Entrepreneurship for All

Supporting students, staff and graduates
Our mission is to develop entrepreneurial skills in students, staff and graduates across The University of Manchester. We support a dynamic culture within our excellent facilities ensuring everyone has the opportunity to succeed through entrepreneurship education, co-curricular activities, mentorship and all the support needed to launch a business. We empower the next generation of entrepreneurs to take control of their futures.

Our vision is to build an entrepreneurial ecosystem that nurtures the next generation of outstanding innovators and supports the development of start-up businesses to achieve economic and societal benefit worldwide. We will add value to your experience of being part of The University of Manchester; encouraging and supporting you in creating your future and making a difference.

Our programmes and activities are open to all and enable you to dip in and out during your time here - for some of you it will be about developing skills and confidences; for others it will be about testing a business idea.

It is surprising how flexible the career paths are for graduates and the degree subject itself is often not the most important aspect. Commercial awareness, negotiation and influencing skills, communication skills, awareness of opportunities, critical and analytical skills, self-awareness and personal resilience are also of vital importance when building your career.

Lynn Sheppard
Director, Masood Entrepreneurship Centre
Events Programme

Over a short, intense and energetic session, you will work with others to solve specific problems and develop new ideas. Meet new people, network and be inspired by Manchester’s vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Renowned entrepreneurs and businesses share their inspirational stories to inspire the next generation of innovators.

Informal and engaging talks with young entrepreneurs sharing their experiences of starting a business.

Visit our website for a full events calendar
entrepreneurship.manchester.ac.uk

MEC events make me feel inspired and empowered; there’s always a great level of energy.

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Start-up Competitions and Funding

Ideas competition open to all current students.

Blockchain technologies start-up competition for students and graduates.

The prize money will enable us to produce a professional prototype and conduct thorough market research.

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Entrepreneurship Programmes and Funding

Start-up Visa is a support programme for international students wanting to start a business in the UK after graduation.

A comprehensive range of support including information, advice and guidance for social enterprise creation.

A pre-seed accelerator programme managed by Manchester Entrepreneurs student society.

An informative, engaging and interactive boot camp that introduces the concept of commercialisation to early career researchers.

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Test Your Ideas

We provide support and funding for students, staff and graduates at the very start of their journey.

I’ve never come across a programme with such relentless support and encouragement, which flowed in parallel with useful resources. Thank you for your dedication, expertise, and for challenging us throughout.

Students and graduates can apply for a Kickstarter Award

Staff members can apply for a Flying Starter Award

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Social Enterprise

accelerate me

RESEARCHER TO INNOVATOR
Working collaboratively with other institutions we enable University innovators from all academic backgrounds to participate in national programmes. Substantial amounts of funding are available to validate commercially promising ideas and explore the most appropriate routes to market:

For researchers at the very start of their commercialisation journey.

nxnwpartners.org/
our-programmes/
lean-launch-programme

For researchers who need to further validate their ideas.

nxnwpartners.org/
our-programmes/icure

A national network for social science innovators looking to commercialise their research.

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Get in touch now and start taking control of your future

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