

ICURE Explore September 2026

KEY DATES AND EXPECTATIONS

Applications open	6 th July 2026
Applications close	13 th August 2026
Interviews with PSAs and ELs	w/c 17 th August 2026
Notification of results sent to applicants	w/c 31 st August 2026
EL's Pre-Bootcamp Welcome Zoom meeting	3 rd September 2026 16:00 – 17:30
Bootcamp Part 1 – Face to Face – Warwick Conference Centre	
Day 1 – ELs only are required to attend Day 2 – ELs from 9am - rest of the team to arrive at 10am, estimated 5pm finish.	14 th and 15 th September 2026
Bootcamp Part 2 – Online	
Day 3 – All team members required to attend Day 4 – All team members required to attend Day 5 – All team members required to attend (estimated 1pm finish) Team members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurial Lead (EL) • Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) • Technology Transfer Officer (TTO) • Business Adviser (BA) 	16 th to 18 th September 2026
Please note: Each team role requires a separate person. (i.e. one person cannot cover two or more roles).	
Immediately after the Bootcamp	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EL will spend 18 weeks (including extra weeks for Christmas and New Year closures) contacting and holding online/face-to-face meetings with target companies and organizations to test the business model. Contacts will be national and international, and you will be required to have the necessary visas allowing you to travel. • The EL must be employed full-time and be 100% committed to the program for the duration of the program – from 11th September 2026 until 17th December 2026 • The EL is required to attend regular Zoom meetings to provide progress reports. 	
Mid-Point Review No.1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be a two-day review for the ELs online. • TTOs will also be invited to attend (optional) 	13 th and 14 th October 2026
Mid-Point Review No.2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be a two-day review for the ELs online. • TTOs will also be invited to attend (optional) 	3 rd and 4 th November 2026
Weekly Review and development programmes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel should be curtailed to sparse UK only from now. • There will be weekly online workshops (tba) covering:- Business Model, Innovate Scorecard – Traction, Spinout readiness, Investment and grants. • Mandatory for ELs, BA and TTOs option • 	
Options Roundabout Pitch Training - Online	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EL must attend. This supports the preparation of the final presentation to the panel. • It is optional for other team members to attend. 	2 nd December 2026
Options Roundabout Pitch Practice Day – Warwick Conference Centre	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be face-to-face at Warwick Conference Centre • The EL must attend in person. This supports the preparation of the final presentation to the panel. • It is optional for other team members to attend but recommended that at least one other team member attends to support the EL. • 	7 th December 2026

Options Roundabout Panel – IET Austin Court, Birmingham

- This will be an in-person event (Exact venue and location in Birmingham to be confirmed)
- The EL and TTO must attend in person
- The rest of the team must attend in person or online. – Incomplete teams will not be eligible to present.
- Each team will be allocated a 1-hour slot on one of the 2 days.
- The Team will deliver their 'ICURE Journey' final presentation at the Options Roundabout in front of an independent panel that will provide feedback and recommendations on the most appropriate commercialisation vehicle for your research.

**14th and 15th
December 2026**

Summary of time commitments for each team member

Team Member	Dates of events Red – mandatory attendance Blue – optional attendance	Location
EL	3rd September 2026 4 - 5.30 pm	Online
	14 th and 15 th September 2026	In person - Warwick Conference Centre
	16 th – 18 th September 2026	Online
	13 th and 14 th October 2026	Online
	3 rd and 4 th November 2026	Online
	– weekly tba	Online
	2 nd December 2026	Online
	7 th December 2026	In person – Warwick Conference Centre
	14 th and 15 th December 2026	In person – IET Austin Court
TTO	15 th September 2026	In person - Warwick Conference Centre - 10am start
	16 th – 18 th September 2026	Online
	13 th and 14 th October 2026	Online
	3 rd and 4 th November 2026	Online
	– weekly tba	Online
	2 nd December 2026	Online
	7 th December 2026	In person – Warwick Conference Centre
	14 th and 15 th December 2026	In person – IET Austin Court
PSA	15 th September 2026	In Person - Warwick Conference Centre - 10am start
	16 th – 18 th September 2026	Online
	13 th and 14 th October 2026	Online
	3 rd and 4 th November 2026	Online
	2 nd December 2026	Online
	7 th December 2026	In person – Warwick Conference Centre
	14 th and 15 th December 2026	In person – IET Austin Court
BA	15 th September 2026	In person - Warwick Conference Centre - 10am start
	16 th – 18 th September 2026	Online
	13 th and 14 th October 2026	Online
	3 rd and 4 th November 2026	Online
	2 nd December 2026	Online
	7 th December 2026	In person – Warwick Conference Centre
	14 th and 15 th December 2026	In person – IET Austin Court