

UKAEA ICURE Engage – November 2026

Fusion Energy Focus

Monday 16th November to Tuesday 8th December 2026

KEY DATES & EXPECTATIONS

Friday 2 nd October 2026	Applications open	
Wednesday 7 th October 12:00-13:00	Information Session REGISTER via Eventbrite	
Thursday 29 th October @ 23:59	Applications close	
By Friday 6 th November 2026	Notification of results sent to applicants	
Programme Outline <i>(please note all sessions will be online)</i>		
Bootcamp Day 1:	Monday 16 th November	09:00-16:00
Bootcamp Day 2:	Tuesday 17 th November	09:00-16:00
Session 3:	Tuesday 24 th November	12:00-14:00
Session 4:	Tuesday 1 st December	12:00-14:00
Session 5:	Tuesday 8 th December	12:00-14:00

** Timetable subject to change.

Participants will be expected to attend all sessions scheduled above and should hold these dates in their diary when applying.

To fully benefit from the programme, you should allocate approximately half a day of your own time in weeks 2-4 of the programme.

Application Process

Before applying, we advise you to look at the application template to understand what information is required. Please complete the application form clearly and concisely. Sections with * must be completed.

Before submitting your application, please ensure both your superior and, if possible, your Technology Transfer Office (TTO) is aware and supportive of your application and therefore programme attendance.

What is Engage?

ICURE Engage Fusion is a 4-week, part-time programme delivered by the SETsquared Partnership, and aims to identify potential beneficiaries of research, introduce participants to tools for commercialisation, and foster consideration of entrepreneurship as a pathway for achieving societal impact and a viable career choice.

Innovate UK's ICURE (Innovation to Commercialisation of University Research) Programme is a nationwide programme which supports students and researchers to explore the commercial applications and potential impacts of their research.

This programme is being delivered in partnership between Innovate UK ICURE and UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA).

What's Included?

2 Day online training bootcamp covering:

- Entrepreneurial Thinking
- The Language of Business
- Emotional Resilience and Wellbeing
- Introduction to Verbal Business Card and Value Proposition
- Impact and marketing testing online

3 weekly sessions covering:

- Value Proposition and your market
- Testing your Value Proposition
- Your video reflecting your learning.

All programme materials have been aligned with the [EntreComp model](#).

ICURE Engage provides a route towards other ICURE Programmes.

(Please note ICURE Discover and ICURE Explore programme will require their own application, there is no automatic entry if ICURE Engage is completed).

Why Attend?

Past participants say that having dedicated time to spend understanding what commercialisation of research means has dramatically changed their perspective on their research, ideas, and innovations. The programme provides the space and opportunity to consider research impact, commercialisation, and entrepreneurship.

Who is Eligible?

The Fusion focused ICURE Engage programme, is open to and tailored for Research Students and all technicians (all disciplines), Masters (Research), 1st and 2nd year PhD students and post-docs. This opportunity is available regardless of whether you already have an innovative idea, as the programme introduces you to ICURE and provides the space and opportunity to think about entrepreneurship differently.

Your course of study, your idea and/or your research **MUST** be directly related to fusion energy or address a key challenge in this sector.

About fusion energy

When a mix of two forms of hydrogen (deuterium and tritium) is heated to form a controlled plasma at extreme temperatures – 10 times hotter than the core of the Sun – they fuse together to create helium and release energy which can be harnessed to produce electricity. There is more than one way of achieving this. UKAEA's approach is to hold this hot plasma using strong magnets in a ring-shaped machine called a 'tokamak', and then to harness this heat to produce electricity in a similar way to existing power stations.

More information: <https://www.gov.uk/ukaea> Social Media: @UKAEAofficial

We also welcome applications from individuals in:

- Universities who have not participated in the ICURE programme.
- Universities who do not receive HEIF funding.
- Approved public sector research establishments (PSREs).

We are committed to supporting Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and welcome applications from anyone who is eligible.

How do I apply?

- The online application form will ask a series of questions about you and your research project.
- There is a limited number of spaces on each cohort, but we try to provide support for as many applications as possible.
- The application form may be accessed from the links on this website.

If you have any further questions, please direct them to icure@setsquared.co.uk or [use the contact form](#).