



Entrepreneurship Programme and Event Guide

2024–25





#StartedinOxford

DEMO NIGHT

A celebration of the **Oxford** startup scene

EnSpire Oxford is the University of Oxford's entrepreneurship hub. It's mission is to support and encourage entrepreneurship, while highlighting the myriad entrepreneurial opportunities found at the University of Oxford. We work closely with all entrepreneurship supporters and partners within the University, including the Careers Service, Oxford Saïd Business School and Oxford University Innovation to provide practical resources for aspiring entrepreneurs, no matter what stage they may be at.



EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES

No matter what stage you are at, there are a range of opportunities available to help you reach your entrepreneurial goals. All events and programmes have been categorised to help you decide which will suit you best:

INSPIRE: Inspiration and entrepreneurial mindsets

EQUIP: Basic training and entrepreneurial skills

EXPLORE: Idea and venture development

LAUNCH: Venture acceleration

ALL STAGES: Skill-building, events & networking

Inkpath is our skills and career development platform. Use it to explore and sign up to a range of our events and programmes. You can also track your progress, set goals and choose the path that is best for you. Find more information at enspire.ox.ac.uk/Inkpath.





BUILDING A BUSINESS

Students, researchers and staff

Building a Business is a lecture series designed for those who are either in the early stages of exploring their own potential ventures or hoping to improve their own businesses. Run by Oxford Saïd Entrepreneurship Centre, in partnership with EnSpire Oxford.



THE OXFORD SAÏD ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM (OSEF)

Open to all

OSEF is an annual, one-day, flagship event that brings together prominent entrepreneurs, innovators, business leaders, and investors for a meaningful exploration of how individuals and businesses can transform the world. Hosted by Oxford Saïd Entrepreneurship Centre.



ALL INNOVATE

Students, researchers and staff

Do you have an idea that you'd like to pursue, but feel unsure on what to do next? Take your first steps into entrepreneurship and gain the knowledge, support and skills needed to expand your entrepreneurial mindset. You'll also get the chance to apply for funding to take your idea further.



FUTURE LEADERS INNOVATION PROGRAMME (FLIP)

Students

FLIP is a skills development programme open to students who want to gain skills, knowledge, and positive behaviours to innovate and drive change in the future. The programme is run by the Careers Service, University of Oxford, in partnership with EnSpire Oxford, and it leads to an ILM Level 3 Award in Leadership and Management.



INSIGHT INTO STARTUPS

Students (with the exception of freshers)

Insight into Start-ups is a term-long skills development programme made up of inspiring guest speaker sessions, group exercises, and in-person training. The programme is run by the Careers Service, University of Oxford, in partnership with EnSpire Oxford.



OXFORD VENTURE BUILDER

Students, researchers and staff

Oxford Venture Builder is a programme for all affiliates of the University of Oxford who are looking to develop their business ideas, whether individually or as a team. The programme is run by Oxford Saïd Entrepreneurship Centre, in partnership with EnSpire Oxford.



IDEA PEER MENTORING

Students, researchers, staff and alumni

This programme brings together women* entrepreneurs to learn about key processes necessary for setting up and growing a successful business. Each cohort will receive expert advice and get the chance to expand their networks.

*And those who identify as women or non-binary



#STARTEDINOXFORD DEMO NIGHT

Open to all

A celebration of the Oxford startup scene, featuring a selection of hand-picked startups, spinouts and social enterprises linked to the University of Oxford and Oxfordshire in a freshers' fair style setup.



STARTUP INCUBATOR

Students, researchers, staff and alumni

The Startup Incubator, run by Oxford University Innovation, tailors the support you need to fit the specific challenges of your new venture. Phase 1 allows startups to refine concepts, validate ideas and launch their venture. During Phase 2, startups can scale operations, refine products, secure funding, and access specialised guidance for venture acceleration.



PITCH @ THE PUB

Open to all

A fun and engaging event to find out about new and up-and-coming startups in Oxford, during which a group of pitchers will have a few minutes each to talk about their startups.



UNDERSTANDING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP)

Students, researchers and staff

This online session will help you to understand what IP actually is, who “owns” it, and the things to think about when you think you have created IP. Case studies will also be presented to help explain the University’s policy.



STEP IGNITE

Students

A student entrepreneurship programme run by Oxford University Innovation in partnership with EnSpire Oxford, bringing teams of entrepreneurial students together to develop innovative business ideas.



WELCOME TO
ALL-INNOVATE
MEET THE PARTICIPANTS & THEIR PROJECTS



RESOURCES

IDEA – Increasing Diversity in Enterprising Activities

IDEA is a set of long term and sustainable actions aimed at addressing inequalities in entrepreneurship. By providing resources and opportunities to underrepresented groups, IDEA promotes a more equitable and dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem. IDEA's main focus is currently on gender but will be broadening the scope as the programme develops. To find out more about IDEA, please visit enspire.ox.ac.uk/IDEA

E-School

E-School is a free online learning platform for University of Oxford students and staff, run by Oxford Saïd Entrepreneurship Centre. Available 24/7, the platform includes over 2,400 minutes of easy-to-consume, on-demand content and features an array of sessions from investing and funding to technology and leadership. E-School helps aspiring student entrepreneurs start, grow and scale their own high-growth startups and in-demand skills. The content is delivered by world-leading entrepreneurs, investors, business leaders and academics, alongside people from the military, sports, and the arts.

Oxford Seed Fund

Oxford Seed Fund is the largest student-led venture capital fund in Europe, providing startups and entrepreneurs with access to capital and a supportive ecosystem in which to develop and scale. It invests in pre-seed/seed stage University of Oxford affiliated companies, in sums between £20,000 to £100,000. Run by Oxford Saïd Entrepreneurship Centre and supported by Oxford Science Enterprises, the Seed Fund has invested over £1.5m across 53 companies, helped to create over 1,200 jobs, and its portfolio has received over £470m in follow-on funding.



ENSPIRE OXFORD PARTNERS

Enspire works with three key partners within the University to provide a wide range of core programmes and events. Find out more about each partner below.



The Careers Services, University of Oxford

The Careers Service supports University of Oxford students, researchers, and alumni. Their aim is to educate and resource students, enabling them to navigate the complex jobs market and make informed career decisions. EnSpire Oxford works in partnership with the University of Oxford Careers Service to provide the Future Leaders Innovation Programme and Insight into Startups programme.



Oxford Saïd Entrepreneurship Centre

Oxford Saïd Entrepreneurship Centre equips Oxford Saïd students and the wider university with the skills and mindset needed to think and act entrepreneurially in the modern innovation economy. The Centre does this by providing experiential learning, local and global networks, and thought leadership. EnSpire Oxford works in partnership with the Entrepreneurship Centre, facilitating key programmes such as the 'Building a Business' and 'Oxford Venture Builder', in addition to providing support for their flagship event, Oxford Saïd Entrepreneurship Forum (OSEF).

Oxford University Innovation

Oxford University Innovation (OUI) contributes to the University's societal benefit by working with staff and students to apply their expertise and research. They have a bold vision of creating a world-leading innovation ecosystem with the University of Oxford at its heart. EnSpire Oxford works in partnership with OUI's Startup Incubator and their student focused programme, StEP Ignite.



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