
Welcome to the Biomedical Catalyst Accelerator

Roadshow

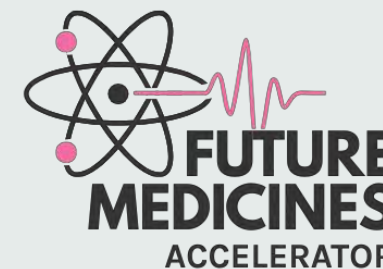


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Agenda

1.30-1.40pm	Arrival and Refreshments
1.40-1.45pm	Welcome and Agenda, Lorna Green LYVA Labs
1.45pm-1.50pm	Introduction to Innovate UK Biomedical Catalyst, <i>Hannah Thomas Innovate UK</i>
1.50-2.00pm	Introduction to Innovate UK Business Connect, <i>Karen Wilkinson, Innovate UK Business Connect</i>
2.00-2.10pm	Innovate UK Business Growth, <i>Hannah Williams, Innovate UK Business Growth</i>
2.10-2.20pm	Future Medicines, <i>Rachel Lawless LYVA Labs</i>
2.20-2.30pm	Accelerating FemTech:Evaluate, <i>Ruth Bradbury HIN South London</i>
2.30-2.40pm	MedTech Venture Kickstarter, <i>Antoinette Cameron-Pimblett, London Institute for Healthcare Engineering</i>
2.40-2.50pm	Managing Chronic Conditions, <i>Adam Hardy, Pioneer Group</i>
2.50-3.00pm	Hospital to Community, <i>Nick Le Fevre, Founders Factory</i>
3.00-3.15pm	Q&A and Closing <i>Lorna Green LYVA Labs & Hannah Thomas IUK</i>
3.15-3.30pm	Networking



Innovate UK

Presented by: Hannah Thomas



**Innovation Lead – Health Technologies
Innovate UK**



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Health and Life Sciences: Transforming Lives, Driving Growth



We are the UK's innovation agency

As part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), **Innovate UK** is publicly funded to drive innovation and productivity across the UK.

It works to create a better future by inspiring, involving and investing in businesses that are developing life-changing innovations.



**UK Research
and Innovation**

At Innovate UK we:



Accelerate innovation, investment and productivity through a world class suite of services that supports UK businesses to grow and develops the innovation talent and skills pipeline.

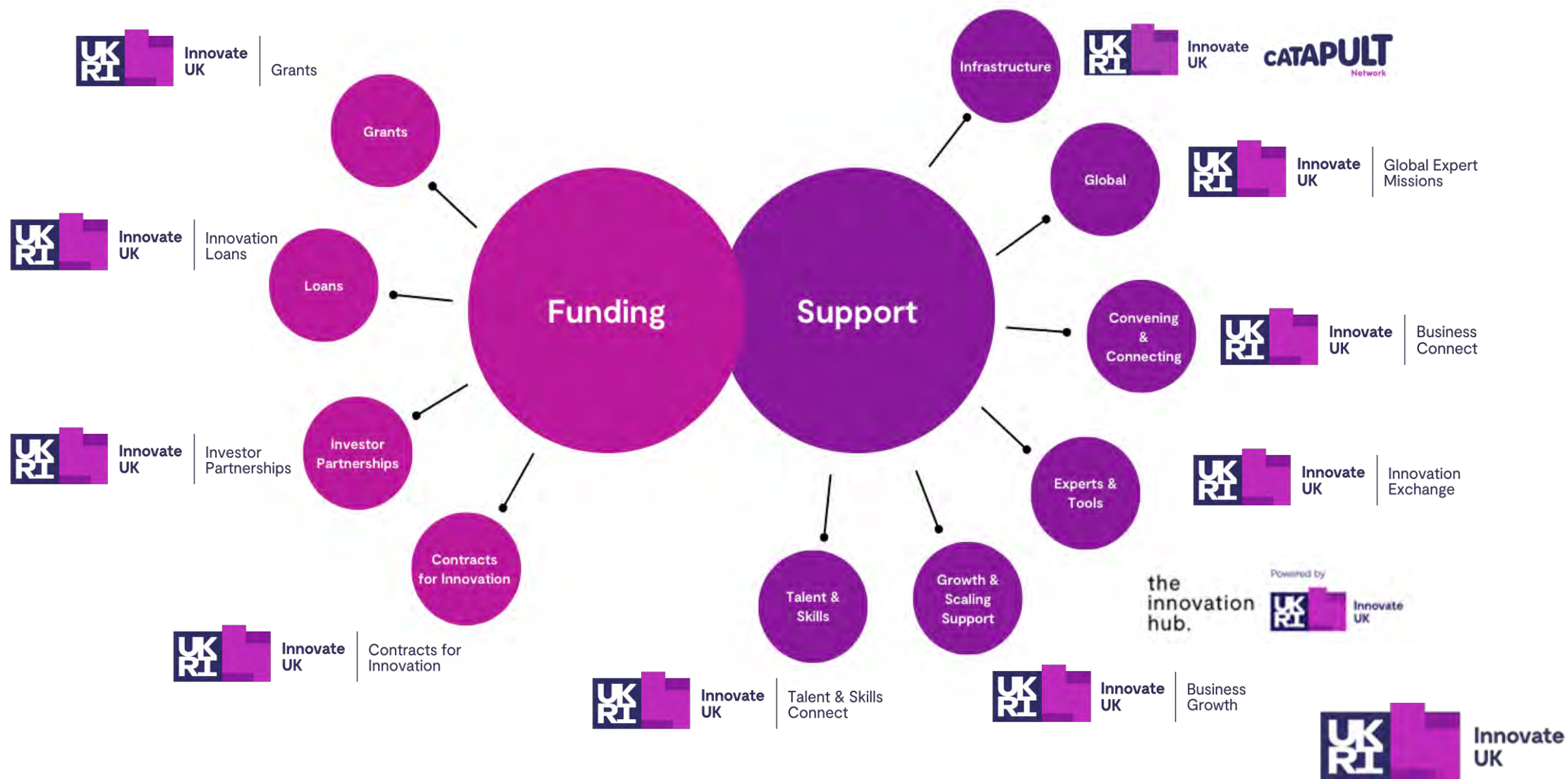


Inspire and invest in **emerging technologies and cutting-edge science, research and development** to directly benefit the UK's industrial future.



Create powerful connections that catalyse and create benefit from the **ethical and safe development of innovative technologies** across the whole of the UK.

Products & Services

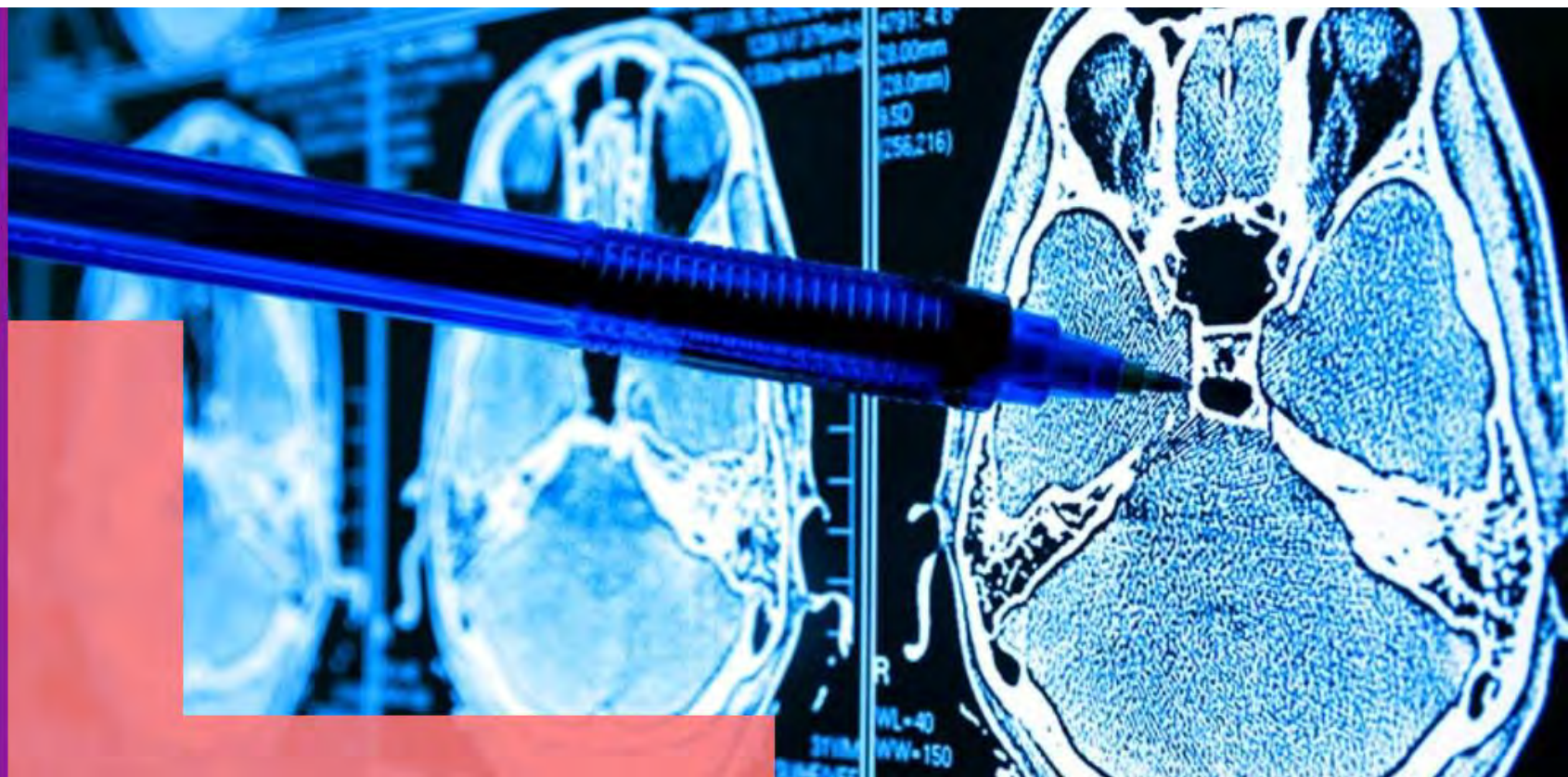


Biomedical Catalyst

Our vision is to build a network of innovative, commercially viable life science businesses that transform healthcare and patients' lives and drive business growth.

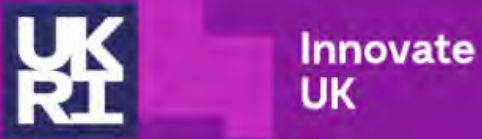


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Biomedical Catalyst



- **Accelerator – Feasibility**

- workshops, advice and training through accelerator programmes
- at the end of the accelerator, you should be in a position to seek investment, or feasibility grant funding of up to £100k at 100% via a closed competition

- **Industry-led R&D**

- industry-led pre-market R&D projects
- Project costs £150k-£4m & grant up to £2m, up to 70% grant support for SMEs
- Project duration 6-36 months

- **Investor Partnerships**

- Grant support up to 70% of project costs
- One of our approved investors - 70% match
- Focus on project and company growth

Biomedical Catalyst



Our focus:

- Providing targeted support at each stage of your business journey.
- Promoting diversity in founders and leadership teams.
- Providing solutions that support everyone.

£388m grant
funding

£196m matched
funding

£1,040,664,462
further funds
raised since
2018



Thank you

Biomedical Catalyst Accelerator 2025 Road Show



BMC Accelerator Programme

Innovate UK Business Connect



Karen Wilkinson

Healthy Lives

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Innovate UK Business Connect

Innovate UK Business Connect exists to connect innovators with new partners and new opportunities beyond their existing thinking – accelerating ambitious ideas into real-world solutions.



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Connecting & Convening

Innovate UK Business Connect

With more than 200 innovation, technology and sector experts based across the UK we:

- understand **innovation needs**
- signpost to **investment finance**
- support in **navigating the UK innovation landscape**
- have links to more than **500,000 innovative businesses and individual innovators** throughout the UK



Our Network



46,229
Unique
Organisations



72%
Small

15%
Medium

13%
Large



335,478
innovators



**Every university
in the UK**



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We create diverse connections to drive positive change



Sustainability, International, Access to Finance



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Health Team



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Health



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(AMR, Microbiome, One Health)



Owen Burbidge
Medicines



James Culy
MedTech



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Support for Innovators

Connecting

Networking events and workshops

Informing

- Briefing events
- News and other outputs – social media, podcasts, reports

Convening

- Innovator networks, workshops, SIGs.

Supporting individual innovators

- Signposting through innovation landscape
- Building the best consortium and supporting applications
- Advise on access to grants and funding sources

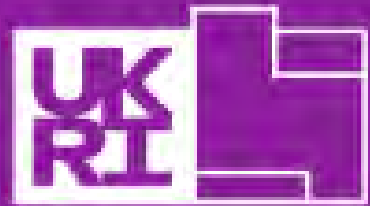
...for positive change



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Support for BMC Accelerator



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Resources: News, Opportunities, Guidance

The screenshot displays the Innovate UK Business Connect website. At the top, the UKRI logo is on the left, and 'Innovate UK' and 'Business Connect' are on the right. The main heading is 'Opportunities'. Below it, a paragraph states: 'Positive change is driven through new ideas and innovation. But innovation is complex. Sometimes projects need to be connected with new opportunities or looked at from new perspectives to make the difference. This is where Innovate UK Business Connect comes in.' Another paragraph follows: 'If you're looking for expertise to lead into your idea, product, service, research or challenge, then invite us to get involved. We will not only work with you in understanding your market or challenge but will also direct you to the latest opportunities available, and how you can apply. Find out how [Innovate UK Business Connect can support](#) your application or help you find partners.' Below this is a 'Discover More About Us' link. A search bar with the placeholder 'Keyword Search' is visible. On the left, under 'Latest Events', there are two event listings: 'Sustainable Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Programme Engagement Event' (20 Aug - 1 Sep | 11:00-13:00 | Across UK and Online) and 'Healthy Ageing - Funding and Investment Opportunities Snapshot Webinar' (17 Sep | 14:00-15:00 | Online). A 'Sectors' filter is located in the center, with a 'Filter by' dropdown and a list of checkboxes for various sectors including Creative Industries, Design, Digital, Electromechanical, Energy, Geospatial, Global, Health, Industrial Methods, Infrastructure, Materials, Manufacturing, and Environment. Below these are checkboxes for Business growth, Collaboration, and Commercial challenge. On the right, three featured opportunity cards are shown: 'European Space Agency: Space for Electromobility' (Open: 14/09/2024, Closed: 18/09/2024), 'Digital Catapult: Quantum Technology Access Programme' (Open: 01/09/2024, Closed: 30/09/2024), and 'Local Authority Transport Decarbonisation Accelerator 2024' (Open: 01/09/2024, Closed: 15/09/2024). Each card includes a brief description and a 'More Information' link.

UKRI Innovate UK Business Connect

Opportunities

Positive change is driven through new ideas and innovation. But innovation is complex. Sometimes projects need to be connected with new opportunities or looked at from new perspectives to make the difference. This is where Innovate UK Business Connect comes in.

If you're looking for expertise to lead into your idea, product, service, research or challenge, then invite us to get involved. We will not only work with you in understanding your market or challenge but will also direct you to the latest opportunities available, and how you can apply. Find out how [Innovate UK Business Connect can support](#) your application or help you find partners.

[Discover More About Us](#)

Keyword Search

Latest Events

Innovate UK events

Sustainable Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Programme Engagement Event
20 Aug - 1 Sep | 11:00-13:00 | Across UK and Online

Three workshops focus on driving innovation in sustainable medicines manufacturing, net zero commitments. Learn about the programme, upcoming competitions, and experts. Network with industry peers at events across the UK and an online session.

[More](#)

Healthy Ageing - Funding and Investment Opportunities Snapshot Webinar
17 Sep | 14:00-15:00 | Online

Sectors:

Filter by

- ☐ Creative Industries
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Digital
- ☐ Electromechanical
- ☐ Energy
- ☐ Geospatial
- ☐ Global
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Industrial Methods
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Materials
- ☐ Manufacturing
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Business growth
- ☐ Collaboration
- ☐ Commercial challenge

European Space Agency: Space for Electromobility

Open: 14/09/2024 | Closed: 18/09/2024

Funding to develop sustainable space-based services and applications related to the electromobility ecosystem.

[More Information](#)

Digital Catapult: Quantum Technology Access Programme

Open: 01/09/2024 | Closed: 30/09/2024

QATAP aims to demonstrate the potential of quantum technology, raise awareness, educate and users, and foster industry partnerships.

[More Information](#)

Local Authority Transport Decarbonisation Accelerator 2024

Open: 01/09/2024 | Closed: 15/09/2024

Supporting both small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and local areas to meet the opportunities and challenges of place-based net zero.

[More Information](#)

The graphic features a vibrant, multi-colored molecular or cellular structure on the right side. On the left, there is a purple rectangular box containing white text. The text reads: 'Application Guidance' in large letters, followed by 'will help you prepare application you can for UK competitions'.

Application Guidance

will help you prepare application you can for UK competitions

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Introduction to
**Innovate UK Business
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Presenter introduction

Full name: Hannah Williams

Job title: Ecosystem Innovation and
Growth Specialist

Background: Early-stage equity
fundraising & Corporate Finance





Innovate UK Business Growth

The indispensable partner for ambitious innovators

We equip innovation-focused businesses to **make the best strategic choices** and **harness the right resources** to accelerate their growth.

Over 6,000 innovators benefit from our **intensive and tailored advisory support** to achieve their ambitious goals every year.

We are in their corner – do you want us in yours? Visit iukbg.ukri.org to learn more.

97% of clients would recommend us

94% report that our service has had a positive impact on their growth

“Innovate UK Business Growth gave us the tools to grow with confidence”

Natali Georgieva, Co-founder at ALIANAz

Who do we support?

- Ambitious, innovation-focused businesses that are growing strongly, or that have high growth potential
- Registered at Companies House with up to 250 employees
- Management teams motivated to engage fully with us to help achieve growth milestones
- Businesses with or without Innovate UK grants

A service designed around your needs



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Innovate UK provides high-quality strategic advisory support as a partner to its clients. The Innovate UK Business Growth service uniquely combines:



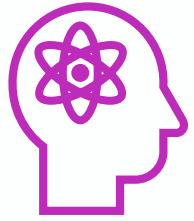
**A comprehensive
spectrum of innovation
and commercial
expertise**



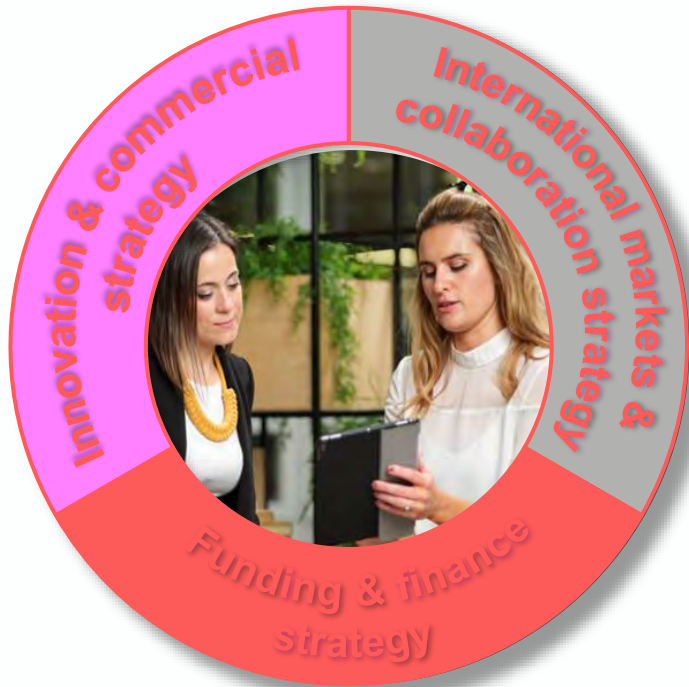
**A single access point
to the most significant
regional, national and
international innovation
resources**



**1:1 support that is
flexible and tailored in
focus and timescale to
the individual needs of
innovative businesses**



Specialists with comprehensive expertise to help you hone your strategy



Over 450 innovation and growth specialists nationwide, including 43 scaleup directors, who are also plugged into technical experts across Innovate UK and beyond.

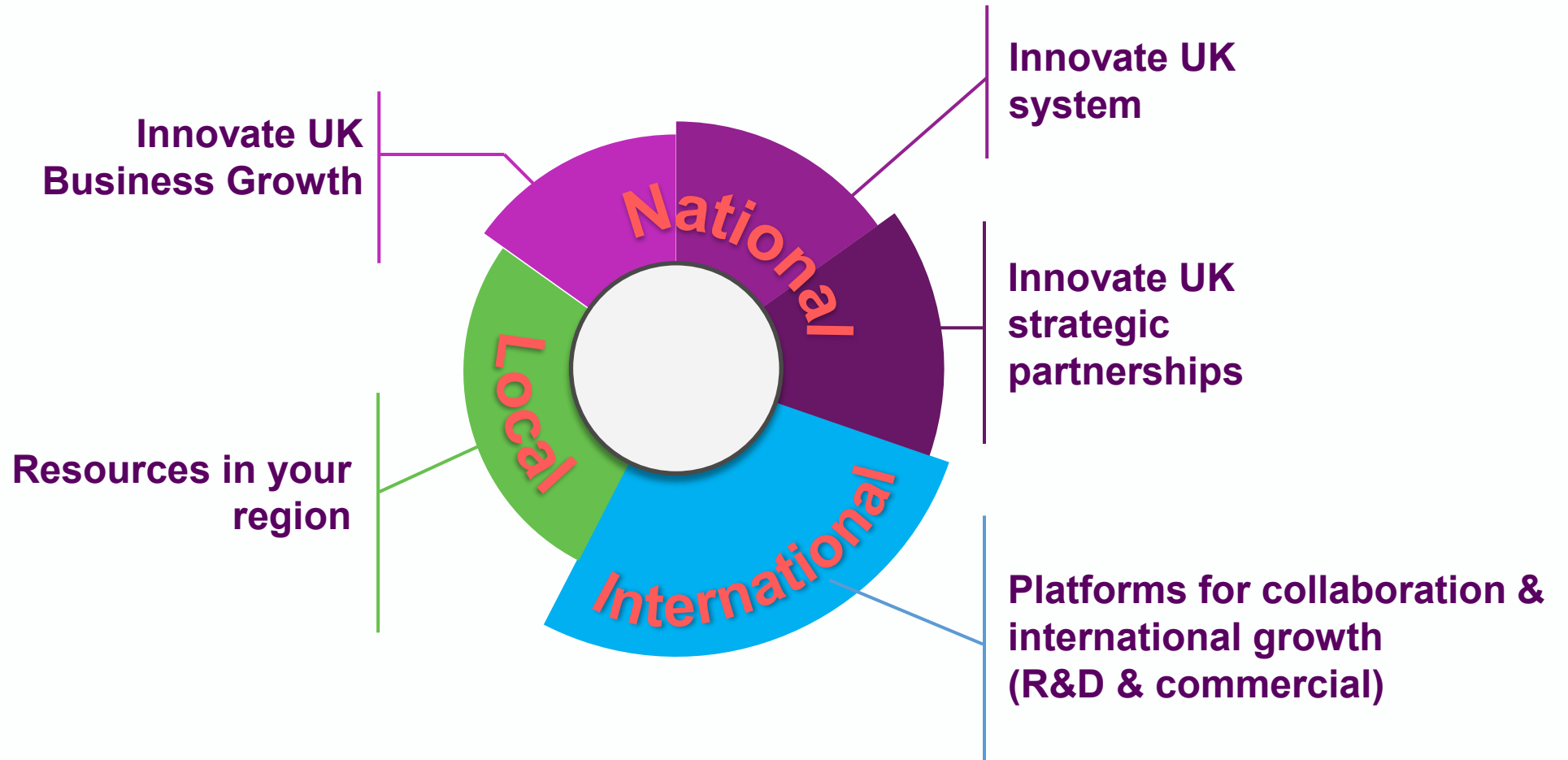
With the commercial acumen and innovation experience to help clients hone their growth strategies and accelerate their progress in three broad areas.

“Our specialist’s knowledge and experience...has been incredibly helpful and comforting. The...ups and downs can be tough but having that consistent sounding board has made a huge difference.”

Jason Mashinchi, Managing Director at Cambridge Kinetics



Providing access to local, national & international resources



Innovate UK Strategic Partnerships

Examples of partnerships across the private and public sectors.

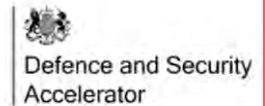
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Referrals & learning



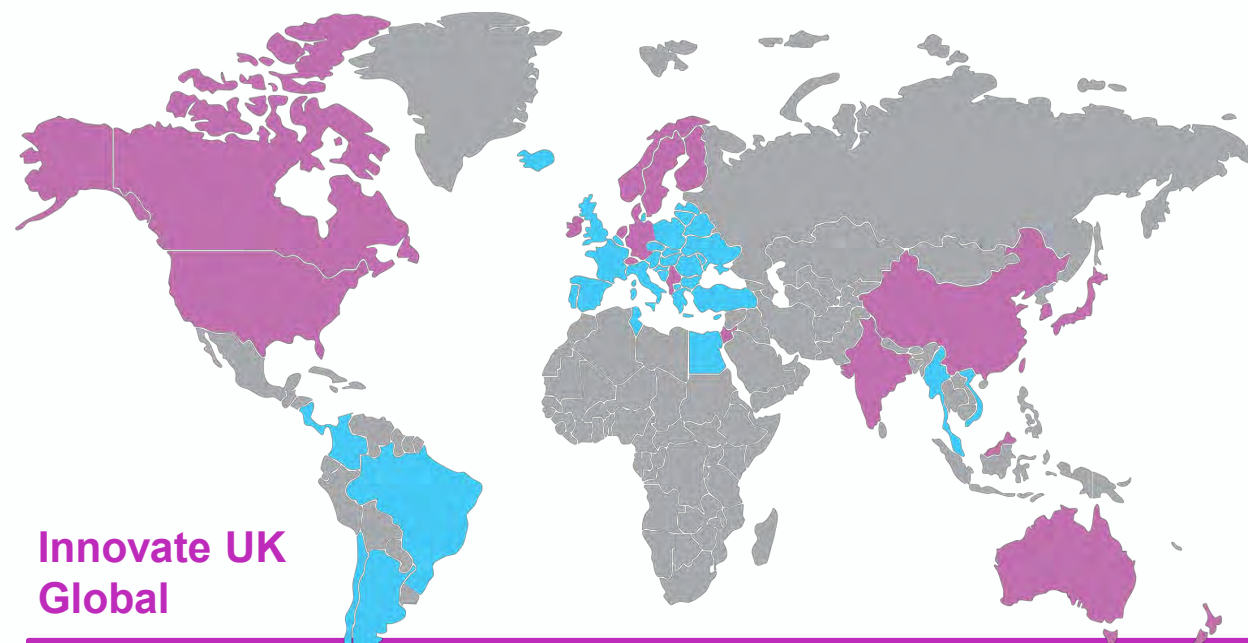
Policy & programme partners



International opportunities



Our initiatives and partnerships extend our reach to the following countries for innovation internationalisation, whilst we link seamlessly to DBT for export support:



Innovate UK Global

GBIP
Global Business
Innovation Programme

GIP
Global Incubator
Programme

**Global
Explorers**

EUREKA

Enterprise Europe Network

**Partner Opportunities
Database**

**Sector
Group**

**Thematic
Group**

**Brokerage
Events**

**International
funding (HEu)**

Note: Colour scheme does not correspond to initiative type: opportunities in many countries flow from multiple initiative types



As part of flexible advisory support through growth stages

We provide tailored support so that you can achieve milestones

We help you to articulate a growth strategy

We take an holistic view of the business and identify specific challenges & needs with you



We open the right doors and cultivate your capabilities

You will be primed for game-changing investment and harnessing advanced commercial support

Note: if you require more limited and specific guidance only, we also help over 4,000 innovators per year in this way including through our National Enquiry Gateway

Success Story:

StemBond nurtures biotech growth with Innovate UK

Cambridge-based StemBond Technologies is advancing regenerative medicine with its hydrogel platform that mimics human tissue, making it easier to grow healthy cells for developing new treatments.

We helped StemBond refine its investment strategy, build R&D partnerships, develop its IP and explore international opportunities. To complement its advisory support, it benefitted from tailored guidance on investment readiness via Invest-Ability Intensive Training, access to the Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult via a Research & Technology Organisation (RTO) and Catapult grant, and participated in the Global Business Innovation Programme (GBIP).

Growth milestones:



Raised over £1M in investment & grant funding with Innovate UK Investor Partnerships



Tripled headcount, growing from 2 to 6



Built international partnerships with global biotech stakeholders



"Innovate UK Business Growth has been hugely influential in our journey, from investment readiness support to funding access opportunities. The guidance we received helped us refine our strategy and accelerate our commercialisation."

Andrew Hodgson,
Founder and CEO of StemBond Technologies

Spotlight on areas of strategic focus



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Innovation & Commercial Strategy

Strategic support to:

- **Manage innovation effectively**
- **Commercialise and scale more rapidly**
- **Access the right resources at the right time within the innovation ecosystem**

Support initiatives:

- Funded IP support and advice
- Participation in Peer Networks
- Funded [access to RTOs and Catapults](#)
- The Design for Growth scheme
- The BSI Standards for Growth scheme
- Funded NPSA security reviews



“I recommend Innovate UK Business Growth to any innovation-driven growth business Our dedicated specialist has made a decisive contribution to our success.” **Neciah Dorh, FluoretiQ**

Strategic support to identify your business objectives and determine which of the grant funding options and / or capital options will get you there.

Support initiatives:

If assessed to require equity financing, access **Invest-Ability**, our comprehensive investment readiness support including: Invest-Ability Intensive Training and Invest-Ability Pitch Panel.

Also benefit from our connections with other Innovate UK products and services plus partners such as London Stock Exchange, that give access to knowledge and opportunities to attract investment.



“We’re thriving in a disruptive sector with Innovate UK Business Growth support. Its strategic input has been invaluable to help grow our business.” **Mark Hewitt, ICAX**

International Markets & Collaboration Strategy

Strategic support to:

- Explore and enter global markets
- Pursue international collaborations
- Accelerate global growth and scaling

Support initiatives:

- Enterprise Europe Network access: the world's largest business collaboration network
- Support to develop global innovation partnerships via Innovate UK initiatives e.g. Global Business Innovation Programme
- Access to focused brokerage activities
- Support accessing **Eureka** and **Horizon Europe** via Innovate UK's Horizon Europe Pump Priming Initiative



“Innovate UK Business Growth helped me grow my innovation-led business so we can create a new era of AI-enabled healthcare.” **Peter Mountney, Odin Vision**

Scaleup Programme

Scaling companies have **opportunities and challenges on multiple fronts** as they prepare for **serious fundraising and international expansion** to become the next **champions for British innovation** on the global stage.

Innovate UK's Scaleup Programme is for **clients with the highest growth potential**, offering enhanced coaching from an **expert Scaleup Board** and its **extended connections**.



“Innovate UK Business Growth has brought my R&D-intensive business huge benefits. We have doubled in size this year and its scaling support has been critical.” **Paul Holt, Photocentric**

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Client enquiries: call our National Enquiry Gateway on:
0300 123 3066

or visit our website:
www.iukbg.ukri.org



About LYVA Labs

We believe innovation will drive growth and jobs in, if we collectively create the right environment to unlock it.

LYVA Labs was created to deliver economic growth through commercialisation of innovation; inspiring ideas, creating partnerships and attracting investment.



What we do



Innovation Consultancy

Business model design, partner matching, and R&D funding for established businesses to develop new products and services



Pre-Seed Investment

Investment of up to £250K in early-stage Health & Life Sciences, Clean Tech for Health and Deep Tech businesses



Incubators and Accelerators

Tailored coaching and expertise to develop early-stage businesses into commercial ventures, securing grant funding and follow-on investment



Innovation Consortia

Large-scale industry and research consortia building to develop strategic assets for Liverpool City Region

How are we doing?



40 Companies

supported with private investment/grant funds



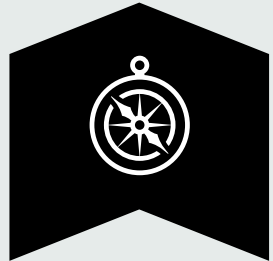
+£41.3 Million

in grants and investment for LCR companies. 7xROI



£2.5m

invested directly in 28 start-ups HLS, deep tech and clean tech.



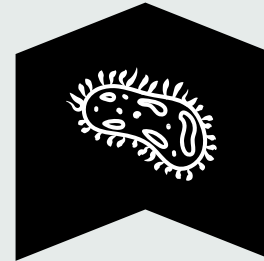
R&D Consultancy Service launched

to support ambitious businesses



8 new companies

established in the region creating 73+ high valued jobs



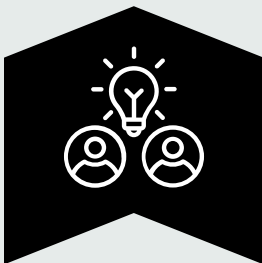
24 innovative UK SMEs

supported through LYVA Labs' Innovate UK-funded microbials accelerator



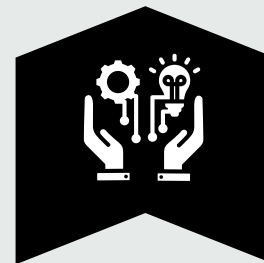
800+ individuals

joined LYVA Labs' Advanced Manufacturing Innovation network



18 collaborative SME partnerships

set up to enable new product development



Deep tech incubator & investment fund

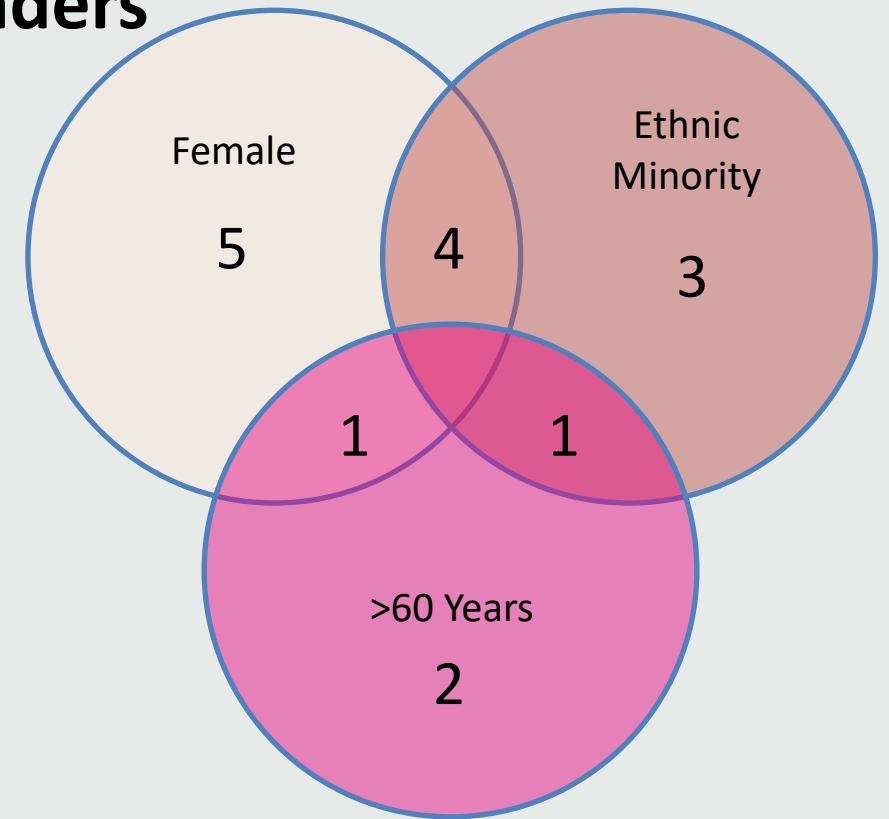
first of its kind launched in the region.

Supporting diverse founders

Nationally only **2%** of VC investment goes to women led businesses and <2% to people from ethnic minority groups

LYVA Labs has invested in **28** start-ups

- **12** have founders / CEOs from underrepresented groups
- **75%** of our investment to date is into these 12 start-ups, with **50%** going to female led/founded companies

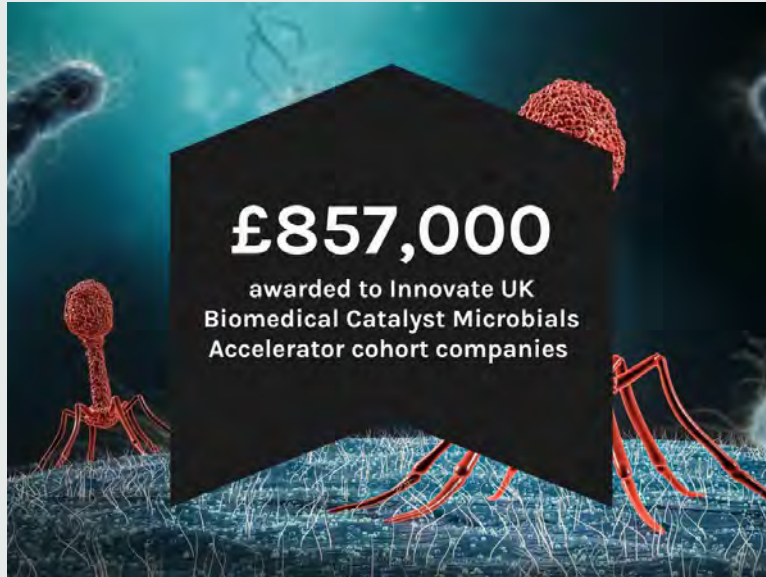


IUK Microbiome Accelerator

24 companies supported on Pre-Accelerator.

11 companies received 1-2-1 bespoke support from partners.

10/11 companies were successful in Biomedical Catalyst grant.



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"The microbials accelerator programme helped us refine our development plan for our pharmaceutical product, focussing our efforts and increasing our chances of receiving investment to progress our plans." Jenny Bailey, Founder, Ferryx.

"The program unlocked several partners to help with many facets of the business: regulatory support, grant writing, and access to healthcare networks. Highly recommend to start-ups in the microbial healthcare sector!" Lydia Mapstone, PhD, CEO – BoobyBiome.

"It has been an enriching journey of discovery, collaboration, and accelerated growth, guided by the expertise of professionals in the field." Boon Lim, PhD, CTO – Oxford Simcell.

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Pre-Accelerator

(November 2025-December 2025)

One to many up to 30 companies.

Online modules ran by specialist experts covering:

- *Market Research, Competitive Position & Commercial Analysis.*
- *Product design, development & prototyping.*
- *Exploitation plan.*
- *Building your business.*
- *Early-stage financing, grant & equity.*

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IP and regulatory support.

Introduction to industry experts.

Regular check-in with LYVA Labs to support with commercialisation.

Peer-to-peer support.

Please note we will expect all participants to attend an in-person event in Liverpool on 12th November.

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Accelerator

(January 2026-March 2026)

For up to 16 companies from initial cohort.

Funded 1-2-1 bespoke support with expert technical partners to develop tailored R&D and exploitation plan.

World-leading expertise in drug discovery, development, and regulation.

Access to cutting-edge research facilities and networking with sector experts.

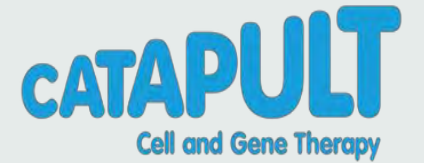
Grant writing support.

Market research, competitive analysis, and commercial strategy support.

Investor readiness.

Pitch training and pitching to relevant investors.

Regular check-ins with LYVA Labs to support with commercialisation.



Eligibility

Definition: The development, discovery or manufacturing of next-generation medical treatments, technologies, products, processes, or services to address increasingly complex diseases, usually leveraging advanced scientific approaches for more targeted, effective therapies tailored to individual patient needs.

UK-based SMEs (as defined by Innovate UK).

Academics in the early stages of forming an SME.

Start-ups developing innovations addressing clear and evidenced healthcare challenges.

At early-stage Technology Readiness Levels typically [TRL2-4](#)

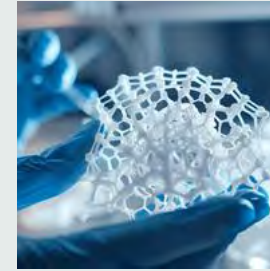
Companies with technologies, products, processes, or services that have a commercial route to market.

Organisations working in radiopharmaceuticals innovation particularly encouraged.

Example sectors (but not restricted to)



Gene therapies and
CAR-T cell therapies



Regenerative and
Personalised
Medicines



Biopharmaceuticals



Microbiome and
Phage-based
therapies



Radiopharmaceuticals



Antimicrobial
resistance

*Long-acting therapeutics are out of scope.

**Applications open until
12pm 26th September**



<https://lyvalabs.com/future-medicines>

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Accelerating Femtech: Evaluate



Funded by Innovate UK Biomedical Catalyst and run by the Health Innovation Network South London with national partners



10-week programme that will support up to 10 UK companies with technologies for women's health that are already developed but are looking to prove their value



The goal is to help companies grow, connect with the right people and plan testing of solutions in real healthcare settings, including cost-effectiveness

Aims



A clear partnership roadmap to support evaluation and growth



A refined pathway for real-world evaluation, such as health economic analyses



Stronger industry or healthcare connections



Enhanced growth for both innovators and their innovations

Benefits

Expert-led Workshops and Webinars: gain insights from subject matter experts to sharpen approaches to key topics for innovation and commercial growth, such as real-world evaluation.

Tailored Business Coaching: bespoke support from experienced business coaches who act as critical friends. Regular, one-to-one sessions refine strategy, facilitate connections and accelerate growth.

Bespoke Mentoring: leveraging experienced professionals from across the healthcare system, fostering individual growth, such as enhancing entrepreneurship skills, and accelerating the development of innovative solutions that advance women's health.

Strategic Networking: opportunities for peer-learning and stakeholder engagement across the healthcare system to foster collaboration, market access and growth.

Who is the Accelerating FemTech: Evaluate programme for?



Companies (SMEs) that are registered in the UK



Innovations for business to business (B2B) or business to consumer (B2C) women's health markets



Innovation for women's health with a technology readiness level (TRL) of 4 or above



Companies that are interested in and eligible to apply for Innovate UK Biomedical Catalyst grant funding

What is the timeline for Accelerating FemTech: Evaluate?

Cohort recruitment and selection

- **Monday 1 September:** Applications open
- **Wednesday 17 September:** 101 webinar
- **Sunday 28 September 11:59pm:** Applications close
- **29 September - 21 November:** Cohort selection

Accelerating Femtech: Evaluate Programme

- **26 and 27 November:** Cohort onboarding event in London
- **Weekly webinars:** w/c 1 December - w/c 9 February
- **21 and 22 January:** Midway residential event in London
- **w/c 23 February:** Showcase event
- **27 February:** End of programme

What did companies from our previous cohorts say?

£1m



Biomedical Catalysis
funding awarded to 10
innovators (cohort 1)

97.4%



of participants felt
expert guidance will
help business
development

78.5%



of participants more
aware of important
considerations for
business development

Great



NPS category

"I've **never felt more supported**. My Business Coach was incredibly helpful, well-connected, always reachable, and always had an answer to my questions... This has been the **most transformative accelerator I've experienced** in terms of progress..."

"For me, the programme was **incredibly impactful**—not only from a business learning perspective but also in how it shifted the narrative... It gave me a **profound sense of belonging and strengthened my confidence to stand tall as a female founder**. I genuinely believe this programme should go global."

Telling the Femtech story

IBEX Innovations: Revolutionising Bone Health: Timely Osteoporosis Detection in Post-Menopausal Women



Programme benefits:

- Invaluable opportunities for peer learning and knowledge exchange among healthcare professionals and fellow companies enhancing their understanding of IBEX's potential benefits to the NHS
- The guidance of experienced practitioners supported IBEX to navigate the complex and intricate landscape of the NHS and UK healthcare infrastructure
- The connections forged by IBEX Innovations through the programme are a valuable source of support for the team

Impact:

- IBEX BH has been adopted by Agfa Radiology with NHS pilots now in place to enable NHS Trusts to evaluate the potential impact of opportunistic screening on existing care pathways.
- A clinical trial has shown an excellent correlation between IBEX BH and DXA measurements, demonstrating the clinical utility of IBEX BH as an opportunistic screening tool.
- At the European Congress of Radiology (ECR) 2024, Metaltronica SpA, introduced a new multimodality system incorporating a bone mineral densitometry feature based on IBEX BH (Cybele).

Telling the FemTech story

Taahirah: Empowering Muslim women to manage their reproductive health

taahirah

Programme benefits:

- Valuable mentorship
- Expert-led workshops
- Access to a network of like-minded founders dedicated to advancing women's health
- The residencies and networking events opened doors to key partnerships with healthcare practitioners, researchers and institutions like the NHS

Impact:

- Taahirah is continuing to grow expanding its focus beyond menstrual health to reproductive health
- The platform surveyed almost 700 women and published a first-of-its-kind report, sharing their lived stories
- Taahirah has been recognised globally showcasing at Muslim Tech Fest 2024, reaching over 1,000 attendees, and securing 400 early adopters for their beta app

Accelerating FemTech: Evaluate

**Supporting innovators to make a real
impact in women's health**



Applications now open

Deadline Sunday 28 September 2025



Scan the
QR code
to apply

Accelerating FemTech: Evaluate



101 Webinar

Wednesday 17 September
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (BST)



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MedTech Venture Kickstarter

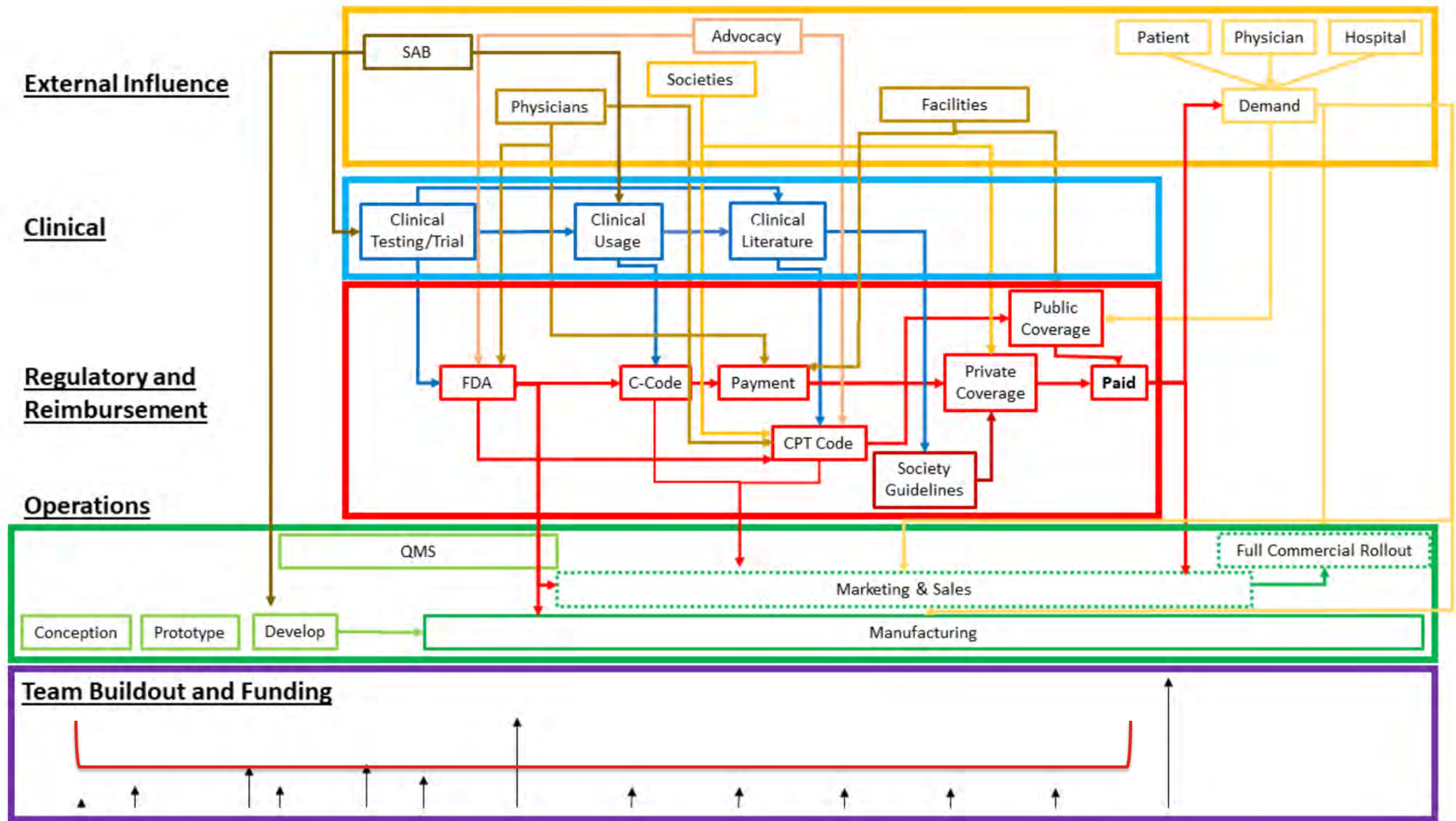
Innovate UK Biomedical
Catalyst Accelerators



Health
Innovation
Network
South London



Innovate
UK



10 years from concept to market

London Institute for Healthcare Engineering



Our mission

The London Institute for Healthcare Engineering (LIHE) embodies King's College London's **mission to make the world a better place.**

In a building dedicated to bringing MedTech innovations to patients and the market, we provide **hands-on executive support** for medical innovations from across the UK, and give MedTech entrepreneurs the confidence to proceed at pace **from bench to bedside to boardroom.**

Our only metric is how many patients the innovations we support positively impact.

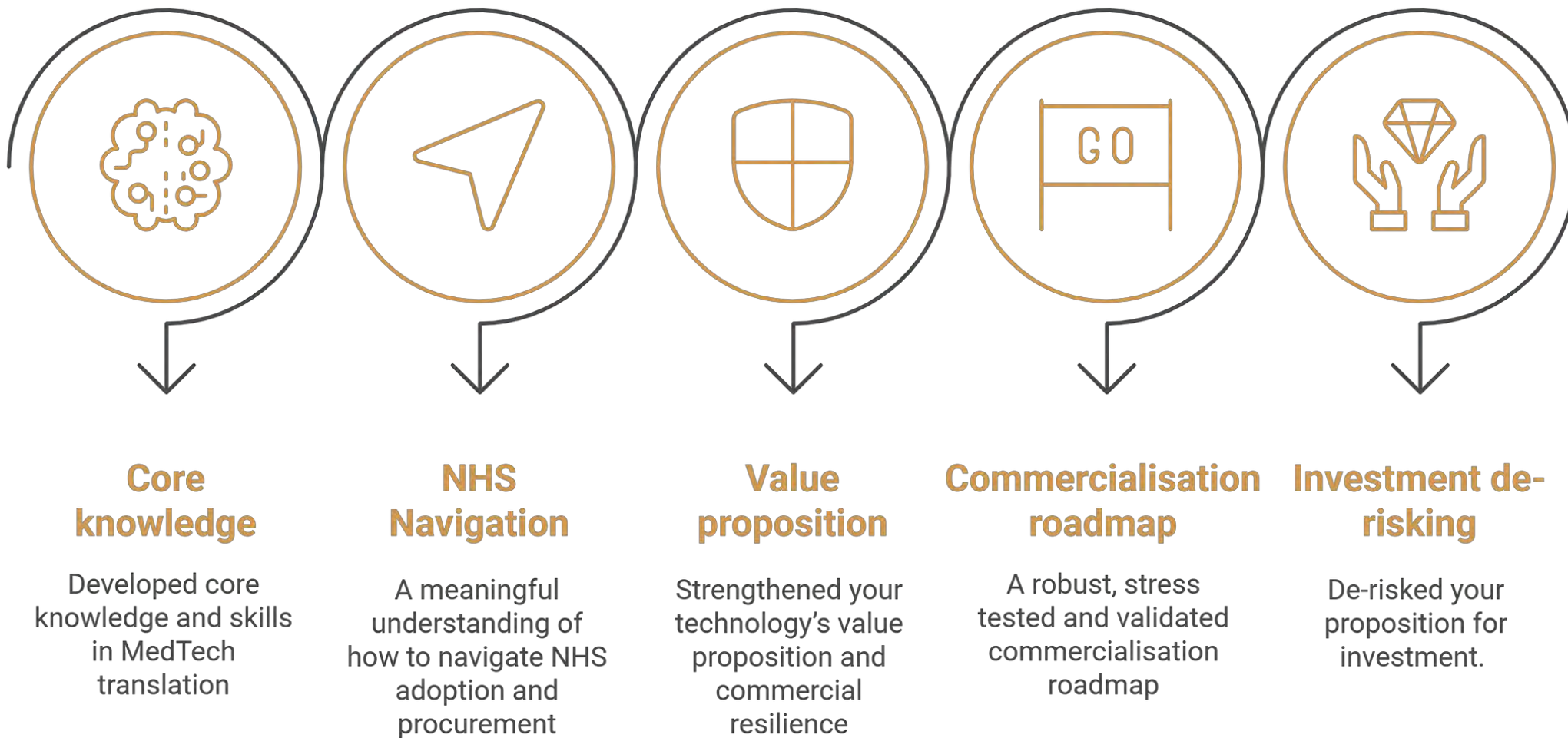
Future patients deserve it.

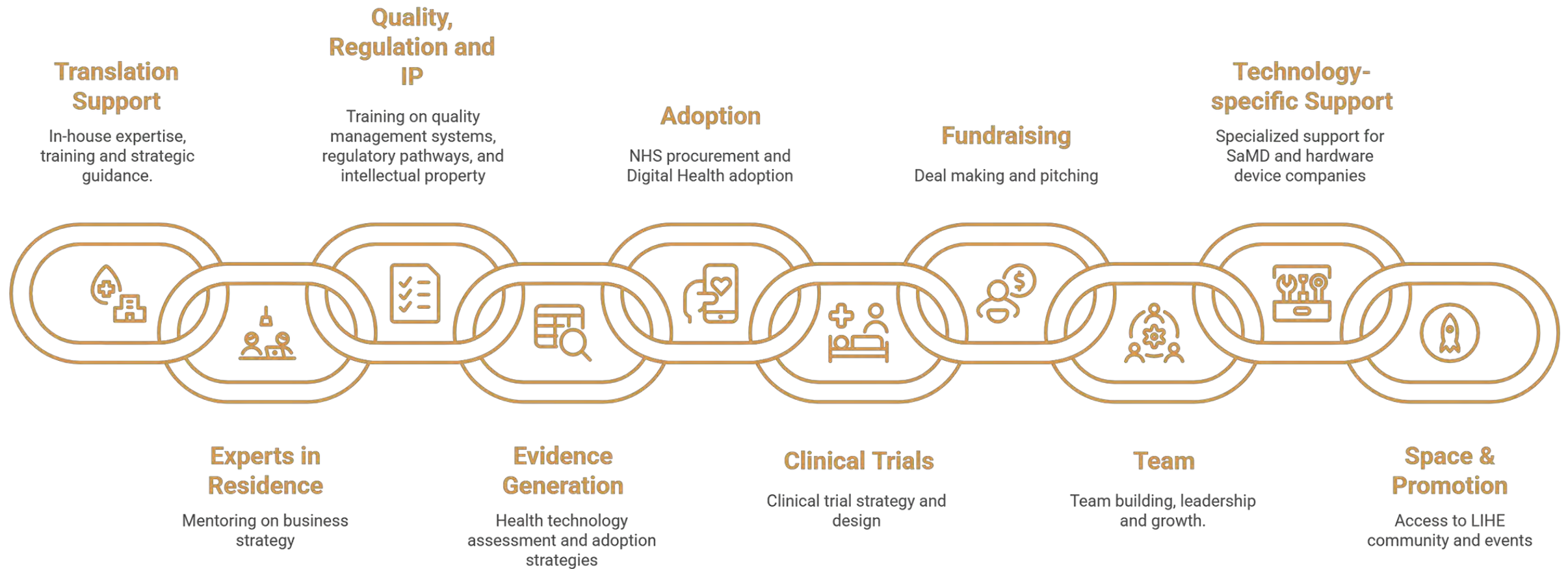
MVK: Your pathway to MedTech market readiness

A 4-month structured programme focused on accelerating UK MedTech ventures with expert-driven support to **de-risk, validate, and fast-track** medical devices to market.



Key Outcomes





Programme areas of support

Unique Value



ALL TRANSLATIONAL EXPERTISE IN ONE PLACE, FROM ONE TEAM

COMPLETE FOCUS ON MEDTECH / SaMD

IN A CLINICAL ENVIRONMENT - PART OF THE ST THOMAS' MEDTECH HUB

INDUSTRY AND INVESTOR PRESENCE IN LIHE - HUB OF MEDTECH ACTIVITY





What you give

Time Commitment

- Attendance between 3rd of November 2025 and 27th of February 2026
- LIHE Company Presence: **In-person 1 day per week** from at least one founding member
- Workshops: **In-person 1 full day per Week**
- Attendance to the MVK bootcamp from at least two founding members

Positive mindset to work well with the teams and experts

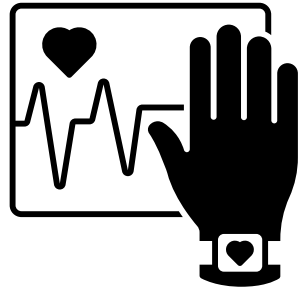
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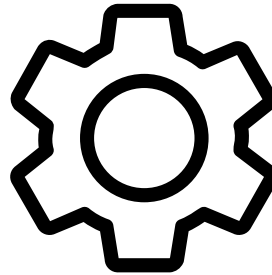
Eligibility



Registered
UK company



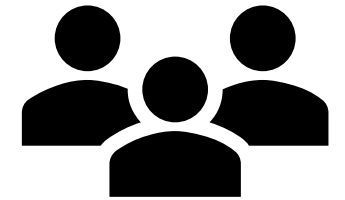
Commercialising a
medical device
(including SaMD)



Minimum proof of
concept (beyond TRL 4)



Tangible market
validation (LOIs)



Cross-functional
team

In-Vitro Diagnostics are NOT eligible

Thematic focus areas

Cancer

Supported by

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Regulated Women's Health

Surgery

SaMD

Supported by

KING'S
HEALTH
PARTNERS




Application Key Dates

Key Dates for 2025 Programme Launch

9th September

Innovate UK Roadshow hosted
at LIHE



**29th September
Midday**

Application Window Closes



15th - 22nd October

In-Person Interviews



3rd - 4th November

Programme Launch
(Bootcamp)



2nd September

Application Window Opens



22nd September

Kickstarter Application
Information Session



8th October

Invitation to Interview



24th October

Award Letter

MVK Critical Expertise

Director



Professor Sebastien Ourselin
Director of LIHE

MVK Programme Leads



Dr Valentina Vitiello
Head of Clinical Translation
and Governance



Dr Nicolas Huber
Director, Commercial
Operations and Partnerships



**Dr Antoinette
Cameron-Pimblett**
Research Translation
& Innovation Manager



Dr Naunehal Matharu
Venture Manager

Translation Experts



Dr Anna Barnes
Director of KiTEC



Dr Catriona Inverarity
Senior Health
Technology Assessor, KiTEC



Dr Clare Heaysman
QMS Director &
Lead Auditor of MAiSI



Dr Jacqueline Beddoe-Rosendo
Design Quality and Regulatory Lead
of the Medical Engineering QMS

Experts-in-Residence (EiR)



Dr Tony Kypreos



Dr Jaspreet Grewal



Dr Moira Bowdrey



Dr Henry Taysom



Dr David Tuch



Dr Ekaterina Shatalina



Hassan Chaudhury



Stuart Hendry



Dr Eddie Gibson



Miranda Weston-Smith



Bryn Davies



Karl Rego

Testimonials



Dr. Maria Roldan

CTO of Crainio, spinout from City St. George's, University of London

We feel very lucky to be part of the MedTech Venture Builder's first cohort. Professionally speaking, I've learned so much. Coming from a background in science and technology, I've been exposed to so many other areas I hadn't worked in before. The Venture Builder helped us look beyond just the technological evidence and clinical studies, into the QMS, market analysis, user needs, clinical pathway analysis, and health economics. We've started exploring different business models and learned what's needed to bring a product to market - not just a technology. From regulatory strategy to fundraising and setting key milestones, all of this has been essential for our company's development.

Testimonials



Dr. Christopher Wall

Founder of Cardiology Devices Ltd

I'd absolutely recommend the Medtech Venture Builder to other entrepreneurs or academics thinking about starting a company. The programme helped me move from having an exciting research project to building something that's actually investable. That change in mindset has been invaluable — and I wouldn't have got there without it. Through the programme, I got connected with the right mentors and investors who truly understand deep tech and are supportive of long-term plays. Without that, I would've been sending out hundreds of cold emails, often to the wrong people. This made a very real, tangible difference to the direction of my venture.

How to apply

Application form:

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGqzxZSlnCPOLyO6JZzl-pA4QDA0qpE5xJluh_0Tfw_n4vjA/viewform



Learn more

More information about the programme:

- <https://lihe.org.uk/innovate-uk-biomedical-catalyst-medtech-venture-kickstarter>

Application information session:

- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/medtech-venture-kickstarter-2025-26-application-information-session-tickets-1634410809729>





Questions?

Please email: lihe.translation@kcl.ac.uk

Our unique offering

Venture Building

We create the environments in which businesses are more likely to succeed.

- Venture Programmes
- Venture Capital
- Introductions to large corporates
- Expert Network
- Events Programme
- Incubators

Infrastructure

We provide fit-for-purpose, **mission-critical** real estate and access to scientific equipment allowing companies to focus on their science.

- £1bn real estate portfolio over 14+ sites totalling 4m sq ft
- From single bench to bespoke fit out
- Early R&D to scale-up manufacture
- Dedicated support services
- Specialist scientific equipment

Providing an integrated innovation ecosystem

Pioneer Group is Europe's largest life science innovation ecosystem:

- 14+ campuses across the UK and Ireland
- 300+ member companies
- 4M+ sq ft of lab and office infrastructure



With a wide roster of partners that bolster that ecosystem



Pioneer



Resulting in big impact for the companies we support.

10+

years delivering life
sciences venture
programmes

200+

companies supported

£500M+

raised by Pioneer Group
programme alumni

65%

survival rate over 5 yr
period post-programme

38%

female-founded companies
(industry average 25%)

- Previously delivered Neurotechnology (2023) and AI in Healthcare (2024) accelerators in collaboration with Innovate UK

BMC: Managing Chronic Conditions Accelerator

- This is an Accelerator for early-stage companies in the UK.
 - TRL 2-4
 - +/- prototype or MVP
- We are looking for ambitious founders that are targeting big unmet needs in disease prevention or proactive management of chronic conditions.
- This may be for a single condition or multiple long-term conditions (MLTC).
- The following is a non-exhaustive list of the types of technologies that would benefit from the programme:
 - Therapeutics and disease-modifying interventions
 - Digital health / virtual care delivery
 - Patient engagement and self-management tools

Programme Format - Overview



Programme Format – Pre-Accelerator

Four-day Pre-Accelerator:

- Introduction to Lean Start-up mentality and tools for evidence-based entrepreneurship
- In-depth guidance into customer discovery and building a customer archetype
- How-to interview, conduct experiments to test key assumptions about the value proposition, speed interview practise

Three-week Customer Discovery Period:

- Conduct customer interviews to test assumptions, discover customer jobs, pains and gains
- Access to Sluice AI to structure customer discovery, support interview prep and ideate needs statements
- Additional supplementary workshops run throughout this period
- **Concluding with a pitch day for competitive select onto accelerator programme.**



Programme Format - Accelerator

Eight-week Accelerator Programme:

- Build out a value proposition canvas and business model canvas with weekly pitch sessions and coaching feedback
- Learn to define and validate the value proposition, beachhead market and proposed minimal viable product (MVP).
- Guest speakers, including exited entrepreneurs, grant writing experts, etc. to de-risk your company from various perspectives.
- Concluding with a pitch day to showcase a commercially de-risked deck that communicates the value of your company effectively
 - Helps to prepare for closed-competition feasibility study funding application
 - Potential invitation to pitch for Pioneer Group Launch programme
 - Potential invitation to pitch for investment from Pioneer Group

Additional support:

- Weekly one-to-one coaching sessions
- Access to Global Expert Network (combined networks from Pioneer Group and EIT Health) for up to 10 one-to-one sessions on a topic of the company's choice
- Stipend for customer discovery, supported by The Helix Way
- Workshops delivered by our partners (The Helix Way, EG technology, Mills & Reeves)



Delivery Partners

- **The Helix Way** - Support academics and established businesses to accelerate their research, technology and product ideas through a variety of pre-accelerator and innovation programmes.
- **Mills & Reeve** – Mills & Reeve are a leading life sciences law firm. Their team comprises experienced life sciences lawyers, many with scientific backgrounds, who bring invaluable expertise in intellectual property.
- **EG Technology** – EG Technology specialises in product design, engineering, and development across the MedTech and BioTech sectors.
- **EIT Health** - EIT Health will provide expert matchmaking services, connecting accelerator participants with a curated network of clinical, regulatory, and commercial advisors across Europe. Their involvement brings specialised capabilities not currently available within the UK ecosystem.



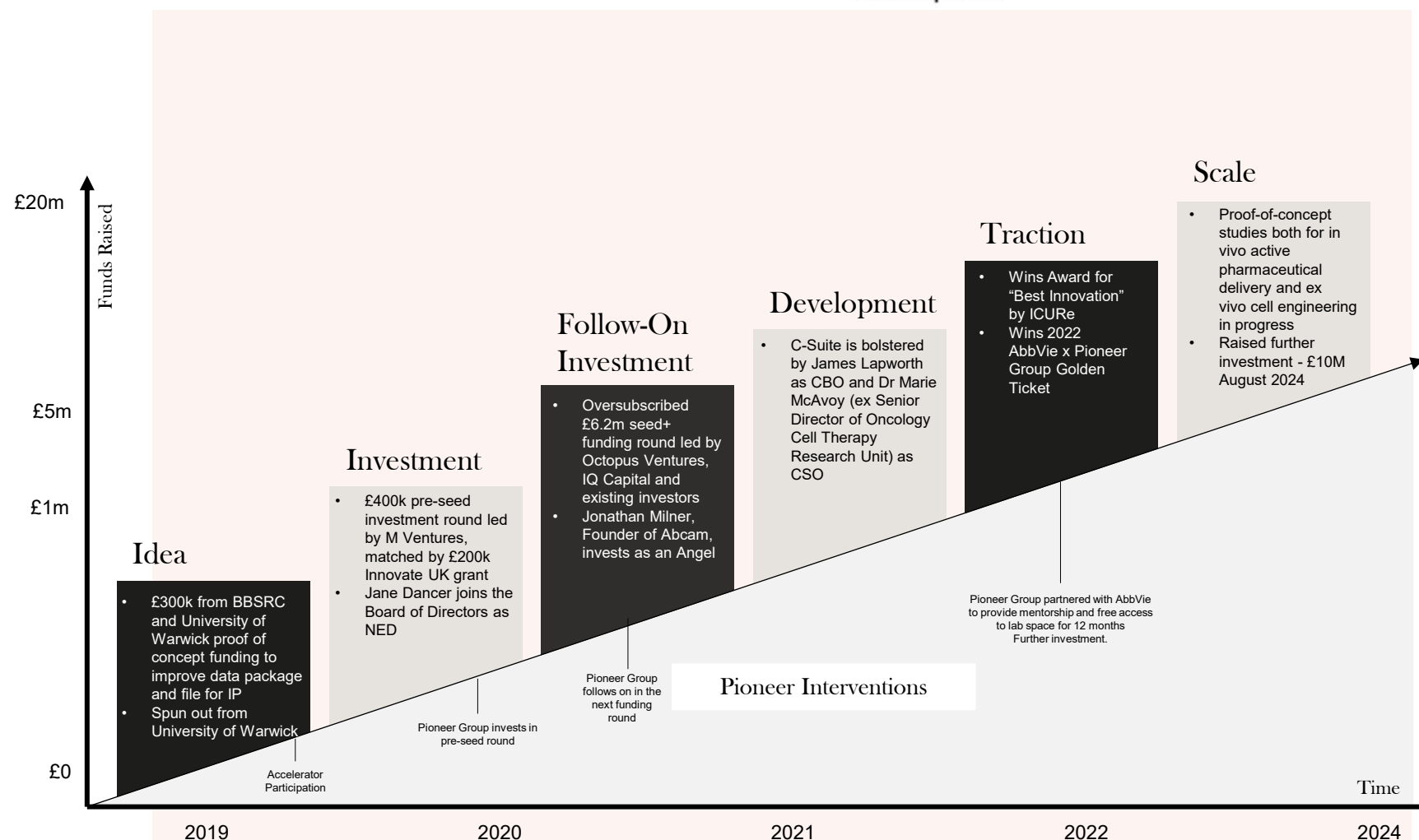
Case Study



Next-generation platform technology for targeted intracellular delivery of therapeutic biologics through protein 'nanosyringes'.

“This technology has the potential to overcome many of the issues by delivering biological medicines directly into cells in a targeted manner.”

- Dr Joe Healey, Founder, CEO



Learn more and apply here:

[Biomedical Catalyst Managing Chronic Conditions Accelerator
Programme - Pioneer Group](#)

FOUNDERS FACTORY.

Hospital to community

POWER TO FOUNDERS

Founders Factory builds and funds startups together with exceptional entrepreneurs and the world's leading companies

450+

PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

85+

VENTURE STUDIO COMPANIES

500+

ENTERPRISE PILOTS

\$4.05bn

PORTFOLIO CAPITAL RAISED



Financial Times **Top 5**
European Startup Hubs
2024 & 2025 (**UK #1**)

PARTNERS

Founders Factory has raised of \$290m from international corporations to deploy into early stage breakthrough innovators



GEOGRAPHY

Operating and investing globally, across a number of key hubs



APPROACH

Products tailored to different innovation objectives and underpinned by a unique business model



Venture Studio

Build new companies with exceptional founders and the unfair advantages of global corporations



Accelerator

Invest in, test and scale disruptive technology companies across the globe



Venture Funds

Sector-focused and mission-driven funds in deep tech, climate and life sciences

PARTNERS & FOCUS AREAS

Deploying \$200m+ raised from corporations to fund & commercialise innovations in key technology sectors

INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION

Decarbonization, Mining, Agriculture, Defence, Maritime, Infrastructure, Supply Chains, Energy, Nature

RioTinto



HSBC

Enterprise
Singapore

DEEP TECH

Robotics, Cyber, Biotech, Generative AI, Machine Learning,

FASTWEB

VONOVIA

FINTECH

Insurance, Banking, Climate Finance, Automation, Property, Lending

AVIVA



MEDIOBANCA

HEALTHCARE

Genomics, Digital Health, Life Sciences, Insurance, Health Equity and Impact



UK Research
and Innovation

Hospital to Community Accelerator UKRI

- Backing early-stage innovations that move care into the community, beyond traditional hospital settings.
- Works with up to 10 validation-stage startups across remote monitoring, at-home diagnostics, community care models, and digital tools that ease hospital pressure.
- Provides investment-readiness support, expert workshops, access to healthcare leaders and VCs, and tailored one to one mentoring, plus entry into FF's healthtech ecosystem and alumni network.
- Designed and delivered by Founders Factory in partnership with UKRI, building earlier, local, preventative care with better outcomes for patients.

PROGRAM DESIGN

10 weeks of best in class programming

10 week operational support program

Weekly modules

Expert Sessions

Workshop

1-1 Surgeries

Events

Networking

Founder Circles

Speaker Panels

Showcase

Mentor track

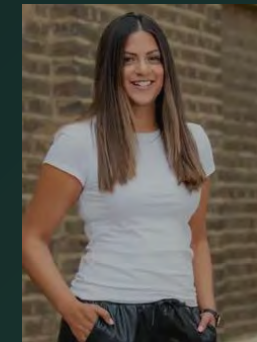
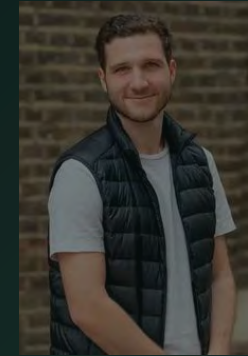
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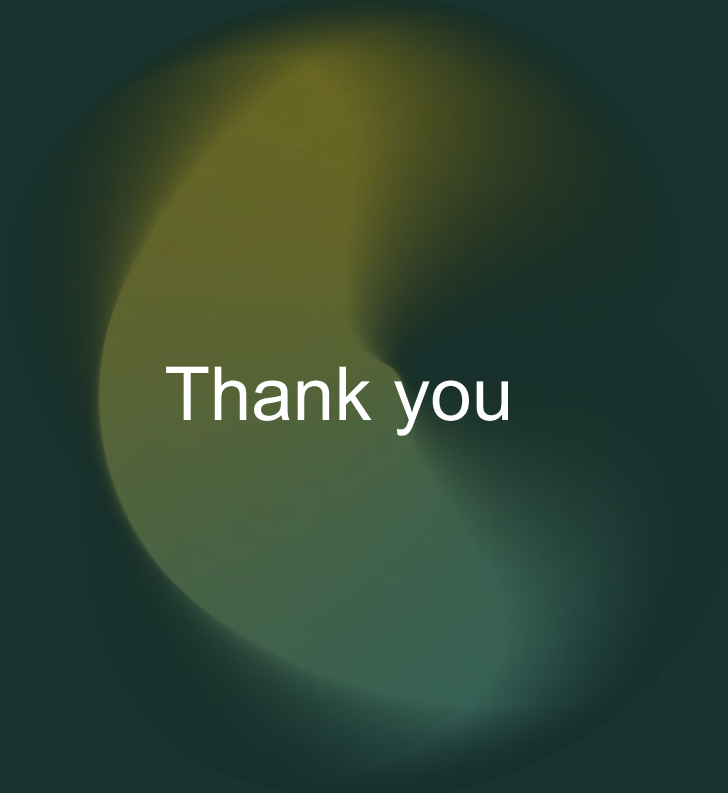
Coaching

That includes expert operational support for the startups

FF delivers 10 weeks of support to the cohort of companies. Each week startups have workshops, focused content and Q&A Surgeries with FF team members.

- Programme Launch
- Venture Scale & Self-Assessment
- Customer & Market Discovery
- Product Iteration & Customer Tests
- Tech Development
- Business Models
- AI for founders
- Marketing
- Sales
- Enterprise Procurement
- Talent
- Management
- Working as One
- Finance
- Raising Capital
- Programme Finale





Thank you

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Key Dates & Next Steps

Item	Dates
Biomedical Catalyst Road Show - Liverpool	11 September 2025
Biomedical Catalyst Road Show - Glasgow	15 September 2025
Managing Chronic Conditions – Applications close	10 October 2025
Managing Chronic Conditions – Programme	Pre-accelerator: 28 Oct - 31 Oct 2025 Programme: 14 Jan – 04 Mar 2026
Future Medicines - Applications close	26 September 2025
Future Medicines - Programme	Pre-accelerator: 01 Nov – 19 Dec 2025 Programme: 05 Jan – 31 Mar 2026
Hospital to Community - Applications close	31 October 2025
Hospital to Community - Programme	01 Dec 2025 – 27th Feb 2026
FemTech - Applications close	28 September 2025
FemTech - Programme	26 Nov 2025 – 27 Feb 2026
MedTech Kickstarter - Applications close	29 Sep 2025
MedTech Kickstarter - Programme	03 Nov 2025 – 27 Feb 2026