ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER

BROADEN AND DEEPEN SKILLSETS

INSPIRE AND GROW IDEAS

CREATE VALUE AND IMPACTS

PUT IDEAS INTO ACTION
HKUST Entrepreneurship Center (EC) is an action arm of the university to...

Cultivate students’ entrepreneurship spirit and support the HKUST community in transforming ideas into entrepreneurial actions and success.

Create a vibrant entrepreneurial environment and eco-system with funding, training, competitions, advisory, mentorship and start-up support services for HKUST students.

Connect ideas, resources, technologies and people for entrepreneurial endeavours that bring value to local, regional and global communities.

Explore how EC can support your entrepreneurial journey now >>>
Let Your Entrepreneurial Journey Begin with EC...

Entrepreneurship Seminar Series
A flagship seminar series with entrepreneurial basics and essentials, from creativity, ideation, design thinking, programming, hardware development, business development to patent protection, IP knowledge, etc.

Creativity Bootcamp@HKUST
-Solving Emerging Challenges in the "New Normal"
A new initiative for students to embrace a risk-taking, experimentation, interdisciplinary-thinking mindset while gaining insights and practical skills for responding to a fast-changing environment under the "New Normal"

Entrepreneurship Week
A platform drawing close collaborations with internal and external parties in enriching HKUST students’ entrepreneurial knowledge through an array of talks, sharing, exhibitions, networking events, company visits, etc.

Technopreneurship (Tech-Ship) Program
A channel for bringing together faculty technologies and student entrepreneurship, as faculty introduce their research outcomes to invite passionate students for collaborations in technopreneurship – an emerging breed of entrepreneurship with the use of technology as an integral element in disruptive innovations or solutions

Leapfrog Program
International experience for students to prepare and further their entrepreneurial development, enhance creativity prospects and be inspired by foreign entrepreneurs, incubators and different players and start-up communities

MentorHUB@HKUST
An aggregator of mentors and facilitators of entrepreneurial-minded HKUST students at different stages of start-up development; open and virtual mentoring in which mentors and mentees can freely reach out to one another according to their own needs and interests anytime, anywhere

HKUST Dream Builder Funds
A collection of funding schemes, awards and in-kind services to support the development and acceleration of start-up ideas/projects

Max. Funding Amount (HKD)/Project
- YWY Entrepreneurs Fund: $200,000
- U’Star Award: $40,000
- Entrepreneurship Acceleration Fund: $15,000
- AEF Student Start-up Grants: $10,000

The BASE
A vibrant hub to support HKUST students who are passionate about organizing entrepreneurial activities, brainstorming new ideas, building prototypes, networking and working with like-minded peers or simply looking for co-founders and business partners

Available facilities/support:
- Mailboxes (weekly mail delivery)
- Lockers
- BASE’s common area and meeting rooms open for booking

Hackathon@HKUST (hackUST & hardUST)
An annual signature event where talents from different disciplines across the globe come together to create and transform ideas into sound business plans and software or hardware prototypes and pitch to a panel of experts and entrepreneurs from various sectors

HKUST-Sino One Million Dollar Entrepreneurship Competition 2021
An integrative learning experience for HKUST and surrounding community members to create and evaluate new businesses and further develop/expand their businesses with cash prizes and in-kind services for eligible and winning teams

External Exposures & Fast-Tracks
Fast-tracks to external opportunities e.g., competitions, incubation programs, funding, etc. for start-up teams; key fast-track partners include:
- Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation
- Hong Kong Cyberport Management Limited
**EC Events at a Glance**

**2020 SEP**
- Boost Incubator Sharing
- HKUST x University of Chicago Webinar – Thrive Amidst Disruptions: Role of Fintech Post COVID-19
- “Ask a Venture Capitalist & Startup Anything” Seminar
- Google Development Student Club Workshop
- Video Production Workshops
- HKUST Dream Builder Funds Application Period (Fall)
- MentorHUB Mentee Recruitment

**E-Week (Fall): Addressing Social Challenges**
- Creativity Bootcamp@HKUST
- TECH Talk: Unveiling Faculty Technologies
- TED x CountDown: Climate Change
- Business Development & Design Thinking Workshops
- Sharing: Entrepreneurship X Climate Change in the New Era
- “Innovate for Social Good” Entrepreneurship Challenge
- Tech-Ship Club Member Recruitment
- MentorHUB Meetup

**2020 OCT**
- “IP Clinic” Seminar
- Alumni Sharing: Start-up Journey @ Silicon Valley
- Video Editing Workshops
- “Successful Social Entrepreneurship Partnership” Seminar
- Coding Workshop
- Lean Startup Workshop
- Pre-Techathon Mixers/ Workshops
- Leapfrog: Entrepreneurship Exchange with Mainland University

**2020 NOV**
- Techathon 2021 – Joint University Challenge

**2021 JAN**
- Entrepreneurship Seminar Series (Feb – Apr)
- HKUST Dream Builder Funds Application Period (Spring)
- MentorHUB Mentee Recruitment
- Tech-Ship Club Member Recruitment

**2021 MAR**
- HKUST-Sino One Million Dollar Entrepreneurship Competition 2021 (Mar – Jun)

**2021 APR**
- E-Week (Spring)
- hackathon@HKUST

*Events are subject to change; please check the EC webpage/app for latest updates and details of more exciting opportunities in 2020 Fall and 2021 Spring.*
A Business-to-Business (B2B) start-up that provides 3D cell culture hydrogel products to R&D projects

“UST definitely provided a supportive platform for entrepreneurs. We have only two members in our teams at the early stage. Without the aid of EC and TTC, our project might not go as well as it did.”

Don’t be shy to reach out to the UST entrepreneurial community. Make good use of university resources!

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HKUST Alumni
(From left to right)

“"We are so grateful for the strong support given by the EC. Your help is truly essential and critical for the growth of our startup journey at the beginning stage.

Just do it! For a startup, you have to start first and upgrade along the way! — Jason

Join SOCIF and make your dream come true! — Gash

Hustle and trace your dream! — Simon"
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Student Organizations (alphabetically listed)