Entrepreneurship for All

Supporting students, staff and graduates
Our vision is to build an entrepreneurial ecosystem that nurtures the next generation of outstanding innovators and supports the development of start-up businesses to achieve economic and societal benefit worldwide. We will add value to your experience of being part of The University of Manchester; encouraging and supporting you in creating your future and making a difference.

Our programmes and activities are open to all and enable you to dip in and out during your time here - for some of you it will be about developing skills and confidences; for others it will be about testing a business idea.

It is surprising how flexible the career paths are for graduates and the degree subject itself is often not the most important aspect. Commercial awareness, negotiation and influencing skills, communication skills, awareness of opportunities, critical and analytical skills, self-awareness and personal resilience are also of vital importance when building your career.

Lynn Sheppard
Director, Masood Entrepreneurship Centre
Our mission is to develop entrepreneurial skills in students, staff and graduates across The University of Manchester. We support a dynamic culture within our excellent facilities ensuring everyone has the opportunity to succeed through entrepreneurship education, co-curricular activities, mentorship and all the support needed to launch a business. We empower the next generation of entrepreneurs to take control of their futures.
Practical workshops and thought-provoking talks designed to empower and support aspiring female entrepreneurs.

Meet new people, network and be inspired by Manchester’s vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem at this annual event.

Over a short, intense and energetic session, you will work with others to solve specific problems and develop new ideas.

Visit our web site for a full events calendar
www.ambs.ac.uk/entrepreneurship
MEC events make me feel inspired and empowered; there’s always a great level of energy.
“The prize money will enable us to produce a professional prototype and conduct thorough market research.”
Start-up Competitions and Funding

The Eli and Britt Harari Enterprise Award
Graphene and 2D materials start-up competition for students, researchers and graduates.

Bright Ideas
Ideas competition open to all current students.

Venture Further
Business start-up competition open to students and recent graduates.

Blockchain Chainers
Blockchain technologies start-up competition for students and graduates.

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Entrepreneurship Programmes and Funding

- Start-up Visa is a support programme for international students wanting to start a business in the UK after graduation.
- Social Enterprise: A comprehensive range of support including information, advice and guidance for social enterprise creation.
-accelerate.me: A pre-seed accelerator programme managed by Manchester Entrepreneurs student society.

For students new to enterprise who want to develop valuable transferable skills, meet like-minded people and gain practical experience of starting a business from scratch.

An informative, engaging and interactive boot camp that introduces the concept of commercialisation to early career researchers.

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We provide support and funding for students, staff and graduates at the very start of their journey.

Students and graduates can apply for a Kickstarter Award.

Staff members can apply for a Flying Starter Award.

I’ve never come across a programme with such relentless support and encouragement, which flowed in parallel with useful resources. Thank you for your dedication, expertise, and for challenging us throughout.
General Start-up Support

- Hot desk space in the Enterprise Zone
- Online resource centre
- Idea surgeries and start-up clinics
- Signposting to external programmes and competitions
- Advisor network and drop-in sessions
Early Stage Customer Discovery Programmes

Working collaboratively with other institutions we enable University innovators from all academic backgrounds to participate in national programmes. Substantial amounts of funding are available to validate commercially promising ideas and explore the most appropriate routes to market:

- **LeanLaunch Programme**
  - For researchers at the very start of their commercialisation journey.

- **North by Northwest ICURE**
  - For researchers who need to further validate their ideas.
  - [www.nxnwpartners.org/our-programmes/icure](http://www.nxnwpartners.org/our-programmes/icure)

- **Aspect**
  - A national network for social science innovators looking to commercialise their research.
  - [www.aspect.ac.uk](http://www.aspect.ac.uk)
Get in touch now and start taking control of your future

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