

ICURe Explore November 2026

KEY DATES AND EXPECTATIONS

Applications open	7 th September 2026
Applications close	22 nd October 2026
Welcome Call	6 th November 2026
Bootcamp Part 1 – Face to Face	
Day 1 – ELs only are required to attend Day 2 – ELs from 9am - rest of the team to arrive at 10am, estimated 5pm finish.	16 th and 17 th November 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 Team members: • Entrepreneurial Lead (EL) • Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) • Technology Transfer Officer (TTO) • Business Adviser (BA)	18 th , 19 th and 20 th November 2026
Please note: Each team role requires a separate person. (i.e. one person cannot cover two or more roles).	
Immediately after the Bootcamp	
• The EL will spend 12 weeks contacting and holding online/face-to-face meetings with target companies and organisations 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 programme for the duration of the programme • The EL is required to attend regular Zoom meetings to provide progress reports.	
Mid-Point Review No.1	
• This will be a two-day review for the ELs online. • TTOs will also be invited to attend (optional)	16 th and 17 th December 2026
Mid-Point Review No.2	
• This will be a two-day review for the ELs online. • TTOs will also be invited to attend (optional)	18 th and 19 th January 2027
Weekly Review and development programmes	
• Travel should be curtailed to sparse UK only from: • There will be weekly online workshops (tba) covering:- Business Model, Innovate Scorecard – Traction, Spinout readiness, Investment and grants. • Mandatory for ELs, BA and TTOs optional	17 th February 2027
Options Roundabout Pitch Training - Online	
• The EL must attend. This supports the preparation of the final presentation to the panel. • It is optional for other team members to attend.	Included in Mid-point Review on 19 th Jan 27

Options Roundabout Pitch Practice Day	
- 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.	18 th February 2027 at the Warwick Conference Centre
Options Roundabout Panel	
- This will be an in-person event (Exact venue and location 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.	24 th and 25 th February 2027 at the IET Austin Court Birmingham