



# FUTUREWORLDS

*Future Worlds is the on-campus startup accelerator at the University of Southampton.  
Our mission is to help our aspiring university entrepreneurs change the world with their ideas.*

It all starts with ideas: we encourage and help staff and students to actively explore startup ideas and accelerate their progress to test and validate concepts, build a plan, gain traction and take the first steps towards achieving success.

Future Worlds runs regular events and workshops on campus and has a large mentor network of investors, senior - executives and startup founders who give invaluable time and support to help university innovators turn their ideas into reality. Future Worlds is part of the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences' Innovation Hub.

## Do you know anyone who may be interested in these opportunities?

### Future Worlds Dragons' Den

Over £500,000 has been offered live on stage to University of Southampton startups in the highest profile startup event on campus.

Participants gain invaluable experience and learning that can transform their outcomes, whether or not they secure investment in the event, through our intensive programme developing pitching skills and the startup proposition in preparation for the event.

#### Who's it for?

Any current or recent University of Southampton student or researcher.

#### When?

**Live event: Saturday 2 May**

Acceleration programme: March – April

**Applications open: Thur 20 Feb – Sun 1 Mar**

Preparation events with Fish on Toast through Feb

### RAEng Enterprise Fellowships

One year of equity-free funding and extensive mentoring and support from the prestigious RAEng Enterprise Hub to spin out University research.

The Fellowship is an excellent opportunity for those looking to commercialise research, providing an outstanding platform to launch an ambitious venture. Future Worlds supports people through applications and during the Fellowship.

#### Who's it for?

It's open to all levels of researcher, from final-year PhD students to Professor.

#### When?





**Next Fellowship year starting Summer 2020**

Applications open: expected February

**Future Worlds drop in sessions to find out more:**

Wed 5 Feb, 14:00–15:30 & Mon 10 Feb, 11:00–12:30

## Next steps to engage with Future Worlds

-  **Sign up to receive regular Future Worlds information at [futureworlds.com](https://futureworlds.com)**
-  **Attend a Future Worlds event: [futureworlds.com/nextevent](https://futureworlds.com/nextevent)**
-  **Actively engage your University network with these opportunities**  
(we have various content and resources to share and would love to discuss what you would find most helpful)
-  **Express interest in applying for a specific opportunity yourself**

Please engage with the Future Worlds team on this link: [futureworlds.com/connect](https://futureworlds.com/connect)  
or email: [futureworlds@soton.ac.uk](mailto:futureworlds@soton.ac.uk)