

In Residence Scheme – Taking your innovative ideas to the next stage

A key element of EVOLVE FUTURES is helping enterprises turn their innovative ideas into reality. We know that there are lots of enterprises with great ideas in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly but often they do not have the time to develop them.

The In-Residence Scheme provides you with the opportunity to take time out from your everyday activities to work with academics to address an issue or develop your innovations so you are able to apply for grant funding to take your ideas to the next stage.

- We can support you to develop your early-idea innovations such as help with developing idea, how to properly validate idea, evidencing there is a gap in the market and demand for innovation and that it is good product/service.
- We are also able to support you with grant writing by helping you with how to frame your innovation and how to collect evidence to prove the value of your intervention.

What's on offer?

If your application is successful, the In-Residence Scheme will fund your time, at cost, for up to 12 days engaging with an individual researcher – or research team – in early-stage discussions over a 3-month period. This enables you to better understand and cultivate the research opportunities available to support your business innovation and growth.

Who's it for?

While we warmly welcome all eligible enterprises, our support offer is especially beneficial for early-stage and high-growth businesses who are interested in exploring innovative opportunities for growth and seeking to be investment-ready.

Case studies

- Akumen – Developing artificial intelligence technology to support mental health care: <https://www.smartline.org.uk/akumen>
- CNC Craft – Teaching digital manufacturing skills using WikiHouse: <https://www.smartline.org.uk/cnc-craft>

Empowering your growth journey

From idea, to launch, to long term sustainable growth, EVOLVE FUTURES brings you together with commercially experienced sector experts, world-class researchers and facilities and a support network of peers and mentors. Access opportunities to extend your knowledge, skills and real-world business expertise that will support your start-up or growing enterprise.

Find out more:

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