# LBG Innovator's Road Programme

Tailor made support for

academic founders

Application open for batch 3 Deadline 14.5.2022











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### What

The Innovator's Road Programme supports researchers in founding academic start-ups and spin-offs. During the 10-month programme, participants receive intensive support from international mentors and benefit from the know-how of renowned experts and an international network. The focus of the programme is equally on business know-how and personal development; methodically, a combination of mentoring and workshops is used. The programme is funded by the University of Graz and organised by I.E.C.T. — Hermann Hauser (Institute for Entrepreneurship Cambridge Tirol) in cooperation with New Venture Scouting and the Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft.

# Why

Knowledge transfer is steadily gaining in importance. In international comparison, however, there are relatively few academic start-ups and spin-offs in Austria. The Innovator's Road Programme supports academics in making their research available to the general public through spinning off, thus strengthening Austria as a research location.

#### Who

The target group of the programme is scientific staff or founders related to an Austrian university or non-university research institution who have developed a prototype (lab-environment) and want to take the step towards a product with a business model. Participants do not necessarily have to already have a team or an officially established company.

# Positioning in the ecosystem

The candidates are currently preparing for pre-seed or seed funding. In terms of maturity, the Innovator's Road Programme can be categorised as being in the final phase of or subsequent to the FFG Spin-off Fellowship Programme.

#### Costs

The programme is fully funded by the University of Graz. There are no costs for the participants apart from travel expenses, accommodation and meals.

The time commitment is approx. 20 hrs. per month.

Applications can be submitted digitally at www.innovatorsroad.at until 14.5.2022.

If you have any questions about the application, please send an email to hello@innovatorsroad.at.











