



Entrepreneurship at Cambridge

A directory of support

University of Cambridge Careers Service

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Cambridge Careers Service

Welcome



Welcome to the 'Entrepreneurship at Cambridge Directory' from the University of Cambridge Careers Service for the 2023 – 2024 academic year.

This guide wouldn't be possible without the contributions of everyone featured in the guide and their services in the community.

It is useful to say at the start that this directory could be three times as long and we will continue to add to it as we receive contributions and discover new services ourselves. As it stands there is a rich set of services for everyone at Cambridge – whether you are a first-year student or a Postdoc.

The aim of the directory is to get you started where you are now and engage with the services and groups that can help you get involved in entrepreneurship, however seriously, whilst at Cambridge.

You don't have to have a defined idea to be involved with entrepreneurialism. In fact, entrepreneurial mindset is valued by a wide range of employers. Getting involved in your [student](#) or [college](#) society can help you to develop skills that will last a lifetime.

Whoever you are – if you have the seed of an idea that you think could have potential or you are just interested in the landscape, use this guide to meet new people and build your network. If your idea ends up being the next great success – all the better. Let the idea of innovation, skills development and an outstanding community lead you.

Happy venturing!

Emily

Emily Packer - Career Consultant
[University of Cambridge Careers Service](#)

Entrepreneurship at Cambridge

Cambridge has been recognised as the third most innovative university ecosystem in the world. And for good reason.

It's not just the great minds, brilliant ideas, and breakthrough technologies; it's the extensive support infrastructure both internally and external to the University – often referred to as the Cambridge entrepreneurial ecosystem - that helps so many students, postdocs and academics become founders and form successful ventures.

Learn more about the success of entrepreneurship at Cambridge visit '[Cambridge Phenomenon](#)' and discover innovations from Cambridge over the years.

CAREERS SERVICE

About the Cambridge Careers Service

Who we are

The University of Cambridge Careers Service helps you to prepare for your future. Whether you are an [undergrad](#), [masters student](#), [PhD student](#), or [postdoc](#), our team of experienced and impartial [careers consultants](#) are here to support you at Cambridge and beyond.

We'll work with you from day one to explore options, connect with employers, and navigate the complex job market – saving you time and maximising your employability prospects. Whether you have [no idea](#) what to do next, [a few ideas](#) or a [definite plan](#), we offer plenty to help you take the next step: [one-to-one guidance consultations](#); major [careers events](#) each year; an extensive programme of briefings and skill sessions; coordinated employer presentations; a free book on [CVs and Applications](#); and a database of [graduate-level job vacancies](#) in Handshake.

Finding us

Careers Service, Student Services Centre, New Museums Site, Bene't Street, Cambridge, CB2 3PT

Are you looking to recruit?

Recruit Cambridge students and alumni with the support of the [University of Cambridge Careers Service](#).

The Employer Engagement team is here to assist you with your recruitment strategy. We develop relationships with employers and are dedicated to helping you find the right students and graduates for your organisation. Contact the team to discuss your recruitment plans in more detail.

Promote your opportunities

Connect with us on Handshake - an innovative platform that connects employers, students, graduates and the Careers Service in one place. Advertise your opportunities with us, sign up for virtual events, promote your own events and connect with talent - all free of charge.

Find out more [here](#) and contact the Employer Engagement team: employers@careers.cam.ac.uk



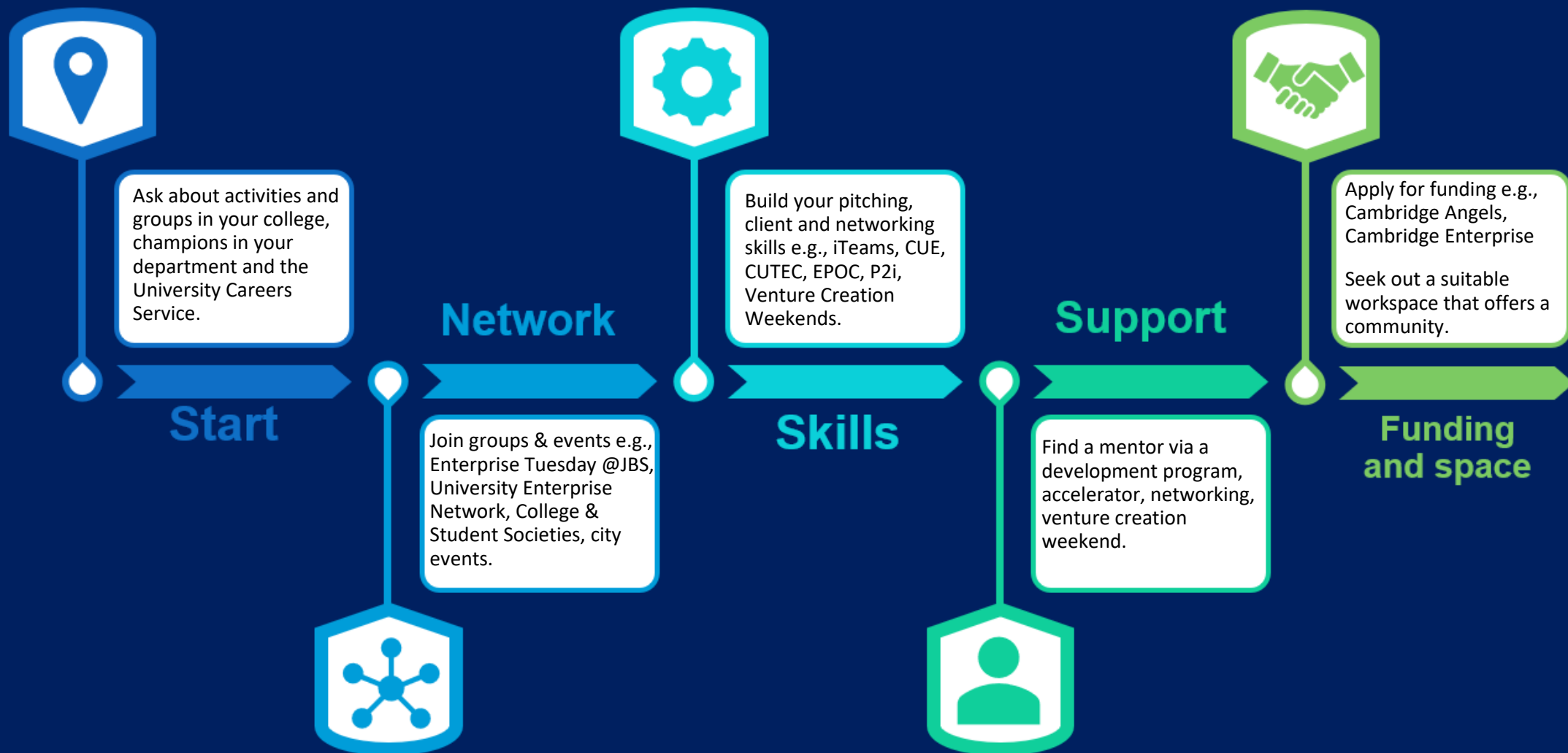
Factors of Entrepreneurship that make up your journey



Key Phrases

- **A start-up** is a business, usually set up as a limited company, that has just been created.
- **A spin-out** is very similar but with the crucial difference that it isn't just owned by its founder(s), but also has the university as a minority shareholder.
- **Intellectual Property (IP)** encompasses the expression of ideas, information, and knowledge (e.g., discoveries, inventions, music, literature, and other artistic works, words, phrases,

Got an idea? Start your journey



Examples in the Guide....

Get Started

[Colleges](#), [Student societies](#), [Careers Service](#), [Cambridge Enterprise Department Champions](#), [Cambridge Social Ventures](#)

Networking

[Entrepreneurship Centre at JBS](#), [Cambridge Social Ventures](#), [Maxwell Centre](#), [The Centre for Global Equality](#), [Cambridge Enterprise](#), [Student Societies](#), [EPOC](#), [St. John's Innovation Centre](#).

Skills & Mentoring

[iTeams](#), [Accelerate Cambridge](#), [Venture Creation](#), [Ignite](#), [p2i](#), [Impulse for Tech Innovators](#), [Cambridge Social Ventures](#)

Space

[Cambridge Enterprise](#), [Business & IP Centre](#), [St. John's Innovation Centre](#), [ideaSpace](#), [Wellcome Genome Campus](#), [The EpiCentre](#)

Funding

[Cambridge Angels](#), [Cambridge Enterprise](#), [Barclays Eagle Labs](#), [Deeptech Labs](#), [Start Codon](#)

IE Cambridge is the new resource for those interested in exploring Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

[IE Cambridge](#) is the comprehensive resource and community, bringing together all the support providers in one place so you can find the right kind of help for the stage you're at. Use the [signposting tool](#) to work out which programmes offer specialist support that is relevant to what you need, depending on your research or area of study. The comprehensive [events calendar](#) details the array of things happening across the city, both within the University and beyond, that can help you to connect with likeminded people. There is also a dedicated IE Cambridge [app](#) that will enable the community to develop further as more people explore entrepreneurial avenues and share insight and experience with each other.

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 for the following groups, and here's a few ideas to get you started:

Curious? If you want to learn more, gain skills and meet new people who have experience as entrepreneurs and innovators. Enterprise Tuesday sessions are worth attending and you can also tap into CU Entrepreneurs (CUE), or CU Technology and Enterprise Club (CUTEC), among others which can be found in this guide.

Got an Idea? If you think you have research or a specific innovation that could develop into a venture, but are not sure what to do next. Programmes like iTeams build knowledge and skills in student teams to explore

commercialisation of new tech, while the Maxwell Centre's impulse Programme serves as a catalyst for entrepreneurship in individuals and organisations.

Building a Venture? If you have formed a team and are ready to work together to progress your venture with the right support. Venture Creation Weekends at the Judge Business School introduce you to experienced entrepreneurs in addition to basic business-building techniques and next steps. There is a social innovation strand for those wanting to create profit with purpose.

Growing a Venture? If you are ready to engage with experts who can guide and support your venture. A great first step is to talk to the team at Cambridge Enterprise, who can advise on how to manage IP and access funds to help with proof of concept and proof of market. The Chris Abell Postdoc Business Plan competition has also propelled previous entrants go on to secure external funding and launch successful companies.

IE Expo

Taking place during Global Entrepreneurship Week in November 2023, the first IE Expo will launch as a three-day roadshow across different University sites and allow future innovators and entrepreneurs to talk to those who have vast experience working with start-ups and spinouts from the University. Information and booking details for this free event will be shared at the start of the Michaelmas term in October 2023.

IE Cambridge brings everything under one roof so you can advance your journey and capitalise on the unique ecosystem we have around us. Visit ie.cam.ac.uk



Using the Directory

The directory works to make finding the services you need easily.

You will see [a grid of services](#) that takes you through who can help you at which stage, and the services they offer at a 'glance'. If you click on the name of the service, it will take you to their description.

In the [main body of the guide](#) you will see a further description of all organisations. Click the title on the description for their external website. Please note we are not responsible for the content of external sites. If you see something that's not right, let us know on enquiries@careers.cam.ac.uk.

Some services are set up on a commercial basis, meaning you will need to pay for their advice and use of their space or services. Do your research, attend events to meet them and ensure you feel comfortable before embarking on any paid services. The Careers Service has included these services due to their value and/or presence in Cambridge (e.g., membership of entrepreneurial networks) but inclusion in the guide should not replace your own research.

How we collated the directory







The content of the directory is put together with contributions from the University Enterprise Network, IE Cambridge, Colleges, Students and their groups, departments, and university networks.


Most entries were submitted by the organisation itself, but on some occasions when we know of, or have been recommended, very useful organisations and opportunities we included them using information and links from their own public website.

If you would like to update your entry email Emily on emilypacker@careers.cam.ac.uk.


Organisational grid of support services




The below grid is a quick guide to the organisations and support services you will find in this directory. To the best of our ability using the information provided we have created this grid to help you navigate the services most relevant to you. As criteria and services can change faster than the guide is updated, we expect you to read all information about opportunities and services thoroughly on their own platforms. If you are a member of these organisations and think you could be better categorised, please let us know on enquiries@careers.cam.ac.uk. Organisations are listed A-Z.


Icon guide	 Visit the website or contact for more details	✓ Yes	N/A Not applicable to this organisation						
Name	Who can they support?	Sector Specialism	Funding, grants and/or financial support/advice	Advice, guidance and/or mentorship	Working space	Consultation on projects, commercialisation, innovations	Speakers and events	Networking	Competitions
Allia Future Business Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anyone looking to start or grow a business	Multiple	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	N/A
Babraham Research Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anyone looking to start or grow a business	Life Sciences			✓		✓	✓	
Barclays Eagle Labs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anyone looking to start or grow a business	Climate and Nature Innovation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barn4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anyone looking to start or grow a businessResearchers at CambridgeCambridge AlumniPhD	Agritech	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A




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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postdocs Undergraduates & Masters 								
Bridges for Enterprise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergraduates & Masters 	Social Enterprise	✓	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Business & Intellectual Property Centre – Cambridgeshire & Peterborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to start or grow a business PhD Postdocs Undergraduates & Masters Researchers at Cambridge Cambridge Alumni; 	Multiple	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
Cambridge Angels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to start or grow a business 	Tech, internet, software, hardware, and tools, Health-tech	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cambridge Capital Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to start or grow a business 	High-tech (e.g., Medtech, Biotech, Agritech, software, AI, Lifesciences)	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A









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Cambridge Enterprise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Postdocs Researchers at Cambridge Anyone looking to start or grow a business <i>Please see website for details of other groups supported.</i>	Multiple	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cambridge Entrepreneurship Centre (JBS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Postdocs Undergraduates & Masters Researchers at Cambridge Anyone looking to start or grow a business Cambridge Alumni 	Multiple		✓			✓	✓	✓
Cambridge Gravity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Postdocs Researchers at Cambridge Anyone looking to start or grow a business <i>Also offer 6 months industry projects for Fellows</i>	Pharma, Biotech	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
Cambridge Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergraduates & Masters PhD <i>Please see get in touch with the Hub for details of other groups who can be involved.</i>	Social Impact/ /Climate /Sustainability	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	N/A


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Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMEs Start-ups <i>Visit online to see full range of services</i>	Sustainability	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Cambridge MedTech Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Undergraduates & Masters 	Medical technology	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A
Cambridge Social Ventures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Postdocs Undergraduates & Masters Researchers at Cambridge Anyone looking to start or grow a business Cambridge Alumni 	Social Ventures/ Social Impact/ Social Enterprise/ Multiple	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Cambridge University Entrepreneurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Undergraduates & Masters 	Multiple		✓	N/A		✓	✓	✓




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Cambridge University Femtech Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to start or grow a business PhD Postdocs Researchers at Cambridge Undergraduates & Masters Cambridge Alumni 	Women's health and technology	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Cambridge University Technology & Enterprise Club (CUTEC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Postdocs Undergraduates & Masters Researchers at Cambridge 	Technology	N/A	✓	N/A		✓	✓	✓
Cambridge University Venture Capital & Private Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergraduates & Masters <p><i>Please see their website for further information on who else can be involved</i></p>	-		✓	N/A		✓	✓	
CAMentreprenuers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alumni PhD Postdocs Undergraduates & Masters <p><i>Please see their website for further information on whom they support</i></p>	-			N/A		✓	✓	







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Camstart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergraduates & Masters Cambridge Alumni Phd Postdocs 	Social Impact	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Carbon13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Postdocs Researchers at Cambridge Anyone looking to start or grow a business Cambridge Alumni 	Climate	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cambridge Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to start or grow a business Cambridge Alumni Researchers at Cambridge 	Science & Tech	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
Deeptech Labs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to grow a business <p><i>Please see their website for details on whom they support</i></p>	Deeptech	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	N/A
Cambridge Zero - Climate Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Undergraduates & Masters Anyone looking to start or grow a business Cambridge Alumni PostDocs Researchers at Cambridge 	Climate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓



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Entrepreneurial Postdocs of Cambridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postdocs 	-		✓			✓	✓	✓
Global Shapers – Cambridge Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge Alumni PhD Postdocs Undergraduates & Masters Researchers at Cambridge Anyone looking to start or grow a business 	Social Impact	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
Hackbridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Postdocs Undergraduates & Masters 	Technology	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓
ideaSpace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to start or grow a business 	Multiple	N/A	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
IE Cambridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge Alumni PhD Postdocs Undergraduates & Masters Researchers at Cambridge Anyone looking to start or grow a business 	Multiple	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓


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Impulse for Tech Innovators, Maxwell Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD • Postdocs • Researchers at Cambridge • Cambridge Alumni 	Physical Sciences, Technology and Life Sciences	N/A	✓	N/A		✓	✓	N/A
iTeams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD • Postdocs • Undergraduates & Masters • Researchers at Cambridge 	Technology, MedTech/Life Sciences & International Development	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Makespace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone looking to start or grow a business 	-	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
Milner Therapeutics Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD • Postdocs • Researchers at Cambridge • Anyone looking to start or grow a business 	Sciences, Pharma	N/A	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
o2h group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone looking to grow a business 	Science, technology and Green innovation	✓		✓				

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St John's Innovation Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to start or grow a business 	Multiple	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Start Codon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to grow a start-up <p><i>See programme detail for full criteria for Start Codon</i></p>	Healthcare / Life sciences	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
The Centre for Global Equality Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to start or grow a business Cambridge Alumni Researchers at Cambridge PhD Postdocs Undergraduates & Masters 	Global Equality	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
The eForum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to start or grow a business 	Multiple	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
The EpiCentre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to start or grow a business (early-stage) 	Tech / Science		✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	N/A

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The Postdoc Academy Including Postdocs to Innovators (p2i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postdocs 	Multiple	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
Trinity Hall Entrepreneurs Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trinity Hall Alumni Trinity Hall PhD Trinity Hall Postdocs Trinity Hall Undergraduates & Masters 	Multiple / Social Innovation	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Wellcome Genome Campus: BioData Innovation Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone looking to start or grow a business 	Genomics and biodata	N/A	N/A	✓		✓	N/A	N/A

Colleges offering Entrepreneurial Support

College Name	Example of support
Downing College	Enterprise competition
Emmanuel College	Competition (coming 2023 – 2024) Talks & workshops
Fitzwilliam College	Networking Enterprise Competition
Homerton College	Homerton Changemakers
King's College	Entrepreneurship Prize Entrepreneurship Lab Events
Lucy Cavendish	LucEnt (Lucy Enterprise)
Pembroke College	Entrepreneurship Competition
Trinity College	Enterprise Competition
Trinity Hall	Funds Networking Social Innovation Prize
Wolfson College	Entrepreneur Society Events

Getting involved

Whilst many college services are for their own members, many societies are collaborative, and competitions can be open to others if a member of your team is in that college.

Do check competition pages for information. Not all programmes and competitions run each year and so this is an indication of support.

Don't see your college listed? Ask them what they have on – and let us know!

You can also think about starting an entrepreneurial society or competition in your college.

It is worth noting some entrepreneurial college activity is formally organised by the college and other by groups of college members



Entrepreneurship in Cambridge: Service descriptions

At Cambridge

Cambridge Enterprise

Part of the University of Cambridge, Cambridge Enterprise is responsible for supporting the translation of University research to create globally leading economic and social impact.

We facilitate knowledge transfer by helping academics, researchers, staff and students to use commercial avenues to develop their research, ideas and expertise for the benefit of society, the economy, themselves, and the University. Deeply embedded in the UK's leading innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem, we have strong relationships with the University of Cambridge, industry, investors and visionaries. Liaising with organisations both locally and globally, we offer expert advice and support in commercialisation and social enterprise. Services include help with academic consultancy; the protection, development, and licensing of intellectual property; venture building and venture funding. We unlock the full potential of wider Cambridge innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystems through the provision of proactive, structured support, innovation spaces and convening communities, creating enhanced connectivity, partnership and collaboration.

Training and events

We provide a range of in-person and online [training and networking opportunities](#) to around commercialisation for University members. From online training on academic consultancy, to our Ideas to Reality training programme, to informal Impact Intros monthly drop-ins and more, our sessions cover a range of topics and disciplines so you can focus on the areas of interest to you.

The Chris Abell Postdoc Business Plan Competition

Run by Cambridge Enterprise and the Entrepreneurial Postdocs of Cambridge, [The Chris Abell Postdoc Business Plan Competition](#) has become a key annual programme in the University's entrepreneurial ecosystem and has spawned a number of successful spin-out companies including Nu Quantum, Porotech, Semarion and Xampla.

Running from spring to autumn each year, the Chris Abell Business Postdoc Business Plan competition provides the opportunity to win investment of up to £20k. Not just a pitching competition, it features a programme of activities designed to help accelerate the creation of businesses from University research. We help you develop your idea through business modelling workshops and guidance on writing your first business plan through to presentation skills and pitch coaching, with access to mentors throughout the process.

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ucamenterprise>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cambridge-enterprise/>

CAMentrepreneurs

CAMentrepreneurs is an alumni entrepreneurial community aiming to bring together like-minded individuals who want to work together to support enterprise, whether as entrepreneurs, investors, students or service providers.

This group is for entrepreneurial alumni who have started a business (and/or want to) and would like to:

- Network with other alumni;
- Help students; or
- Otherwise get involved.

We want to change the way that entrepreneurial Cambridge alumni view, use and contribute to each other's work and purposes in life. We believe there is tremendous value in sharing, helping and working with other alumni, current undergraduates, and others, both locally and globally.

[Cambridge Hub](#)

Cambridge Hub is a student-led group offering practical volunteering, skilled placements, project incubation and events. We support you to learn about issues, connect with each other and tackle social problems. Together, we have the power and potential to shape a better world.

We offer university students an opportunity to develop their employability skills through volunteering. Our students actively contribute towards tackling social and environmental issues in the Cambridge community.

Cambridge Hub provides outstanding programmes and activities for university students, including skilled placements, practical volunteering, and events.

Read our [Social Impact Report](#) to learn more about what we do and visit the [What's On](#) page to see how you can get involved and make a difference!

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Linkedin](#)

Cambridge Careers Service

[Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership](#)

Catalysing entrepreneurial leadership to accelerate solutions to global challenges

We foster sustainable innovation and entrepreneurship through our community of founders, startups, corporate intrapreneurs, investors and systems change experts. We support and incubate purpose-led entrepreneurs to accelerate the impact of their ventures, and help major organisations harness innovation as an integral part of transformation for sustainability.

Canopy and Accelerator provides the space, support and networks for innovations in sustainability to thrive and grow. This collaborative community is open to entrepreneurs creating innovative sustainability solutions, as well as SMEs wanting to integrate sustainability into the core of their business operations.

- Twitter: https://twitter.com/cisl_cambridge
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeSustainability>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cambridge-institute-for-sustainability-leadership-cisl/>
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/cisl_cambridge/

Cambridge Judge Business School

Cambridge Centre for Social Innovation (JBS)

The Cambridge Centre for Social Innovation at Cambridge Judge Business School, University of Cambridge, acts as a platform for research and engagement with social innovators, academia and policy in UK and across the world. Its primary focus is to understand, promote, and engage with social innovators and create and support social ventures and projects. The centre builds best practices across business, civil society, policy and academia for a more equitable, inclusive and sustainable world.

Cambridge Social Ventures is integral to the ‘think, teach, do’ cycle of research translation at the Cambridge Centre for Social Innovation. Cambridge Social Ventures supports a wide range of businesses that have positive social and environmental impacts. Our social ventures work in diverse fields such as health, transport, housing, ageing and education. They range from local to global in scale, and include technology start-ups, public sector, community organisations, university spinouts and everything in between.

We offer a full suite of programmes and activities to build a coherent and co-ordinated offering in social entrepreneurship.

- **Social Ventures Incubator**: Through expert business advice, training, and networking, we help social ventures to secure finance, embed their social mission, measure their impact, develop strong governance, and grow to the next level. [More information](#) on our 12-month incubator programme or [apply here](#).
- **Social Venture Weekend**: Our Social Venture Weekends are for anyone running a business dedicated to making social impact, whether it’s a fully-fledged business or still just a bright idea. The training over the weekend helps emerging social entrepreneurs explore new ideas and supports established social ventures to refine their thinking. Unlike other entrepreneurial training, ours is from a social perspective, with a strong focus on social impact within the context of creating and scaling a sustainable business.
- Short online workshops: **‘Get Started with Your Social Enterprise’** explores the basics of business planning, finance and legal structures in a social venture context.
- **Cambridge Social Innovation Prize**: A collaboration with Trinity Hall, the Cambridge Social Innovation Prize celebrates and supports extraordinary social innovators creating social impact through business across the UK. Winners receive £10,000 each for professional development, mentoring from the Cambridge Social Ventures team, and useful connections to relevant networks here at the University, in the broader “Cambridge Cluster” and in the social sector across the UK.

Twitter: [@camsocvent](#)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/camsocvent/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CamSocVent>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cambridge-social-ventures>

The Entrepreneurship Centre (JBS)

The Entrepreneurship Centre at Cambridge Judge Business School aims to inspire, enable and research entrepreneurship. The Centre encompasses the full entrepreneurial journey – starting with

the empowerment of aspiring entrepreneurs through to the creation and development of early-stage ventures, all the way to small and medium size enterprise growth.

Their mission is to:

- support the University of Cambridge's entrepreneurial talent development and commercialisation of new ideas;
- develop and share thought-leadership that establishes the University of Cambridge as a global knowledge locus for entrepreneurship;
- enhance the development of management capacity within the Cambridge entrepreneurial ecosystem and beyond;

Their [programme list includes](#) (but is not limited to):

- [Enterprise Tuesdays](#) a talk series focused on practical entrepreneurship advice
- [Accelerate Cambridge](#) Accelerate Cambridge develops world-class entrepreneurial talent that drives new venture creation out of Cambridge.
- [Venture Creation](#) a programme supporting aspiring entrepreneurs with a range of topics
- [Ignite](#) Ignite is a one-week training programme for entrepreneurs to trial and prepare business ideas for the commercial environment.
- [EnterpriseTECH](#) The EnterpriseTECH experience is open to undergrads, graduates, PhD students, Postdocs and industry researchers irrespective of location who want to build their understanding of entrepreneurship through a real-world team experience.

[Cambridge Gravity](#)

Bio-spark is an entrepreneurial programme and support system for early-career academics considering a career in business and enterprise.

It's a gateway into industry and start-up 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. This is a "learn by experience" programme that runs outside of PhD and Postdoc responsibilities.

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/bio-spark-programme/>,
- Twitter: @BiosparkCam

[Cambridge MedTech Foundation](#)

Our aim is to educate, inspire and connect the next generation of healthcare innovators. We foster healthcare and MedTech entrepreneurship within the Cambridge student community.

We are dedicated to increase student engagement with MedTech by promoting interdisciplinary collaboration. We offer students of all stages and disciplines the chance to learn about medical technology development in a real-world setting, through our Innovation Programme and MEDx.

The [committee](#) is made up from students and PhD candidates at colleges across Cambridge.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CamMedTech>

Cambridge Zero– Climate Challenge

The Climate Challenge (previously named the Carbon Challenge) is an entrepreneurship competition for postgraduate and PhD students and postdoctoral researchers to devise and pitch transformative ideas.

Over the Lent term, participants have the opportunity to attend training sessions on intellectual property rights, pitching and more. Participants then form small groups to develop innovative solutions to help tackle the climate crisis.

Monetary prizes are awarded to the winners. The Climate Challenge is run collaboratively by Cambridge Zero, Cambridge Enterprise, Carbon13, CISL, The Maxwell Centre and Energy IRC, and is sponsored by Moda Living.

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/cambridge-zero/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cambridgezero/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cambridgezero>

Entrepreneurial Postdocs of Cambridge

EPOC was formed in 2015 in a concerted effort to maximise the entrepreneurial and business potential of Cambridge's world-leading researchers. We are an outward looking organisation, representing the interests of the research community within the ecosystem and promoting the region's research excellence to the broader corporate world. Internally, we develop and deliver initiatives to support Cambridge researchers in their pursuit of business and entrepreneurial ventures, and to awaken them to the multitude of opportunities around them.

All Postdocs at the University of Cambridge and University Partner Institutes (e.g. MRC, LMB) are invited to join EPOC. It's completely free to do and you'll meet some great people along the way!

Hackbridge

Hackbridge is a student society that develops practical skills.

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 ranging 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.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hackbridgeio>

ideaSpace

ideaSpace is a community of founders and entrepreneurs across three great locations in Cambridge - ideaSpace West on Charles Babbage Road, ideaSpace City opposite Queens College and ideaSpace South on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. Our co-working spaces allow founders to work alongside likeminded people in an environment which encourages communication, mutual support and the sharing of experiences.

We do this by holding a range of events, hosting member discussion forums and chat platforms and providing the opportunity to benefit from invaluable, serendipitous moments – those magic insights and interactions that can only come from being in the same space as other people also working on their own start-up.

We provide the essentials of a workspace such as a fully stocked kitchen, admin supplies, a printer/scanner/copier and meeting rooms so you can get on with growing your venture. ideaSpace is run by the University of Cambridge.

- LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/ideaspace_cambridge/
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ideaSpace>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ideaspacecambridge/>

Impulse for Tech Innovators, Maxwell Centre

The Impulse Programme serves as a catalyst for entrepreneurship in individuals and organisations. It is specifically designed for individuals (PhDs, Postdocs, researchers, and early-stage entrepreneurs) and researchers, engineers, and managers in organisations across the different fields of Physical Sciences, Technology and Life Sciences. The Programme encourages strong action learning and results driven where participants bring their innovative ideas to the table. It acts as a learning vehicle, with a sharp focus on prioritising and developing “high-potential” business cases.

Twitter: @Impulse_Maxwell

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/impulse-maxwell-centre>

IE Cambridge

IE Cambridge is the official resource and community for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University, bringing the support ecosystem together for those who are interested in exploring the entrepreneurial journey. Offering signposting, event listings, news and inspirational stories, IE Cambridge makes finding the right support straightforward.

Representing the myriad support providers that make up the University Enterprise Network (UEN), this single point of reference for future Innovators and Entrepreneurs can be found on the website and community portal www.ie.cam.ac.uk.

The official IE Cambridge app is available to download on the App Store and Google Play.

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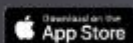
Welcome to the complete resource for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University of Cambridge.

IE Cambridge exists to guide your journey whether you're eager to learn more and get involved, got a great idea, starting a venture or are ready to grow your company.

On our website, you'll find signposting to the wealth of programmes, activities and support designed to take your ideas further.

ie.cam.ac.uk

Download the
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community app.



iTeams

i-Teams has been running at the University of Cambridge since 2006. In that time, the i-Teams program has worked on over 220 technologies and trained over 1400 students, resulting in 95 spin-out companies which have attracted over \$100m of investment so far.

i-Teams uses multi-disciplinary teams of students and early-career researchers to conduct primary market research for university inventions and spin-out companies, interviewing relevant industry and sector experts, and providing evidence-based guidance to the inventors and founders.

It has two main goals:

- Provide early market feedback about the commercial viability of new technologies emerging from university research
- Train the next generation of students in hands-on commercialisation skills

i-Teams runs three different courses, with at least one course running in every term. All courses are open to students and researchers from any university department.

The courses are:

- Innovation i-Teams – investigating the best commercialisation route for a new invention, open to all post-graduates
- Development i-Teams – identifying how to take new technologies into the developing world, in partnership with the Centre for Global Equality, open to all undergraduates and post-graduates
- Medical i-Teams – looking at the best commercialisation route for new medical technologies, including treatments, diagnostics and research tools, open to all post-doctoral researchers and post-graduate students
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Camiteams>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/iteamspage>
- Instagram @iteams.cambridge
- Eventbrite (to join our end-of-term presentations) : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/i-teams-674983037>
- Sign up for our termly newsletter : <http://eepurl.com/BI8Mr>

The Postdoc Academy

The Postdoc Academy is the lead organisation relating to the postdoctoral community of the University of Cambridge and its role is to enable each individual postdoc to realise their potential in their own ambitions and in contributing to the University and society as a whole. We provide physical community-building spaces across the city available to Postdocs and provide our own programmes or collaborate with other university services on researcher development (incl entrepreneurial training), policy advocacy and pastoral services for Postdocs. The Postdoc Academy website is a hub that helps Postdocs navigate all of the resources and support available across the University.

- Twitter: https://twitter.com/Postdoc_Academy

Postdocs to Innovators (p2i)

The Postdoc Academy is a leading partner within Postdocs to Innovators (p2i) - an international partnership between higher education institutes and global companies who believe that an entrepreneurial mindset and entrepreneurial skills are major assets for any future career path.

The Network and its programmes focus on developing entrepreneurial thinking in Postdocs and teach them how to apply entrepreneurial skills to their current research and future careers, as innovators in and outside Academia. We connect Postdocs with international fellow innovative researchers, industry experts, and start-up CEOs to expand their professional networks.

Our events and programmes, including an online course “Empowering researchers to innovate” aims to build their confidence and credibility to engage and discuss their research and/or business ideas with a range of stakeholders. In addition, the p2i Network fund their Postdocs who are well on the entrepreneurial path to participate in Cambridge programmes such as Ignite, Impulse and equivalent programmes at p2i partner institutes.

- Twitter: https://twitter.com/p2i_network
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/>

St. John’s Innovation Centre

St John’s Innovation Centre was 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 site (wholly-owned by St John’s College, Cambridge, since 1534) provides a campus setting close to both the city centre and major transport arteries. St John's Innovation Centre exists to provide a dynamic & supportive incubation environment to accelerate the growth of ambitious innovative firms in the Cambridge region by providing flexible office accommodation (physical and virtual), conference and cafe facilities with on site business support.

Twitter: @Stjohnscentre

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/st-john's-innovation-centre-ltd>

Colleges & College Societies

Downing

Downing Enterprise Competition

Downing Enterprise is a competition where aspiring entrepreneurs pitch their business ideas to our expert board for a chance to win cash prizes of up to £2,000, seed funding of up to £25,000 and expert mentoring and business training from members of the Downing Enterprise board. Participants can enter as individuals or in small teams. At least one member of each team must be a current or former student at Downing College, Cambridge. Aspiring teams lacking a Downing member should contact enquiries@downingenterprise.co.uk.

Emmanuel College

Emmanuel College provides opportunities to expand entrepreneurial skills. The institution supports both students and post-docs.

It currently offers 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.

In Michaelmas 2023, the college will launch an enterprise competition to provide practical experience in developing and pitching a business or social enterprise idea. The competition will be open to any team of students and post-docs, of whom at least one must be a member of Emmanuel.

Click [here](#) to go to the IE Cambridge page for more details.

Fitzwilliam College

[Fitz Enterprise](#)

Fitz Enterprise was born in 2014 with the aim to inspire, educate and connect entrepreneurially minded Fitz members and nurture the network of past, present and future Fitz entrepreneurs.

[Fitzelerate Competition](#)

The aim of the competition is to provide an opportunity for Fitzwilliam students to develop or enhance their skills and experience in an increasingly entrepreneurial world. Competition entries must be for a business venture, in any field, that addresses an unmet need and has the potential to become commercially successful.

Homerton College

[Homerton Changemakers](#)

Unique to Homerton College, the programme equips our students with the intellectual force, energy and edge to become ambassadors for change. The programme is unapologetically ambitious and proudly bespoke.

The programme is modular so you can dip in and out whenever and however you wish. And you can choose what to focus on - from social innovation and entrepreneurialism to systems thinking and tools for high-performance.

Every element works to build your toolkit, heighten your understanding, and help you connect the personal to societal impact. It's also a great way to work with people from other disciplines and year groups, and to extend your network of like-minded, visionary folks.

King's College

[Entrepreneurship at King's](#)

With our long history of bold thinking, King's is firmly committed to the promotion of entrepreneurship both as an independent discipline and as an area of enquiry for students in all subjects. In addition to supporting around 40 students on the MBA and MSt degree courses at the Judge Business School, we seek to bring great minds together from across the College to exchange ideas and to encourage collaboration, creative thinking, and the making of a positive difference in society – some of the hallmarks of King's.

[King's Entrepreneurship Prize](#)

The King's Entrepreneurship Prize competition aims to encourage King's Members in developing entrepreneurial ideas and concepts, where creativity and knowhow can be converted into sustainable commercial and social benefit. It is an initiative open to King's Members past and present - Alumni, Fellows, Students and CRAs.

[Lucy Cavendish College](#)

[LucEnt](#)

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

Termly surgeries, coaching and mentoring are available, together with other informal opportunities to network with like-minded Lucy students. Activities are open to all Lucy Cavendish students. There's no obligation to enter the LucEnt Challenge - though of course we'd welcome all applications.

The LucEnt Challenge in Lent Term invites students of 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). Selected teams will attend the Challenge Weekend teams where they will receive mentoring and present their ideas for the opportunity to win up to £1000 towards implementing their vision. Members of other colleges are welcome to join Lucy-led teams.

The LucEnt student society also provides students the opportunity to engage more widely with Cambridge's enterprising student and alumni community.

[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 our Corporate Partner company Cheyney, devised the competition to support aspiring entrepreneurs, and Dr Parmee is a co-sponsor of the prize along with the DG Marshall Trust.

The Parmee Prize welcomes applications from all stages of the entrepreneurship journey, and applicants will receive training and mentoring from Richard to help them develop their business idea. Budding entrepreneurs are asked to fill in an application form and short-listed candidates are then asked to pitch their business to a panel of judges. The winning applicant gets £2000 to develop their business and receives mentoring support from Richard.

[St. Johns College](#)

[The Johnian Entrepreneurs Club](#)

At the Johnian Entrepreneurs' Club - JEC for short - we are passionate about spreading entrepreneurial opportunities to Cambridge students. We aim to inspire the minds of Cambridge to act on their brilliant ideas by supporting their talent and growth and providing the resources and

opportunities vital for their success. Simply, and more generally, we believe the unique leadership and critical thinking skills learned from working and engaging in entrepreneurship are integral to success in many fields and roles.

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/iecjec/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/johnianentrepreneurs/?hl=en>

Through next-generation projects, exciting competitions, networking opportunities, and targeted real-world learning experiences, we're proud to be building a powerful entrepreneurial ecosystem, emanating from St. Johns College, throughout the entirety of Cambridge to drive growth, unlock students' full potential, and create a brighter future.

Trinity College

[Trinity Bradfield Prize](#)

The Trinity Bradfield Prize is for applications from aspiring academic-entrepreneur teams with an early-stage tech idea that has commercial potential.

The competition is open to teams that include at least one member of the University of Cambridge – whether undergraduate, postgraduate or early career researcher. All applicants must be able to commit to the three-month support programme, including up to eight hours a month of in-person mentoring at the Bradfield Centre.

Trinity Hall

[Trinity Hall Entrepreneurs Network \(THEN\)](#)

THEN aims to: (i) increase student awareness of entrepreneurship by promoting University enterprise events and competitions, as well as hosting events in College which promote entrepreneurship (ii) provide support for students, Postdocs and alumni looking to commercialise their ideas. This support is both financial through grants from the Experiencing Entrepreneurship Fund and the award from the Lee-Yung Family Fund for Entrepreneurship; and practical support, through advice via the careers directory, access to a network of like-minded alumni and a mentoring scheme.

[Funds](#)

The College has two funds available to support those in the Trinity Hall community who are starting out and pursuing new ideas. For established social entrepreneurs Trinity Hall partner with the Judge Business School to offer the [Cambridge Social Innovation Prize](#).

Wolfson College

[The Wolfson Entrepreneur Society \(WES\)](#)

The Wolfson Entrepreneur Society (WES) is a Wolfson College Students' Association (WCSA) affiliated Society open to students, alumni and non-Wolfson members. We bring like minds together to develop strategies, source resources and work together to build start-ups or prepare/help you with your entrepreneurial journey through lecture series, workshops, panels, debates and hands-on practical projects submitted by our membership as well as provide a platform for investors and potential founders to build businesses.

Student Societies, Groups and Clubs

Listed here are societies, groups and clubs run by and made-up predominantly of students, either as part of a formal society or club or as part of a wider organisation that has a Cambridge hub. If you are interested in University of Cambridge societies only you can check that they are registered with the Junior Proctor under the University regulations for 'Clubs and Societies' [here](#).

The Cambridge Student Union have a list of societies and clubs too. Not all are registered with the Junior Proctor – you can view the CSU list [here](#). You can meet clubs and societies at freshers' fairs, their events and do research through their web portals. It's a good idea to talk to committee members and other students about their experiences in the club or society before joining to ensure it is the right things for you – especially if there is a time commitment.

Bridges for Enterprise

Bridges for Enterprise is a global organisation that incubates early-stage social enterprises, providing comprehensive support for start-up founders through Consulting, Financial Advisory, Legal Advisory and Technical Advisory.

At the Cambridge Chapter, we are provided start-up project engagements lasting 2 months, where we recruit Cambridge students to conduct market research, present financial models etc. and present them to start-up founders at the end of the programme.

- Website: <https://www.bridgesforenterprise.com/>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/bridges-for-enterprise/>

Cambridge University Entrepreneurs

As Cambridge's largest entrepreneurship society, we have been supporting and accelerating business innovation and entrepreneurship and providing training for hundreds of students, staff and alumni.

Cambridge University Entrepreneurs (CUE) was founded in 1999. Twelve years on, it has evolved to a key part of the University's entrepreneurial ecosystem, promoting and nurturing entrepreneurship and innovation in among students in Cambridge. It is a student-run society, and its main focus is to host the CUE Business Creation Competitions, awarding over £500k to more than 45 start-ups ranging from technology, software and web to social enterprise, with the financial support from ARM, Horizon Discoveries, EPSRC, Redgate, Mills and Reeve, Cambridge Angels and Taylor Vinters..

As a part of the competition, CUE also provides free business training, mentoring, networking events, which are always spoken highly of by our competition entrants, friends, and the local entrepreneurial community.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cambridgeuniversityentrepreneurs>

Cambridge University Femtech Society

The Cambridge University Femtech Society aims to create a network of motivated students, researchers, and alumni who want to promote knowledge-sharing and tackle challenges in femtech - the intersection of women's health and technology. We strive to give our members the opportunity to meet key opinion leaders - entrepreneurs, investors and researchers - operating in femtech. Likewise, we provide femtech companies and investors with the chance to address Cambridge

students and researchers who are interested in starting a career in femtech or bringing their femtech ideas to life.

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cambridge-femtech-society>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cambridgefemtech/>
- Instagram: @cambridgefemtech <https://www.instagram.com/cambridgefemtech/>

Cambridge University Technology & Entrepreneurs Club (CUTEC)

The Cambridge University Technology and Enterprise Club's mission is to enhance the entrepreneurial spirit amongst academics and students. We facilitate interaction between industry experts and students, thereby providing students with exposure to the wider business and fundraising communities. Investors and the industries that support them in turn gain access to the vibrant research and entrepreneurial communities at the University of Cambridge.

CUTEC aspires to strengthen the entrepreneurial eco-system. The purpose of CUTEC is:

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

Cambridge University Venture Capital & Private Equity

Incubating tomorrow's visionary investors and entrepreneurs. Cambridge University's only venture capital and private equity society.

Founded in 2016, our mission is to provide our 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. We have hosted some great events in the past, including speakers from Merck Innovation, Cambridge Innovation Capital and Ahren Innovation Capital.

Please join our mailing list and follow us on our channels

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CUVCPE>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cuvcpe/>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cambridgeVCPEs>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cuvcpe>

Camstart

Founded in October 2020, Camstart is a student-run UK-registered charity that has supported youth innovation for over 400 high school students across 10+ countries through our Academy and Incubator programmes.

The Academy is a free 20-hour open-access course to teach students the principles of social enterprise, through quizzes and interactive assignments.

Our Incubator programme runs for 8 weeks every year and helps 14–19-year-old students turn their social impact ideas into reality. Students get access to a trained Cambridge undergraduate, helping

them 1-on-1 to implement their idea, and a network of professional mentors in the VC and consulting space. The Incubator concludes with our flagship Pitch Competition, where the best projects can potentially win up to £500 in equity-free funding.

To make the Academy and Incubator possible, over the years we have partnered with: SEO London, Nesta (a top UK innovation house), Percent and Passion Capital (a top 10 UK VC).

If you're interested in social entrepreneurship or have any experience within it or in consulting/VC, we'd love to hear from you!

- Contact us at: team@camstart.org Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/camstart.cambridge>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/camstart/>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/camstart/>

In the wider community

Allia Future Business Centre

Allia Future Business Centres offer flexible workspace and a vibrant community for small businesses who are creating change, as well as running free business support programmes and leading innovative impact projects.

We 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 global challenges.

We have 3 Future Business Centres in Cambridge and Peterborough – all of them form an impact community, offering workspace, networking, events and meeting rooms to help small businesses thrive and grow. The venture support programmes that we run for growing start-ups, entrepreneurs and founders are based around our centres, and are focused on building business resilience and facilitating growth. We are involved in a number of innovative European and national projects that deliver positive impact in areas such as housing, AgeTech, Cleantech and open innovation.

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ftrbusiness>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FutureBusinessCentre/>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/futurebusinesscentre/>

Babraham Research Campus

The Babraham Research Campus is a leading location which supports early-stage bioscience enterprise and is distinct in its co-location of bioscience companies with the world leading discovery research of the Babraham Institute. Our Campus is a dynamic environment within 430 acres of parkland, home to over 60 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.

The Campus is one of the UK's leading places to support early-stage bioscience enterprise and is distinct in its co-location of bioscience companies with the Babraham Institute. World class research and business come together to promote innovation and strengthen links between academia and the commercial world.

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BabrahamUK>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/babrahamresearchcampus/>

Business and Intellectual Property Centre – Cambridge & Peterborough

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

Our services comprise of Business and IP 1:1's, a programme of events; business books, and online resources which will allow you to research your market, industry, identify customers and opportunities, and make well-informed decisions when developing your business plans.

- Facebook & Twitter: @BIPCCambs
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/bipccambs/>

Barclays Eagle Labs

Eagle Labs provide a wealth of support to start-up businesses, particularly those who are focused on technology and innovation. For those needing physical space we provide coworking and offices throughout the UK. The Cambridge the Lab specialises in Climate & Nature Innovation, and our Launchpad accelerator run by Carbon13 [Launchpad](#) is designed to help early-stage businesses launch high-potential, global impact ClimateTech ventures.

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

Barn4

Barn4 is a specialist incubator dedicated to providing the facilities and support that start-ups need to succeed in agritech. We provide a space for start-ups and spin-outs to grow with the support of one of the world's leading crop science research centres.

Based in Cambridge, Barn4 not only provides superb office and laboratory facilities for its members but also gives access to NIAB's own facilities and staff.

Barn4's [Germination programme](#) is looking for groups or individuals who are interested in starting technology businesses in the agricultural industry. For successful applicants, Barn4 can offer support to turn your idea into a business, with advice and a Barn4 Membership. We are calling for applications from individuals or small teams who are still at the concept stage of developing a new agritech venture.

Cambridge Angels

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

We are a collaborative Cambridge-based group, actively mentoring and investing in innovative teams and their ideas. We equip generations of entrepreneurs to generate returns and help realise their full potential. We have a strong ethos of backing merit and supporting entrepreneurship.

Our members, most of whom are successful entrepreneurs, invest in a wide range of start-up and scale-up businesses with a particular focus on deep-tech, and tools and technologies supporting healthcare.

Through our members and their networks, our entrepreneurs are better connected.

Cambridge Capital Group

Cambridge Capital Group, founded in 2000 has grown to a group of over 80 investors who have invested over £30M in more than 100 hi-tech businesses in Europe's leading tech cluster.

We are a private syndicate of business angels, private family offices, international investors, investment funds and co-investment vehicles: our goal is to support innovative early-stage technology ventures emanating from Cambridge, London, Oxford and surrounding innovation centres. We work closely with universities, incubators and other angel networks to source sophisticated opportunities for our members.

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ccgangers>
- Facebook: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cambridge-capital-group/>

Carbon13

Carbon13 is the Venture Builder for the Climate Emergency. Through our programmes the Venture Builder and the Venture Launchpad, we select, support and invest in the teams and solutions which will transform our world for a Net Zero future.

The Venture Builder programme sees a cohort of 80 entrepreneurs, scientists, engineers, corporate leaders, developers embark on an eight-month programme to form cofounding teams, ideate, validate and build ventures with the potential to mitigate CO2e emissions by 10 million tonnes per year when at scale.

The Venture Launchpad is an accelerator style programme where early-stage start-up teams work as intensively on their carbon impact as on their investment readiness.

Through our two programmes we've invested in 46 ventures and worked with over 350 founders.

Our Cambridge origins have taught us the importance of world-class carbon, commercial and scientific understanding. Our growth to Berlin and beyond is fuelled by our belief that global transformation doesn't come from a single individual but from unencumbered communities with original thought.

The future is Net Zero. Our start-ups are already building it.

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/carbon13>

Cambridge Network

We are a membership organisation bringing people together through networking, learning, recruitment and events

We connect and support businesses, sparking collaboration within our vibrant network of over a thousand members.

- [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [LinkedIn](#)

Deeptech Labs

Deeptech Labs is a VC fund, accelerator, and the catalyst for deeptech success. Deeptech Labs is the catalyst for deeptech success. Twice a year, our accelerator and fund embeds a cohort of start-ups in a powerful network of successful entrepreneurs, expert practitioners, leading researchers, and deeptech organisations. Deeptech Labs invests in post-Seed deeptech companies with an established technology, an extraordinary team, and strong initial traction. We help the entrepreneurs we invest in to prepare for their Series A as they move from prototype and proof of concept to scalable products and services. Read more about the Deeptech investment cohorts [here](#) and the community that support them [here](#).

Programme

The Deeptech Labs structured, three-month programme is custom-built to reflect the needs of each cohort. It is made up of weekly Fireside Chats, in-depth Expert Sessions, and community Forum Days. During each programme our entrepreneurs gain practical, deployable advice in one-to-one sessions with successful deeptech leaders and experts. These sessions, like all of our programming, are specifically designed to meet the needs of each cohort.

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/deeptech-labs/>

The Centre for Global Equality Ltd

The Centre for Global Equality (CGE) evolves innovative solutions to global challenges.

Bringing together collaborators from civil society, academia, government and business, we mobilise intellectual, financial and social resources and focus these on the interests of the four billion people in the world who live on less than \$4 a day.

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CentreforGlobalEquality>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CGlobalEquality>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/1495861>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/centreforglobalequality/>

The eForum

The eForum—formerly known as the MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge—was founded in 1978. We are an independent non-profit organization whose mission is to provide practical programs for any

startup founder—anywhere—who's ready to succeed. We are a member of The Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship, a partnership that allows us to learn from their leadership in the field of entrepreneurship education and share it with the broader global community of innovation-driven entrepreneurs we serve.

- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/theeforumorg/>
- Twitter <https://twitter.com/theeforumorg>
- LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/theeforumorg/>

The EpiCentre

At The EpiCentre in Cambridge, you'll find so much more than serviced offices, we're a lively hub of dynamic early-stage businesses and a bunch of exceptional people. We're located in Haverhill Research Park, and we're part of the growing Cambridge phenomenon. If you're an early-stage company with a passion for tech and science, then you've found your spiritual home.

Everyone here knows that being part of our community is a smart move. Not only does it make coming to work more fun, but it also means there are more intelligent minds and original ideas to tap into, both virtually and face to face.

There are heaps of opportunities to network and collaborate, plus the huge bonus of having our business support team to provide great advice and handy introductions. You can see why we say it's all about the people.

Services

Workspace (lab and office space); Meeting rooms; Support network; Events

Socials

- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/EpicentreHaverhill/>
- Instagram https://www.instagram.com/the_epicentre_at_haverhill/
- LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-epicentre-haverhill/>
- Twitter https://twitter.com/The_EpiCentre

Global Shapers Cambridge Hub

The Global Shapers Community is a network of over 450 hubs and is an initiative of the World Economic Forum (WEF). Cambridge is home to one of these hubs; having a membership representing both university & industry.

The hub acts as a platform for early-stage social impact projects that members (Global Shapers) can either contribute to an existing project or set-up an initiative of their own. Shapers collaborate on these projects together and can draw upon resources from the wider community.

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/global-shapers-community/mycompany/>

Makespace

Makespace is a community workshop in the heart of Cambridge and labs on the Addenbrooke's site.

Equipment ranges from sewing machines and crafting tools to 3D printers, laser cutters to CNC routers, microscopes to PCR machines. The spaces and equipment are available 24/7 to paying members and runs based on all the amazing volunteer effort these members put in!

Each year we host hundreds of events, training sessions, talks, and subject specific meet-ups, all with a collaborative spirit. The broad scope of people at Makespace sees great friendships and successful business ventures grow.

The foundation of our community is peer to peer exchange of skills and experience and a hub of business, technology and design expertise. Members pay to get access to and support the upkeep of the space, but then learn from each other. No matter the reason you come to Makespace, there will be like-minded people; try something new, create something different and become part of our extensive network.

Our members join for personal and business reasons and include engineers, designers, artists, scientists, educators, hobbyists, DIYers, market traders, entrepreneurs and more. The Makespace equipment and community is invaluable in taking ideas forward.

- YouTube: youtube.makespace.org
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cammakespace>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/makespace-cambridge-ltd/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MakespaceCambridge/>

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[Milner Therapeutics Institute](#)

Frame Shift Bio-incubator

Frame Shift provides a unique environment for companies to work side-by-side with start-ups, pharma and academic scientists in an ecosystem physically and culturally designed to spark collaboration and entrepreneurship.

Frame Shift has a particular focus on R&D intensive companies working in areas related to the institute's expertise (e.g. functional genomics, early target discovery, therapeutics). Frame Shift complements other programmes such as the Start Codon Accelerator, providing flexible options for start-up companies at different stages in their development.

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/milner-therapeutics-institute/>
- Twitter: @TheMilnerInst

[o2h group](#)

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 social enterprise.

o2h group seeds new ideas in science, technology and green innovation. We work across boundaries and take a collaborative and shared approach to innovation, and therefore we co-invest, co-create and co-execute to bring these ideas to life. o2h group is organised into 6 symbiotic verticals; o2h ventures, o2h discovery, o2h therapeutics, o2h technology, o2h co-work, and o2h community.

o2h co-work labs operates the mill scitech park in Hauxton, Cambridge, o2h community covers our work with local non-profits organisations, our interests in working with social enterprise and our work in creating a community of innovators that can impact society. A place for entrepreneurs, scientists, techies & dreamers. Supported by high specification labs to create a genuinely unique environment for creativity and innovation to thrive.

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/o2hlife/>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/o2h-group/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/o2hlife/>
- Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7YqoMJ566H7uau0E2WC3Qw>

Start Codon

Get investment, coaching, commercial partners and access to leading VCs

Start Codon, located in the heart of Cambridge, UK, aims to provide a much-needed world-class life science accelerator that offers significant funding and support to rapidly translate the most disruptive and innovative research into successful start-up companies.

We identify and recruit the most disruptive life science and healthcare start-ups worldwide, seed-fund them and leverage the exceptional resources of the Cambridge Cluster to de-risk and drive their success.

Start Codon leverages the unique resources of the Cambridge Cluster to identify, seed-fund and drive the success of truly disruptive healthcare start-ups.

We aim to disrupt monocultures and stagnation and only accept a small number of exceptional applicants onto our program. Start Codon provides seed funding, intensive coaching, and access to our extensive network of investors and BioPharma executives.

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/startcodon/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StartCodon>

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 centre is an incubator for genomics and biodata businesses of all sizes and at all stages of their development. Other highlight: Pre accelerator program - only for Campus staff.

Further Study in Entrepreneurship

MPhil Bioscience Enterprise (MBE)

The MPhil in Bioscience Enterprise (MBE) programme is an intensive taught science and business course intended for those who have an interest in enterprise and the ambition to found technology companies or take up leadership, executive or consultancy roles in the life sciences sector.

The syllabus comprises a series of interdisciplinary modules covering the commercial exploitation of the latest advances in biotechnology together with the business expertise and management skills associated with bringing scientific opportunities to market.

Further to the extensive lecture programme, students gain practical business and management experience through professional practice assignments, together with a consulting project and a research placement, both of which they normally undertake with host companies.

[The Masters in Entrepreneurship \(MSt\) from Cambridge Judge Business School](#)

The Cambridge Entrepreneurship Masters is a two-year, part-time degree focussed on developing impactful entrepreneurs. Our Masters in Entrepreneurship programme teaches you the knowledge and skills you require through a combination of online courses and practical activities.

These include hands-on workshops and seminars by industry practitioners. We combine an academically rigorous curriculum with a 'learning by doing' approach facilitated by mentors, peers and industry practitioners. Our cohort consists of nascent entrepreneurs looking to jumpstart their business, and more experienced entrepreneurs who have achieved some success but crave a deeper understanding.

We also welcome intrapreneurs who seek to understand how they can better utilise the principles of entrepreneurship to drive their organisations forward. Our students come from diverse backgrounds but are connected by a common desire to learn from each other, take responsible action and contribute to a special community of entrepreneurs at Cambridge Judge Business School.

[Master of Studies in Social Innovation](#)

The Master of Studies (MSt) in Social Innovation is a two-year, part-time, research-based programme including online delivery and four one-week long residencies in Cambridge. Social innovation is becoming central to the ambitions of the corporate and public sectors, as well as the social sector, NGOs and entrepreneurs. Therefore, the MSt programme examines both social innovation within the context of these sectors, and the urgent need for intersectional collaboration to tackle and develop novel solutions to the deep-rooted 'wicked problems' the globe faces.

The programme addresses the social, cultural, economic, and environmental challenges and opportunities of social innovation by offering its students an open environment for critical dialogue and engagement with workshops, case studies, subject experts, and practitioners. This educational space allows for the discussion of key concepts, theories, frameworks, and emerging ideas for creating, developing, and enabling social innovation around the world. It forms a key strategy to engage with individuals and organisations working specifically to develop socially innovative solutions in both high-income and low-income countries.

In recognition of the fact that social innovation occurs across all sectors, the MSt is aimed at entrepreneurs and middle and senior level leaders in NGOs, public bodies and the private sector.

Information for organisations, groups and societies

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