) works closely with the University and has raised more than £500m of investment for its current portfolio of 40 companies. CIC is the most active Series A investor in Cambridge and has a team of sector experts as well as a network of investors, operators, entrepreneurs and scientists.

CIC has also worked in partnership with the University, including a strategic alliance with Cambridge Enterprise, to define future strategies to enable the ecosystem to maintain its globally significant status.

In addition, CIC is cofounder of two key accelerators in Cambridge – DeepTech Labs and Start Codon, demonstrating the organisation’s commitment to nurturing early-stage companies that have the potential to disrupt whole markets and sectors.



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CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP (CISL) – THE CANOPY

Part of the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL), the Canopy provides workspace, support, and access to knowledge and networks. It supports entrepreneurs who are creating innovative sustainability solutions.

The Canopy is housed in the ultra-sustainable-retrofit Entopia building in central Cambridge, a newly renovated workspace with desks, breakout spaces, meeting rooms, a top-floor boardroom, and a roof terrace with 360 views. Join the Canopy to become part of a community of like-minded startups working to address sustainability challenges.



📍 The Entopia Building, 1 Regent Street ✉️ canopy@cisl.cam.ac.uk 🏠 cisl.cam.ac.uk/canopy-cisl

Connect with CISL’s 150 staff working on sustainability initiatives with international leaders in business, government and finance.

Gain access to CISL’s global network of more than 30,000 sustainability leaders representing every industry on every continent.

Get access to a dynamic range of events and mentoring to support business development, impact potential, and personal growth.

The Canopy runs weekly events and drop-ins, from business development workshops to industry-specific networking and socials. With pitch days and personal introductions, the team can help put your ideas directly in front of CISL’s network of corporate and finance partners.

Canopy members can also apply to join CISL’s Canopy Accelerator programmes.

CAMBRIDGE SOCIAL VENTURES (CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION CJBS) - SOCIAL VENTURE INCUBATOR

A well-established, six to twelve month free incubator that helps social ventures get started and grow.

From fashion to farming, prisons to prosthetics, and whether you have global plans or are making an impact in your local community, support is tailored to suit you for six to twelve months.

Through expert business advice, training, and networking, the incubator helps social ventures secure finance, embed their social mission, measure impact, develop strong governance and grow to the next level. The core of the incubator is the relationship with a business advisor, an experienced social entrepreneur, who will support you with setting strong foundations for growth.

Benefits include:

- Six months of structured support, including monthly training days and regular meetings with an advisor
- Further negotiated support for up to 12 months
- Support and introductions to become investment-ready and access finance, including loans and angel investment
- Support to embed and protect your social mission through appropriate legal structures
- Connections to business networks and the social sector
- Shared working space in central Cambridge
- Bursaries for entrepreneurs experiencing financial hardship



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CAMBRIDGE SOCIAL VENTURES (CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION CJBS) - SOCIAL SEED FUND

Cambridge Social Ventures and Cambridge Enterprise have partnered to offer seed funding to social ventures emerging from the University of Cambridge.

The programme will invest up to £20,000 each in as many as five businesses that are making a positive social or environmental impact. Returns will be reinvested in future social ventures.

The fund is limited to businesses emerging from the University or founded by alumni. To be eligible for seed investment from this fund, ventures must be:

- Current members or graduates of the Cambridge Social Ventures incubator programme
- Spinouts from University research or founded by Cambridge alumni
- Dedicated to making positive social or environmental impact and suitably structured as a social venture with an embedded social mission (guidance available).



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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY VENTURE CAPITAL AND PRIVATE EQUITY SOCIETY (CUVCPES)

CUVCPES is a student society incubating tomorrow's visionary investors and entrepreneurs and is Cambridge University's only venture capital and private equity society.

Founded in 2016, the society's mission is to provide members with opportunities to learn about the venture capital and private equity industries, to interact with leading professional investors and business executives, and to develop relationships with members of the Cambridge community and alumni who share similar interests. Past events include speakers from Merck Innovation, Cambridge Innovation Capital and Ahren Innovation Capital.



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CO-LABS BY JOURNEY

Cambridge is leading the world in research and early-stage innovation, but lacks physical space for founders and growing firms to harness it. Instead of being forced to find the few available startup labs outside Cambridge, Co-Labs by journey provides urban, fully-fitted lab space that companies need, so that you can focus your time and resources on your venture.

Offering a range of spaces, from a single lab bench to larger private lab and write-up spaces, we cater for the diverse mix of high-growth startups across Cambridge. Our labs and offices are fully fitted so you can move in straight away. Our facilities include shared equipment and tissue culture rooms, co-working space, meeting rooms and conference facilities.



📍 NIAB 🏠 journeyre.io/spaces/colabs-niab-cambridge

Co-Labs by journey is a dedicated early-stage facility. It is ideal for collaboration-minded businesses looking for a base near the city centre, with a programme of events and networking to foster knowledge-sharing and development. You will be surrounded by like-minded founders in a space run by scientists. Alongside the bricks and mortar, we continue to build partnerships with the teams and consultants you need to grow your business.

Conveniently located on Huntingdon Road, Co-Labs by journey is a short cycle from Cambridge city centre, West Cambridge Innovation District and the University of Cambridge. Being situated on Huntingdon Road we offer ease of access by bicycle and public transport. We also have parking spaces for those travelling by car and are close to the Chesterton, Eddington and Arbury neighbourhoods.

CONNECT: HEALTH TECH

Connect: Health Tech (C:HT) is an online community bringing together people who are passionate and innovative in life science and health technologies. Starting out as a University of Cambridge initiative to connect expertise and disciplines from across its university campuses, today the platform supports a thriving global community of over 2,000 professionals.

Connect: Health Tech joins the dots between medicine and technology: making connections, fostering collaborations and catalysing ideas between biomedical research, cutting-edge technology and clinical need to transform and accelerate healthcare design, development and testing for real world applications.



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DEEPTeCH LABS

Deeptech Labs is a VC fund and catalyst programme that works to catalyse deeptech success in the sector, specifically helping deeptech startups prepare for a successful Series A.

Deeptech Labs invests in pre and post-seed deeptech companies with an established technology, an extraordinary team, and strong initial traction. Twice a year, its cohort of startups are put through their 10-week Catalyst Programme and embedded in a powerful network of successful entrepreneurs, expert practitioners, leading researchers, and deeptech organisations worldwide. Each programme is custom-built to reflect the needs of each cohort.



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Launched in mid-2021 with the backing of ARM, Cambridge Innovation Capital, Martlet Capital, Ewan Kirk and the University of Cambridge – forefront institutions and individuals at the heart of the Cambridge and global technology ecosystems.

EASTERN AGRITECH INNOVATION HUB

The Eastern Agri-Tech Innovation Hub is a purpose-built business incubator facility in the heart of Cambridgeshire. It welcomes innovative teams or individuals engaging in applied research work to reduce or reuse all forms of waste in the food supply chain and improve resource use efficiency in its production.

Situated just outside Cambridge, and managed by NIAB, it can offer you access to an office work space, boardroom or laboratory. If you're looking for somewhere to get your agritech business started, or do some research, the Eastern Agri-Tech Innovation Hub is for you. It also welcomes virtual members.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE (CJBS) - STRATEGIC BUSINESS GROWTH PROGRAMME

Growth is one of the most challenging leadership efforts for any CEO and their executive team. The Strategic Business Growth programme provides senior executives and ambitious management teams with the opportunity to refine their growth strategy.

Strategic Business Growth is an innovative programme focusing on driving growth for high-potential businesses.

Using the latest thinking and drawing on decades of experience in supporting growth, the Strategic Business Growth programme has been developed to help companies address their specific challenges and develop strategies to take advantage of growth opportunities within their own business context.



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The programme offers a bespoke approach to support each company to achieve its full potential. It does this by combining deep engagement with academics from Cambridge Judge Business School with consistent coaching provided by seasoned coaching practitioners which together empower management teams to address their own challenges and then articulate and systematically develop an implementable plan for growth.

This process of mixed academic and practical inputs develops each company's managerial capability by setting clear and attainable goals and provides a fully reusable toolkit for growth that can drive collaborative problem solving and effective progress monitoring.

The Strategic Business Growth programme is designed for entrepreneurial leaders who are responsible for driving growth in their organisation.

FRAME SHIFT BIO-INCUBATOR - MILNER THERAPEUTICS INSTITUTE

Frame Shift provides unique space for startups and SMEs to work side-by-side with other startups, pharma and academic scientists in an ecosystem physically and culturally designed to spark collaboration and entrepreneurship. It has a particular focus on R&D intensive companies working in areas related to the Milner Institute's expertise (e.g. functional genomics, early target discovery, therapeutics).

Frame Shift offers:

- Wet lab space and write-up desks at the heart of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus
- Potential for interactions with clinicians, researchers and drug discovery scientists at the University and hospitals on the biomedical campus



- Advice and research input from the Milner Institute research teams
- Know-how and expertise of representatives of the 14 Milner affiliated pharma companies that are part of the Milner Consortium
- Membership of an exclusive network of 70+ affiliated global pharma and biotech companies, and access to Milner events including the annual Milner Therapeutics Symposium
- Founders' masterclasses, drop-in sessions, networking and pitching opportunities.

Companies usually join Frame Shift as a team of one to three people and stay for 18-24 months. During this time, many secure successful funding, enabling their teams to expand and move out to other premises by the time their teams have exceeded eight people in the Milner.

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ICURE PROGRAMME

ICURE is a pre-accelerator programme for researchers. This programme is designed to help explore the commercial application and potential of UK research. Within the ICURE programme, it has developed a range of funding and commercialisation training with industry experts, and this is delivered via 4 key programmes; ICURE Engage, ICURE Discover, ICURE Explore and ICURE Exploit.

For Researchers:

If you are a researcher with an idea, this programme is designed to help you through the process of defining your proposition and testing it with your prospective target markets.



🏠 icureprogramme.com

For Industry:

ICURE is an ideal access point to some of the UK's leading innovation. Supporting a range of innovation themes, it provides SMEs and corporations with an opportunity to evaluate the commercial potential for cutting-edge research.

For Investors:

ICURE provides investors with an insight into the latest innovation, while it is still at an early stage of development. ICURE can keep you informed on developments in your portfolio area.

IDEASPACE

A co-working space with a strong focus on community, ideaSpace have three locations across Cambridge – ideaSpace West, ideaSpace South and ideaSpace City. Each office provides a supportive working environment with great facilities, allowing founders to get on and grow their venture.

Members work alongside each other in the space and are provided many opportunities to network within their office and across the ideaSpace community – such as at-attending Mix & Mingle socials and the summer party, as well as business focused events such as the Founders' Breakfast and Entrepreneurship Clinic. Members can also reach out to the



📍 Various locations ✉️ enquiries@ideaspace.cam.ac.uk 🏠 ideaspace.cam.ac.uk

community via our member messaging platforms or gain the insight they need simply by being in the same space as other founders – so many helpful conversations have started over a coffee in the ideaSpace kitchen!

Membership is open to anyone working on a scalable and innovative business idea who would benefit from developing it in a supportive founder community.

**“THERE’S A
COMMUNITY IN
CAMBRIDGE WHERE
PEOPLE SUPPORT
EACH OTHER ALL
THE TIME.”**

MARC RODRIGUEZ GARCIA
CTO, XAMPLA



Photo: Julian Claxton

ILLUMINA ACCELERATOR

Illumina for Startups provides select startups in the field of genomics with access to seed investment, business guidance, Illumina sequencing systems, reagents, and fully operational lab space in Cambridge during each six-month funding cycle.

The Illumina Accelerator provides high quality business guidance and expertise to help guide go-to-market strategy, financing strategy, teambuilding, and beyond.

Through partners, Illumina Accelerator provides access to seed investment.

While at Illumina Accelerator, startups have access to Illumina sequencing systems and reagents, genomics experts, Illumina software platforms, fully equipped lab and office space so they can begin experiments on day one, co-located within the Illumina R&D centre.



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INNOVATE UK EDGE

St John's Innovation Centre was the first innovation centre in Europe to focus on supporting knowledge-based businesses. Established by St John's College, Cambridge in 1987 as part of St John's Innovation Park, it is the longest standing business incubator in the United Kingdom. The centre provides a dynamic and supportive environment which accelerates the growth of ambitious firms. Based at the centre, the SJIC Innovate and Growth Team works with tenants, virtual tenants and businesses across the East of England.

SJIC is one of 21 UK partners delivering Innovate UK Business Growth. The team provide a range of support to facilitate the growth and scale of SMEs. Innovate UK Business Growth is an integral part of Innovate UK's deep investment in innovative businesses that drive economic growth. It is a publicly-funded service available to all high potential, small to medium sized



📍 St John's Innovation Centre ✉️ east@innovateukedge.ukri.org 🏠 stjohns.co.uk/scaling-your-business

innovation-driven companies - including Innovate UK grant winners. Businesses are supported and empowered to grow and achieve their industrial and social transformations in every sector, from seed to scale stage. Innovation and growth specialists are at the centre of their service. Each client engagement has a be-spoke strategy including:

Enhancing business innovation

Developing commercial strategies and a team to deliver it; protecting and harnessing IP; improving innovation management to access ecosystems globally.

Sourcing funding and finance

Applying effective strategies to secure business grants and capital to enhance investor appeal and get investment ready.

Opening new markets

Creating connections to partners and leveraging insights to expand into vertical and in-ternational markets to achieve scale.

INNOVATION CENTRE IN DIGITAL MOLECULAR TECHNOLOGIES

The iDMT is an open innovation research centre, co-funded by the University of Cambridge, AstraZeneca, Shionogi and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The iDMT is located in the Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry, Lensfield Road, Cambridge. Its facilities will include two refurbished labs and offices to host collaborative projects.

It focuses on establishing new products and services to support the digital transformation of the molecular industries in addition to exploiting the power of AI and machine learning in molecular sciences, technologies and products.



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LIFESPACE

LifeSpace is an incubator space and programme for companies operating at the interface of engineering, tech and life sciences – TechBio.

It is based on Melbourn Science Park near Cambridge and offers high quality office and laboratory space, a range of scientific services, and specialist business support (including access to finance, talent and accelerated market access) which enables companies in the science and technology sector to form, collaborate, scale and grow.

Melbourn Science Park is one of the 11 Bruntwood SciTech specialist science and tech clusters across the UK, benefiting from national networks and expertise.



📍 Melbourn Science Park 🏠 bruntwood.co.uk/scitech

MAXWELL CENTRE

The Maxwell Centre is a centrepiece for industry-academia partnerships development across the Schools of Physical Sciences, Technology, and beyond.

The Maxwell Centre catalyses innovative and interdisciplinary research collaborations and operates at the heart of the West Cambridge site. Maxwell facilitates academia-industry interactions around research, fostering new links and supporting existing collaborations. The current strategic focus areas are Zero Carbon and Science-Technology-Medicine.

Maxwell Centre is a founding partner of Connect: Health Tech, runs the Cambridge Zero Demonstrator Laboratory and it is home to the impulse for tech innovators programme, multiple research groups and several companies.

Maxwell Centre leverages significant knowledge exchange experience, a vast network of contacts, and multiple engagement models to generate new knowledge and unlock impact through partnerships. If you want to collaborate on your technology development, they can probably help!



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MAXWELL CENTRE - IMPULSE PROGRAMME

The impulse Programme, based at the Maxwell Centre, is an established 12-week programme specifically for technology innovators, offering opportunities for both entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship. Run as a mentoring programme, impulse leverages decades of deep science, tech research, and expertise from top-tier entrepreneurs within the city's expansive tech ecosystem to foster a new generation of entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs.

Impulse takes place once a year, from the end of April to the middle of July, and comprises three modules with follow-up support through masterclasses and alumni mentoring. It is

delivered through industry mentoring, one-to-one advice, investor pitch sessions, market research, workshops, and networking. Spreading the programme over a period of time allows participants to digest the content and refine their ideas through customer research and the mentorship process. During the first and last weeks of the programme, participants are encouraged to attend in person, although these sessions are also run in a hybrid format.

The impulse Programme is open to anyone. The fee for University of Cambridge members is currently £1,500, but there are a number of sponsored "Fellowship" places available via impulse partners from the Cambridge ecosystem for both Cambridge and external participants. The 2024 application deadlines have now passed; the application window typically opens in September/October.



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O2H GROUP

The o2h Group has a track record of nurturing and investing in emerging life science and tech companies, covering biotech, small molecule, biologics, digital health, software and green innovation.

o2h Group operates from their Mill SciTech Park where they are developing a unique model for incubating small life science companies. o2h co-work labs operates the park in Hauxton, a place for entrepreneurs, scientists, techies and dreamers. Supported by high specification labs to create a genuinely unique environment for creativity and innovation to thrive.



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ROYCE CAMBRIDGE

The Henry Royce Institute provides a network of 18 open access deposition, fabrication and characterisation research facilities at the University of Cambridge. Our aim is to drive the development of advanced materials. All equipment is available for use by researchers from academia, industry and SME's, both locally and internationally. Funding opportunities are available for research projects and trials.

The Royce Institute is the UK's national institute for advanced materials science research and innovation, funded by the Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), a part of UK Research & Innovation (UKRI). The University of Cambridge is one of Royce's nine partners that together form

the centrepiece for the UK's material science community.

Royce Cambridge is part of the Atoms to Devices research theme, steering towards activities that underpin the development of novel devices of the future. Hosting a national technology platform; the Physical Vapour Deposition and Characterisation Facility, Royce supports the engineering of new technologies that can translate into applications. These range from photonics, imaging, semiconductors and sensors to energy storage and quantum technologies to name but a few.

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ST JOHN'S INNOVATION CENTRE

Established by St John's College, part of the University of Cambridge, in 1987 as part of St John's Innovation Park, which now hosts a number of other buildings occupied by knowledge companies and professional services firms.

The SJIC Projects Team is based at St John's Innovation Centre and works with innovative businesses across the East of England (Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk). They work with Innovate UK EDGE to provide a range of support to ambitious and innovative businesses looking to grow and thrive internationally.



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START CODON

Start Codon is revolutionising the way life science and healthcare innovation is spun-out, developed and commercialised. Based in Cambridge, it invests in and venture builds companies nationally that are developing ground-breaking technologies and solutions.

Start Codon identifies and selects exceptional entrepreneurs and invites them to be part of its innovative 'START' programme. Through that, it leverages deep local, national and international resources to help those entrepreneurs to

establish their companies and provide them with investment, business support services, mentoring, facilities, help and guidance from our dedicated team.

In addition, Start Codon provides access to a wide network of industry leading pharma, biotech and investor contacts, fast-tracking the translation of innovative science into successful commercial companies.



📍 Milner Therapeutics Institute 🏠 startcodon.co

THE BRADFIELD CENTRE

The Bradfield Centre is a collaborative entrepreneurial community of technology startups and scale-ups.

It has over 750 members from more than 120 startups, co-located in a stunning building at the heart of the Cambridge Science Park.

It offers a range of flexible membership packages which put members in control of their office and home working mix. There's a vibrant collaborative atmosphere, on site café, plenty of green outside space, and regular member social events.

The Bradfield Centre's facilities are designed to accelerate businesses to new levels. The aim is to attract smart, ambitious,

like-minded students, entrepreneurs, and companies from both Cambridge and around the world; co-locate them in scalable, state-of-the-art facilities; immerse them in a collaborative, entrepreneurial culture; and connect them to investors, partners, mentors, advisers and potential customers.

There is a vibrant event program that is open to all, and the onsite lakeside cafe is open to the general public from 8:00am – 3:30pm, Monday - Friday. Go and take a look around!



📍 Cambridge Science Park ✉️ hello@mantlespace.co.uk 🏠 bradfieldcentre.com

THE NEUROSPICY ENTREPRENEUR CLUB (NSEC)

The NSEC is a vibrant, award-winning community founded by Jemima Willcox of The Willcox Collective, dedicated to creating a safe and supportive space for neurodiverse entrepreneurs, business professionals, freelancers, and charities.

NSEC's mission is to connect, empower, and celebrate the unique talents and perspectives that neurodiversity brings to the business world.

The aim of NSEC is to create a supportive community where neurodivergent entrepreneurs can collaborate, share knowledge, and foster business growth. This is not just another networking event; it's a launchpad for those who think differently and have the courage to innovate.



NeuroSpicy Entrepreneurs Club

📍 Barclays Eagle Lab Incubator ✉️ hello@thewillcoxcollective.com

NSEC meets regularly for in-person networking events in Cambridge, designed to inspire, engage, and connect its members. Events range from guest speaker sessions to interactive workshops, all tailored to the needs and interests of neurodiverse business professionals.

Join NSEC and experience a fantastic, welcoming, and inclusive community. NSEC's events support the community's needs; a quiet room is provided when possible during events, and participants can choose their level of involvement, with fidget toys encouraged!

UNITY CAMPUS

Located south of the city, Unity Campus is a new innovation district in the heart of the Cambridgeshire countryside. Already home to more than ten life science and technology companies, the site is undergoing a major expansion with the addition of three new laboratory buildings by 2024 with more planned for the future.

The first phase of the regeneration of the former industrial site was completed with the opening of the multi-occupier building The Works, which currently houses a variety of tech and life science companies.

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CAMPUS

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WE WORK

Ideally situated in the new city quarter, WeWork's vibrant coworking space in CBI Business Centre was built with its members in mind.

Three floors of this striking nine-story building are dedicated to WeWork, where you can meet with a client in a modern conference room, then touch base with coworkers in art-filled lounges or your own private office.

Commuting is a breeze with onsite parking and several buses in the area; bike storage and showers add to the convenience. If you're expanding operations into London, the building is minutes from the train station – offering services to Liverpool Street and King's Cross.

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📍 50-60 Station Road 🏠 wework.com/en-GB

After work, host a networking happy hour in the dedicated event space, or explore the countless culinary options in the CBI complex.

WELLCOME GENOME CAMPUS BIODATA INNOVATION CENTRE

The BioData Innovation Centre (BIC) was built and opened in 2016 to provide a home for genomics and biodata companies. The building provides flexible space for innovative businesses as well as individuals that complement the unique research and innovation of the Campus Institutes.

Leasable office spaces are within a range of dry lab units at sizes to suit individuals and early startups, through to larger and more established businesses. Unit sizes range from 19m² to 330m².

Businesses located in the BIC benefit from the array of existing amenities and services on the Campus, including world-class information technology and bioinformatics infrastructure and services. There is parking and coach transport across the local area; catering, sports facilities and social activities; conferencing, exhibition and meeting room space; on-Campus accommodation for visitors and extensive award-winning grounds.



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