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# DTU Skylab

Catalogue of Partner Engaging Activities,  
Programs and Events 2025

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# Propose an Innovation Challenge

Following are some of the challenge-based student innovation programs offered

> Introducing innovation processes through large-scale DTU courses



## DTU 3-week Master Course Innovation in Engineering

- A DTU's mandatory 3-week innovation course for all master students.
- 3 times a year, 800 students experience a structured innovation journey in multidisciplinary teams for 4 industry partners.

**Outcome:** Approximately 200 students explore your industry challenge and pitch their innovative ideas, while the focus will be on the students' learning journey.

**Timeline:** Runs 3 times a year. In January, June and August

**Partner Deadline:** September (*January Course*), March (*June & August Course*)

**Program Manager:** Toke Malm, [tokmalm@dtu.dk](mailto:tokmalm@dtu.dk)

**Costs:** Free of Charge, *Voluntary Sponsor Donation: 15.000 kr. per industry partner is encouraged.*



# Developing Innovative Ideas

- > Extracurricular challenge-based innovation programs

## OpenInnovation

- 1 ■ Fall semester intake. OpenInnovation brings together industry partners with interdisciplinary student teams from across Denmark to jointly solve a challenge during a one-week innovation sprint.
- 2 ■ As a challenge partner, you will be branded as one of the 4 main sponsors of OpenInnovation as a flagship event for student innovation in Copenhagen.
- 3 ■ Co-hosted event by DTU, CBS, and KU to foster interdisciplinary student teams.

**Timeline:** Runs in September

**Partner Deadline:** March

**Program Responsible:** Sara Dømler, [sardera@dtu.dk](mailto:sardera@dtu.dk) and Sally Gregersen [stegr@dtu.dk](mailto:stegr@dtu.dk)

**Costs:** DKK 100.000 (non-profit)



## 1-Day Mini-sprint

- Connecting a smaller group of talented students & experienced representatives from your organization over a 1-day innovation sprint at DTU Skylab.
- Hands-on experience with innovation tools and sprint facilitation to turn your sustainability challenge into an idea and prototype in just one day.
- The main aim is to increase innovation capacity for all participants, and co-create ideas that could turn into inspiration, thesis projects, internships, or other future collaborations.

**Timeline:** Ongoing basis on dates agreed with the program responsible.

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**Costs:** Funded by participating organizations.



## EuroTeQ Collider

- The EuroTeQ Engineering University is an alliance of six frontrunner universities of science and technology, CTU, DTU, L'X, TalTech, TU/e, TUM, two strong business schools, HEC and IESE, and a long list of associated partners, including EPFL, IP Paris, and Technion.
- At DTU, the EuroTeQ Collider is incorporated into existing challenge-based learning courses and supplemented with complementary workshops and presentations.
- Collider courses: 38001 Sustainable Entrepreneurship (dtu.dk), 41639 Holistic Design of Engineering Systems (dtu.dk), 62999 Innovation Pilot (dtu.dk), 62014 Green Entrepreneurship (dtu.dk), 46050 Innovative energy solutions (dtu.dk), 42500 Innovation in Engineering (Polytechnical Foundation) (dtu.dk), 46755 Renewables in electricity markets (dtu.dk).

**Outcome:** Get easy access to collaborative talent to ensure relevant and valuable growth and spot relevant, competent and prepared talent across Europe.

**Timeline:** January - May

**Partner Deadline:** November- January

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**Costs:** Free of Charge



## Next Generation [ ] Action

- NG[ ]A is an annual initiative to engage international students, academics, and young entrepreneurs in an innovation journey, to ideate or accelerate their ideas within a specific sustainability theme in partnership with global congresses and summits. Set up as a hybrid 3-week innovation journey and an 8-day program in connection to the collaborating Summit/Congress.
- By engaging students and young entrepreneurs with global decision-makers and industry leaders through intergenerational dialogues, collaborating, and co-creating solutions to sustainability challenges, we provide a platform to inspire current leaders and empower future leaders.
- Offered for students as 5 ECTS DTU course ([course description](#)).

**Timeline:** Ongoing invitation to partnerships

**Program Responsible:** Marie Louise Pollmann-Larsen, [mlml@dtu.dk](mailto:mlml@dtu.dk)

**Costs:** Funded by participating organizations and foundations.



# Actionable Business Cases

- > Programs aiming at turning ideas into startup opportunities

## DTU X-Tech Entrepreneurship Course

- X-Tech is an entrepreneurial MSc-level course in which 100 students (20 teams) work in interdisciplinary teams on industry challenges for one semester, to co-create a startup to solve the challenge.
- You propose your challenge, and we match you and one student team with relevant backgrounds to co-create a new venture to solve it.
- The overall aim is to spin out from the course as a startup jointly with the challenge partner.
- We offer ~6 teams the opportunity to progress into our accelerated learning and startup experience Tech+, which includes a board from DTU's Board of Education.

**Timeline:** Runs in Spring

**Partner Deadline:** On-going

**Course Responsible:** Loris Spasojevic, [lospas@dtu.dk](mailto:lospas@dtu.dk)

**Costs:** 1 challenge & student team = DKK100.000, 10 challenges & student teams = DKK500.000, 30 challenges & student teams as well as a PhD = ~3Mill (non-profit).



## Feasibility Studies in MSc Technology Entrepreneurship

- In this course, interdisciplinary master students validate potential tech startup ideas, aiming at identifying viable ideas to bring into reality as a company together with the project proposer.
- Teams are matched with external and internal partner cases and conduct initial feasibility studies on the ideas, looking at tech, market, finance IP, legal, ESG, and team feasibility.
- As a partner, you get a 360-degree check of the commercialization potential of your idea and the chance to work closely with talented entrepreneurs with whom you can form or expand your team.
- You are welcome to contact the program manager if you have a relevant challenge.

**Timeline:** a 5-week project in September/October

**Partner Deadline:** On-going requests

**Program Manager:** Thor Rigrup Larsen, [thrla@dtu.dk](mailto:thrla@dtu.dk)

**Costs:** Free of Charge

# Engage in Startup and Research-based Innovation

> Programs aiming at supporting early-stage startups

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speed, heavy-lift evi  
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lectric ducted fan

## Contribute to DTU Skylab Funding

- Skylab Funding is a one-point of entry for student and research startups at DTU who need initial soft funding to build their first prototype, test their product, or similar.
- Skylab Funding is made possible by several private funding partners, and we are always looking to expand so we can continue to support the growing number of startups we are incubating at DTU Skylab.
- We receive approximately 100 applications per year, spread over two application rounds (February & September), but we work all year round to collect, develop, and prepare applicants for funding. Typically, applicants seek 50,000-150,000 DKK per startup.
- As a funding partner, you get exclusive access to pre-screened applications, and our commercial and technical experts will select the most relevant ones according to the funding partner's purpose and requirements. In case you are interested, please reach out to our DTU Skylab Funding Program Manager.

**Program Manager:** Ida Bjerring Mehl, [idabm@dtu.dk](mailto:idabm@dtu.dk)



## Skylab Pilots Deep Tech Accelerator Program

- Open to industry and organizations to become part of a deep-tech accelerator that establishes long-lasting partnerships between startups and industry.
- Selected DTU startups attend a 9-month accelerator program focused on technology development and validation in collaboration with the industry partner.

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## Research & Startup Matchmaking

- If you would like to support researchers and startups with your industry expertise, we can match-make you with relevant projects and startups
- In case you are interested, please write some lines about what you can offer to a startup. We will share this with our startup community
- If a startup is interested in meeting you, we will connect you!



## Join DTU's Mentor Network! (Give advice to or join a DTU Startup!)

- Opportunity for Experienced Individuals (NOT on a company level).
- Would you like to mentor talented student & researcher startups to help them get to market?
- Would you like to sign up as a possible co-founder candidate?
- Then wait no longer! Reach out to get more information about our mentor program.

**Mentor Program Manager:** Jens Friholm, [jefrih@dtu.dk](mailto:jefrih@dtu.dk)



# Additional Opportunities



## DTU Startup Day 2025 May 15<sup>th</sup>

- Your chance to meet and connect with DTU's startup ecosystem
- Experience 60+ early-stage, knowledge-based startups showcasing their prototypes and technologies in an exhibition and pitching their business ideas on stage
- Gain knowledge and inspiration from the program on the main stage and explore the space of DTU Skylab
- Official sign-up on the website

**To become a partner and sponsor, please contact:** Helle Stendorff, [helles@dtu.dk](mailto:helles@dtu.dk) or Thor R. Larsen, [thrla@dtu.dk](mailto:thrla@dtu.dk)



## Request a Tour or a Customized Visit

- Request a visit tailored to your needs, e.g., an introduction to DTU Skylab as an innovation hub, a dialogue or workshop session on a certain topic, and meet startups.
- Fill out the form on our website: [Request a customized visit](#).

**Cost:** Price set according to needs



# Additional Resources

## Share on DTU Skylab's Wall of Opportunities

Do you have an opportunity within entrepreneurship & innovation for students?

Post your offer to Skylab's Wall of Opportunities to reach out to our community at DTU & DTU Skylab!

[DTU Skylab Wall of Opportunity](#)

## DTU Career Hub

The DTU Career Hub is a platform to recruit for internships, student jobs, full-time jobs, and exciting challenges and projects.

Tag #startup if you're interested in recruiting for a startup.

## DTU Career Week

Every year, DTU hosts a week full of inspiration, career tips, and networking between DTU students and Danish-based companies.

**Contact:** DTU Career Center, [karriere@dtu.dk](mailto:karriere@dtu.dk)

## Free Innovation Resources by DTU Skylab

You are welcome to browse DTU Skylab's toolbox of Innovation Resources that can help you create your own Innovation workshop.

<https://www.skylab.dtu.dk/resources-for-start-ups/skylab-toolbox>



# Thematic Focus Areas and Contacts

Climate: Earthbound



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A photograph of several LEGO minifigures on a brown baseplate. In the foreground, a minifigure with a red beanie and long black hair sits on a grey chair, holding a paint palette. To its right, a minifigure with a beard and brown hair stands holding a red cup and a black briefcase. To the left, a minifigure in blue overalls holds a blue comb. The background is blurred, showing other minifigures and a large purple object. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in orange.

Thank you!