



Researcher to Innovator (R2I) - Programme Outline

The programme is delivered over eight weeks. The outline of the main stages of the programme is:

1. 'Bootcamp' training workshops (two full days – Tuesday 25 April and Thursday 11 May)

Participants will develop and action a plan of engagements that they will complete in the following weeks. MEC will offer financial support where necessary to facilitate engagement with external experts and organisations.

2. Practice conversations - workshops (30-60 minutes)

Participants will be offered bespoke training on how to find and conduct phone conversations with external agents. Colleagues from UoM/P2T will offer time to conduct a "customer discovery" conversation. Feedback will be given, and improvement points discussed.

3. Progress check in – half day workshop

One 2.5 hour session will provide the opportunity for participants to share their key learning from their conversations to date. Expert advice on how to make the most of the conversations and the feedback given.

4. Preparing for the Options Roundabout and next steps – half day workshop (Monday 29 May 2023)

The 2.5 hour session will include a final check-in on progress and key learning followed by a session on how to prepare for the final presentation.

5. Pitch training - two hour workshop (Wednesday 31 May 2023)

A session on how to translate the key learning into a compelling presentation for the Options Roundabout panel.

6. Mock panel practice sessions

MEC will offer participants the chance to practice their presentations and offer feedback.

7. Options Roundabout (Monday 19 June 2023)

Participants will be given a time to present their learning and what their next best steps might be. The panel will be a mix of internal and external experts.