



COMBUSTOR

HKUST Accelerator

Scale up your Startup in 6 months!

Training • Mentoring • Networking • Prototyping • Funding

Exclusive for HKUST startup teams/projects that are ready for further development*

TIMELINE

- Application
- ~10 sessions of advanced training, networking, learning trip
- Mentoring - flexible matching of multiple mentors via MentorHUB@HKUST
- Prototyping
- Graduation Day: Pitch to Investors
- Award Presentation

STAY TUNED

for the next round of application in Sept 2020!

Get prepared for the next Combustor cohort by earning your Combustor Scores from joining entrepreneurial events/ activities organized and/or recognized by the HKUSTEC!

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*check out more eligibility details on the next page

COMBUSTOR adds value to HKUST members' entrepreneurship development by supporting fledging, early-stage startups to accelerate and grow within six months through diverse training, professional mentorship and exclusive gateways to funding sources and network of experts. This immersive accelerator experience culminates in a Graduation Day, an ultimate platform for Combustor graduates to showcase their transformation and pitch to venture capitalists and angel investors.

BENEFITS & GROWTH IN 6 MONTHS



Entrepreneurship & Industry Insights on essential areas focused on product development, growth hacks, growth sustainability, sales and traction and much more to be shared by experts



Exclusive Connections to an extensive network of resources, facilities and opportunities spanning from local to regional and global communities



Virtual Mentoring with a community of entrepreneurs and professionals at MentorHUB@HKUST anytime, anywhere, according to your entrepreneurial interests, needs and stage



Prototype Development which enables you to generate concrete user experiment and validated learning that are conducive to the strategic development and acceleration of your startup



Funding Sources from the University and potential investors whom you could meet and pitch in selected mixers and Graduation Day

HOW DO WE DRIVE GROWTH?

CAPACITY BUILDING IN ENTREPRENEURS

- Sharing and training via workshops, talks, learning trips

PROTOTYPING

- Access to prototype demonstration and exhibition in EC The Base and key events to generate user experiment and enhance customer value proposition



NETWORKING & CONNECTIONS

- MentorHUB@HKUST
- Startup X Investor/ Mentor Mixers

FUNDING & OPPORTUNITIES

- Graduation Day: Pitch to Investors
- Award Presentation
- Referrals/ nominations to external opportunities

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- Individual or Team Application
- Main applicant must be an HKUST member (student, alumnus, faculty member):
 - strong passion and preparedness for scaling up a startup in six months
 - at least 40 Combustor Scores:
 1. The scores can be earned from participation of entrepreneurial activities organized by the HKUST Entrepreneurship Center (EC) and external parties and successful application to EC and external competitions and funding.
 2. Please click [here](#) to view the scores of respective events and funding schemes.
- For team applications, teammates who are non-HKUST members are eligible to attend all training and activities of the Combustor Program.
- Fast-track Admission: Interested applicants who do not meet the above Combustor Score requirement but are proven to be very promising will be admitted into the Combustor on an exceptional basis and can start earning the Combustor Scores once admitted.

