entrepreneurial postdocs

The Business Face of the Cambridge Research Community
- Making Cambridge Post-docs entrepreneurial and innovative will improve career prospects.
- Such skills are critical for both academic and non-academic careers.
- There are far too few academic positions for the number of postdocs.
### Mission

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EPOC Committee

- 6 Cambridge postdocs, 3 start-up founders, Healthcare consultant, a start-up employee, communications manager

Advisory Board

- OPdA, Cambridge Enterprise, University Vice Chancellors, ideaSpace, Independents

EPOC Community

- >800 postdocs from across the university
- Supporters from across the cluster
Monthly networking events

- Aims to open minds and inspire interest in entrepreneurial, commercial and industrial research activities
- Audience includes Postdocs, PhDs and industry within the Cambridge cluster

Previous speakers include:
P2i European Network

- Joint initiative between 6 universities and 6 global enterprises
- EPOC-like organisations in all partner universities
- Developing European-wide training, skills and enterprise opportunities for researchers
Postdoc Business Plan Competition

Annual competition attracting the best postdoc-run start-ups in Cambridge

Previous finalists:

**immaterial**
Gas storage and separation: Cheaper. Greener. Safer.

**WaterScope**
Combatting water inequality with fast, inexpensive water testing kits

**netwookie**
Peer-to-peer job facilitation solution for the world’s biggest labour force

**SPIREA**
Smart polymer platform for controlled delivery of drug combinations
Training & Courses

- Courses offered through Cambridge Judge Business School
- Equip postdocs with the basic knowledge and language of business and entrepreneurship
- Postdoc-specific course developed through P2i collaboration
Milner Industry-Academia Innovation Reps

Network of early-career scientists

- Facilitate translation of Cambridge therapeutics research
- Great opportunity to work closely with pharma industry during postdoc tenure
Sponsors

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sharing tools for a sustainable future
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Next event: 18th July, Postdoc centre @ Mill Lane, 6 pm onwards