

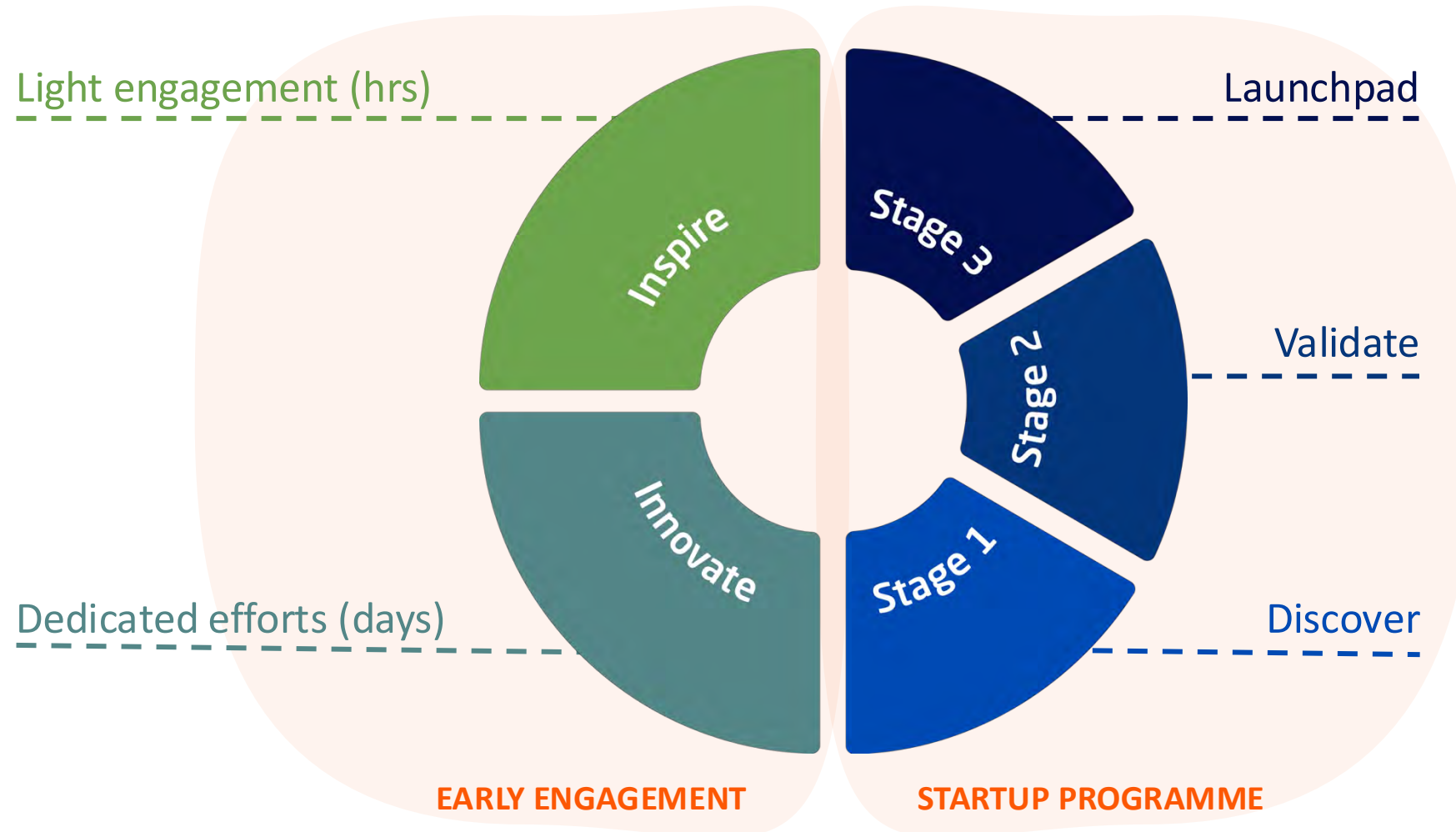
DTU Skylab

Catalogue of Partner Engaging Activities,
Programmes and Events 2026



The Startup Journey at DTU Skylab

The collaboration opportunities are structured accordingly





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Propose an Innovation Challenge

Challenge-based student innovation programmes

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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:

- Keynote presentation for 400+ DTU master-students and faculty.
- 25 concept-level solution proposals, developed by interdisciplinary student teams.
- Opportunity for industry partner to host a student engagement event.

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

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

Contact: Peter Munch Kofoed, Industry Partnership Manager > pmkof@dtu.dk - +45 9351 1644

Costs: 150.000 kr. per industry partner



DTU Fall Course Integrated Product Innovation in the Food Industry

- A DTU 13-week course on food product development and entrepreneurship for food and design master students.
- +40 students solve real challenges within the food industry through product development in high-end facilities at DTU Skylab's FoodLab.

Opportunities for Industry Partners:

- Bring your industry challenge to the course.
- Receive prototype-level solution proposals, developed by student teams.

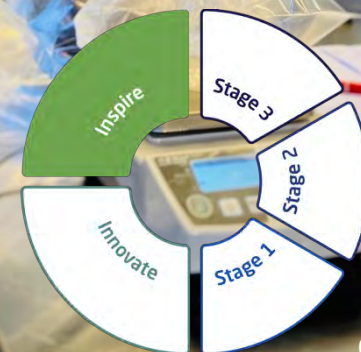
Expectations from Industry Partners:

- Active engagement with student teams through guidance, feedback, and industry insights.
- Recognition of student and DTU Skylab contributions, including appropriate attribution of project outcomes and innovation results.

Timeline and Deadline: Runs from September to December. Deadline for cases in August.

Contact: Roberto Flore, Head of DTU Skylab FoodLab > roflo@dtu.dk – +45 5273 2253

Cost: Free of charge



Developing Innovative Ideas

Extracurricular challenge-based innovation programmes

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OpenInnovation

- OpenInnovation brings together industry partners with interdisciplinary student teams from various Danish universities, to jointly solve real-world challenges during a 4-day innovation sprint.
- As a Challenge Partner, you will be branded as one of the main sponsors of OpenInnovation, with the opportunity to present a real-world challenge to interdisciplinary student teams.
- As a Program Partner, you can contribute by sponsoring specific activities and provide expert insights through mentoring or an inspirational talk.
- Co-hosted event by DTU, CBS, and KU to foster interdisciplinary student collaboration.

Timeline: Runs in September (and February 2026).

Partner Deadline: March (and October 2026).

Program Responsible: Sara Dømler > sardera@dtu.dk, and Sally Gregersen > stegr@dtu.dk

Costs: DKK 100.000 for Challenge Partners, sponsorship packages for Program Partners (non-profit).



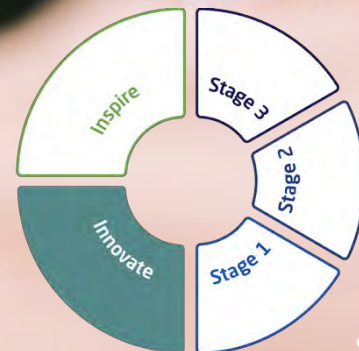
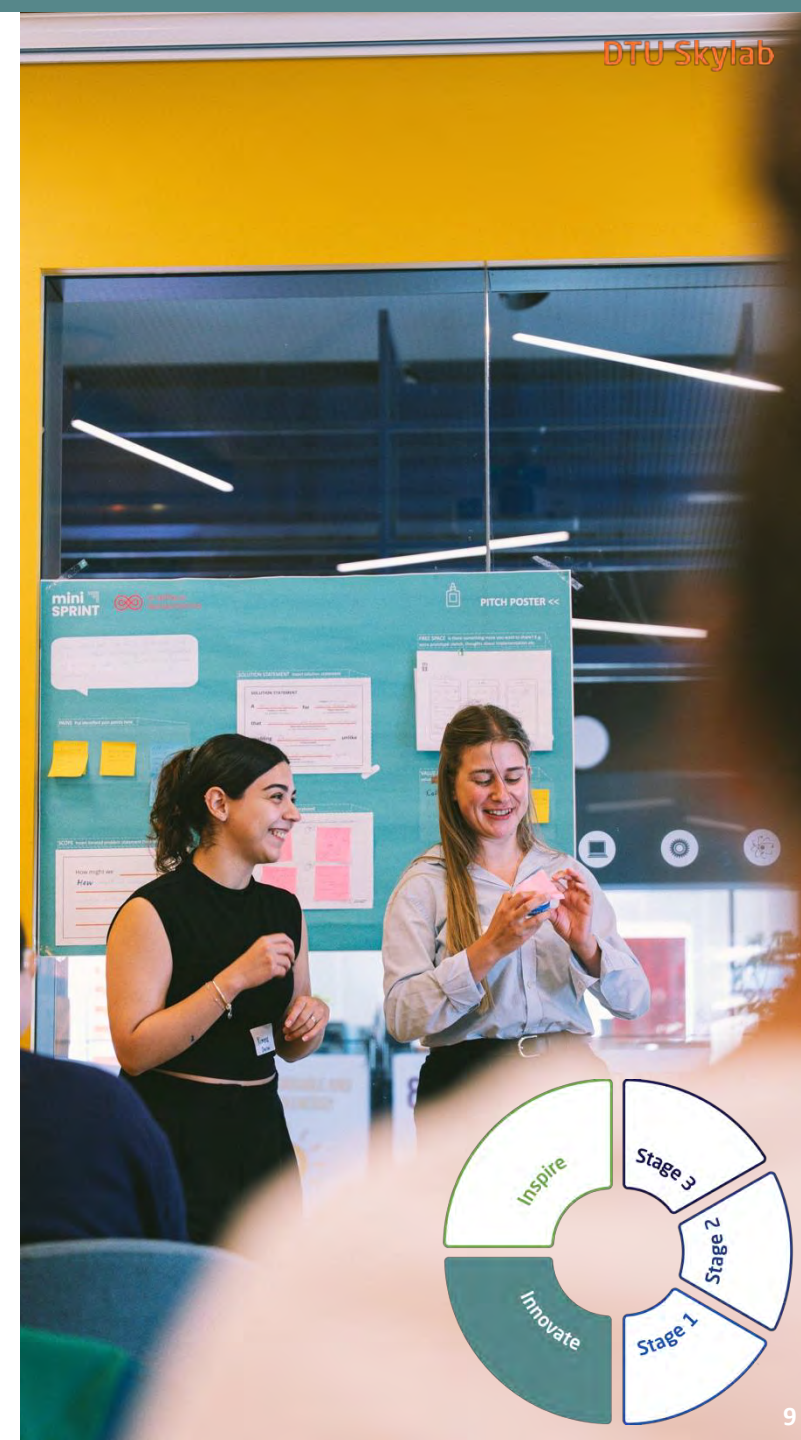
1-Day Mini-sprint

- Connecting a smaller group of talented students & experienced representatives from your organisation 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 programme responsible.

Program Responsible: Sara Dømler > sardera@dtu.dk and Sally Gregersen > stegr@dtu.dk

Costs: Funded by participating organisations



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, 41639 Holistic Design of Engineering Systems, 62999 Innovation Pilot, 62014 Green Entrepreneurship, 46050 Innovative energy solutions, 42500 Innovation in Engineering (Polytechnical Foundation), 46755 Renewables in electricity markets, 41028 Design of mechatronic systems 1, 41051 Product life and environmental issues, 41636 Design for Circular Economy, 12773 Advanced life cycle assessment methods.

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.



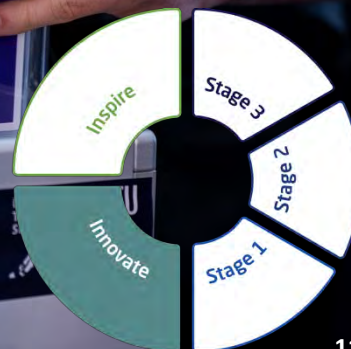
Next Generation [] Action

- 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

Contact: Marie Louise Pollmann-Larsen, Programme Responsible > mlml@dtu.dk

Costs: Funded by participating organisations and foundations



Disability Tech Hackathon

A 4-day innovation hackathon where 100 students and collaborators co-create solutions for people with disabilities and neurodiversity, learning to innovate inclusive technologies.

Disability Tech Hackathon invites participants to solve one of 3 real-life challenges involving disabilities and human diversity, with input and sparring from people with lived experience on the challenges.

Challenge Partner: bring a challenge to the hackathon and be branded as one of the main sponsors.

Program Partner:

- contribute by providing expert insights through mentoring or an inspirational talk during the event.
- It is a co-hosted event by DTU | Videnscenter for Handicap | Elsass Fonden, danske Iværksættere | and Disability Tech Denmark.

Timeline: Runs in March-April.

Partner Deadline: January

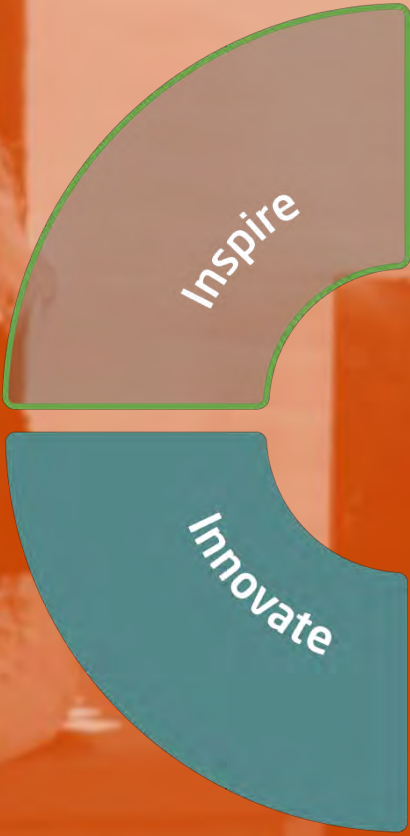
Program Responsible: Marie Louise Pollmann-Larsen, Programme Responsible > mlml@dtu.dk

Costs: DKK50.000 for Challenge Partners, sponsorship packages for Programme Partners (non-profit).



Actionable Business Cases

Programmes aiming at turning ideas
into startups



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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 in 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

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 programme manager if you have a relevant challenge.

Timeline: a 5-week project in September/October

Partner Deadline: On-going requests

Contact: Thor Rigtrup Larsen, Programme Manager > thrla@dtu.dk

Costs: Free of charge



Startup Programme Stages 1, 2 & 3

Stage 3

Stage 2

Stage 1

Startup Programme: Industry Tracks

The DTU Startup Programme is a strong generic, 3-staged programme for business and technology development, currently engaging 200+ teams.

For startups in industries / fields with highly specific needs and requirements, Skylab operates by implementing programmed Tracks, that works as an extension to the Startup Programme. A track can be implemented as a response to an articulated need – such as the "Earth Track" - supporting climate startups, or to boost a specific area, such as Health tech or Defence. With partners, new tracks can be developed.

Your Outcome:

- Awareness and branding to the most ambitious minds of the next generation.
- Talent attraction.
- Generating ideas and solutions for a specific area.
- Developing new startups to the benefit of the thematic area, industry and society.

Timeline: one track 12-24 months

Format: Please get in contact to initiate a dialogue on how a track that benefits you as well as the students, researchers and society can be designed.

Costs: DKK 800.000-1.600.000

Contact: Jonas Eiasson, Team Lead > joneli@dtu.dk



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Engage in Startup and Research-based Innovation

Stage 3

Stage 2

Stage 1

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.
- We are actively looking for funding partners supporting software-startups.

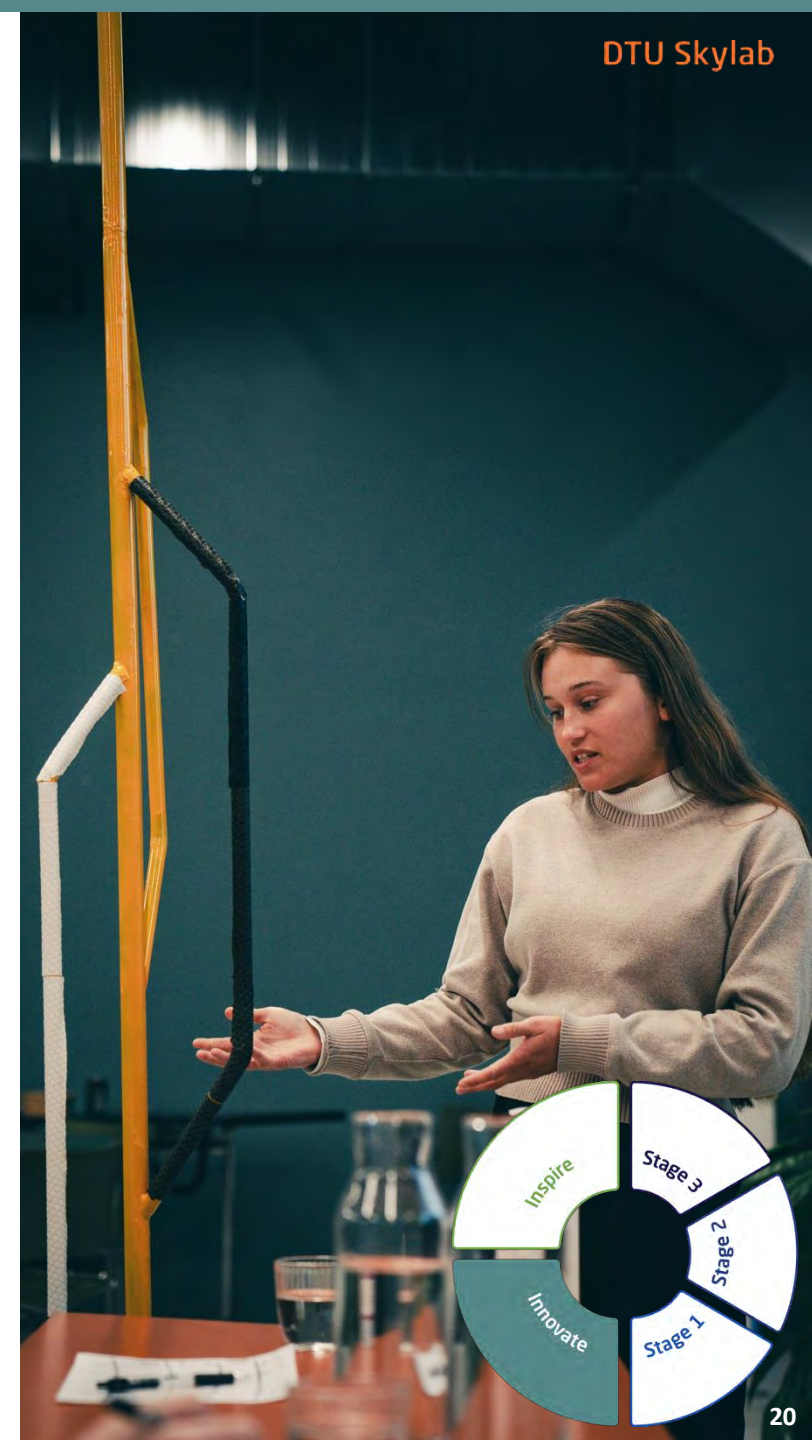
Programme Managers: Ida Bjerring Mehl > idabm@dtu.dk, & Amalie Bjerager Arnesen > abjar@dtu.dk



DTU Skylab Prototype2Market

- Selected DTU research startups attend a 9-month programme to take their deep-tech prototype from lab to market ready product.
- Residency in Skylab's Developer Hall, with access to our labs and prototyping facilities, and close support from Skylab's Development Engineer through a tailored technical development plan.
- Validation through strategic partnerships: Startups co-develop their technology together with relevant industry, users, hospitals, or NGOs, locally and globally, in the real-world context where it will be used.

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Specialized Support for DTU Pre Scaleup Track. For researcher startup projects with scaling potential.

The DTU Skylab Pre Scaleup Track is a bespoke track designed to assist early stage researcher startup projects with scaling potential.

In the sprint phase, we invite business professionals to assist within their areas of expertise, e.g. product development, supply chain, IP, legal, financial expertise, etc. This is done by engaging with startups to solve a specific challenge with up to 3 meetings per startup within a 3-month period.

Outcome:

- Potential sales funnel (many startups spin out and receive funding to accelerate their growth).
- Insight into the latest technological development.
- Branding (supporting cutting edge tech from university).

Timeline: Running uptake - up to 20 startup projects per year.

Format: Please get in contact to initiate a dialogue on how to support scalable research startup projects.

Costs: DKK100.000,- + up to 3 meetings per startup (5-15 startups per year), where you provide support to startups within your area of expertise.

Contact: Martin Holmboe, Programme Manager > marthol@dtu.dk



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.

Contact: Jens Friholm, Mentor Programme Manager > jefrih@dtu.dk



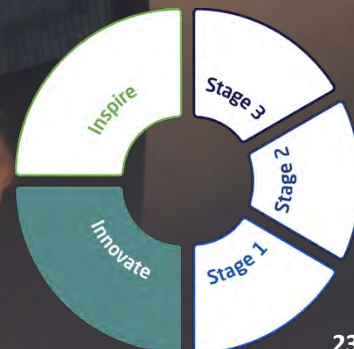
Are you Offering Test Facilities or Materials?

If you would like to support early-stage startups prototyping and testing with fx:

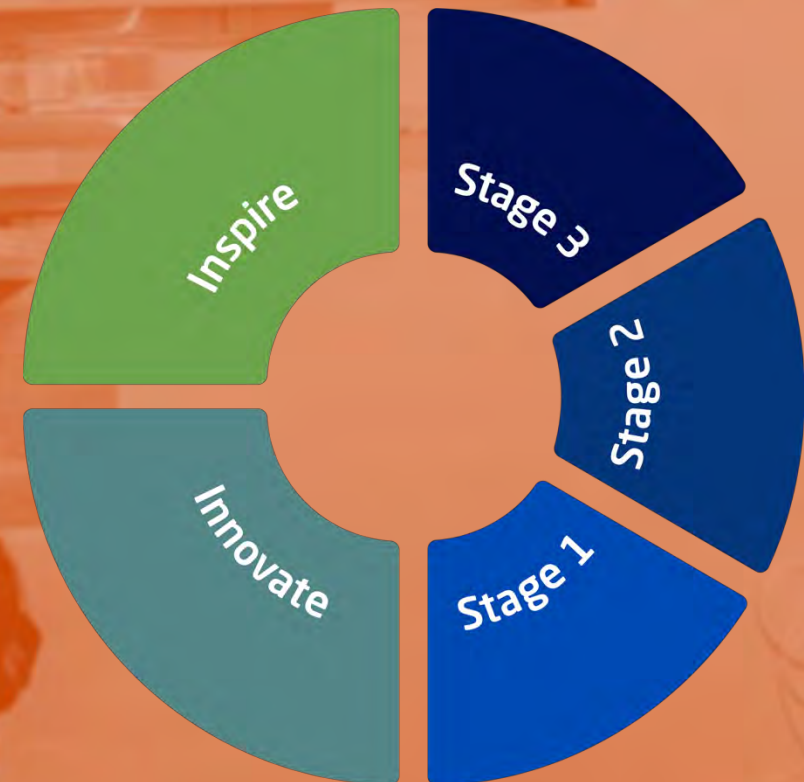
- Test facilities
- Materials
- Experience
- Network



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Additional Opportunities



DTU Startup Day

DTU has one of the most well-developed ecosystems for innovation and entrepreneurship among technical universities in Europe. DTU Startup Day is the event of the year and your chance meet and connect with the eco-system:

- DTU Entrepreneurship
 - DTU Skylab
 - DTU Science Park
 - PSV
 - DTU SkyFactory
- 1.000 participants.
 - Experience 70+ 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 programme on the main stage and explore the space of DTU Skylab.

To become a partner and sponsor, please contact: Helle Stendorff > helles@dtu.dk or Thor R. Larsen > thrla@dtu.dk



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Request a Tour or a Customised Visit

- Request a tour or customised visit tailored to your needs. E.g. an introduction to DTU Skylab as an innovation hub, a dialogue or workshop on a certain topic, and meet startup cases.
- Please fill out the form below on our website and we will get in contact.

Cost: Price set according to needs



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DTU Link: The Extended Arm of DTU Skylab at Risø

Located at Risø north of Roskilde, DTU Link is the innovation hub for startups looking to team up with work class researchers within sustainable energy, smart energy solutions and global environment studies.

We Offer:

- An entry point for startups to researchers and Ph.D.'s from DTU and Aarhus University based at Risø.
- Flexible offices and desk space for startups with a connection to partners at Risø.
- Access to a state-of-the-art prototyping workshop, including professional support and guidance.
- Community and presence in an innovative environment.



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more at
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Additional Resources

[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

[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 Unlocked

Unlocking innovation for challenges where the society needs solutions and where DTU has a strong position and potential.

- Join DTU Unlocked to work on industry challenges and opportunities together with researchers and students working on the latest research and building inventions and startups to solve the challenges.
- Dive into the tough societal and industry challenges important to your company, build innovation capabilities, inspiration for employees and connect with relevant faculty.
- Contribute to build a pipeline of relevant new startups and solutions that solve the industry challenges of tomorrow.

Timeline: Ongoing basis on dates agreed with the programme responsible.

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Costs: co-sponsorship from partner organisations



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Ready?
Scan to collaborate

Thank you!