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

To make postdocs aware of the opportunities around

1) Bursting Bubbles
   There’s a lot more around than just your research
   +  +  +  +

To inspire postdocs to get involved in innovation, business & entrepreneurship

2) Changing Mindsets
   From “look what they’re doing” to “that could be me”
   +  +  +  +  +  +  +

To provide opportunities for training and expanding skills

3) Creating Skills and Opportunities
   Everything to take postdoc business ideas to reality
   +  +  +  +  +  +
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.
- **netwookie**: Peer-to-peer job facilitation solution for the world’s biggest labour force
- **WaterScope**: Combatting water inequality with fast, inexpensive water testing kits
- **SPIRE**: 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
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sharing tools for a sustainable future
Get involved
entrepreneurial postdocs

Next event: AGM on 12th November, Postdoc Centre @ Mill Lane, 6 pm onwards