ICURe Explore Jan 2027

KEY DATES AND EXPECTATIONS

Applications open	**28 October 2026**
Applications close	**10 December 2026**
Interviews with PSAs and ELs	**w/c 14 December 2026**
Notification of results sent to applicants	**w/c 21 December 2026**
EL's Pre-Bootcamp Welcome Zoom meeting	**05 January 2027 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.**	**11 and 12 January 2027**
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: • Entrepreneurial Lead (EL) • Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) • Technology Transfer Officer (TTO) • Business Adviser (BA)	**13 and 14 and 15 January 2027**
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 13 weeks 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	
• This will be a two-day review for the ELs **online**. • TTOs will also be invited to attend (optional)	**3 and 4 February 2027**
Mid-Point Review No.2	
• This will be a two-day review for the ELs **online**. • TTOs will also be invited to attend (optional)	**3 and 4 March 2027**
Weekly Review and development programmes	
• 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 – F2F	
• The **EL must attend.** This supports the preparation of the final presentation to the panel. • It is optional for other team members to attend.	**22 March 2027**
Options Roundabout Pitch Practice Day – Warwick Conference Centre	

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• 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. •	**26 March 2027**
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.	**30 and 31st March 2027**

Summary of time commitments for each team member

Team Member	Dates of events Red – mandatory attendance Blue – optional attendance	Location
EL	05 January 2027, 16:00–17:30	Online
	11 and 12 January 2027	In person - Warwick Conference Centre
	13, 14 and 15 January 2027	Online
	3 and 4 February 2027	Online
	3 and 4 March 2027	Online
	Weekly – TBA	Online
	22 March	Online
	26 March 2027	In person – Warwick Conference Centre
	30 or 31st March 2027	In person – IET Austin Court
TTO	12 January 2027	In person - Warwick Conference Centre - 10am start
	13, 14 and 15 January 2027	Online
	3 and 4 February 2027	Online
	3 and 4 March 2027	Online
	Weekly – TBA	Online
	22 March	Online
	26 March 2027	In person – Warwick Conference Centre
	30 or 31st March 2027	In person – IET Austin Court
PSA	12 January 2027	In Person - Warwick Conference Centre - 10am start
	13, 14 and 15 January 2027	Online
	3 and 4 February 2027	Online
	3 and 4 March 2027	Online
	22 March	Online
	26 March 2027	In person – Warwick Conference Centre
	30 or 31st March 2027	In person – IET Austin Court
BA	12 January 2027	In person - Warwick Conference Centre - 10am start
	13, 14 and 15 January 2027	Online
	3 and 4 February 2027	Online
	3 and 4 March 2027	Online
	22 March	Online
	26 March 2027	In person – Warwick Conference Centre
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