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The Incubators of Institut Polytechnique de Paris



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Alongside education and research, innovation is one of the three strategic pillars in the development of Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris).

In a changing world, **Institut Polytechnique de Paris encourages entrepreneurship** among its students, researchers and alumni, whose impact will help address the major economic, societal and environmental challenges ahead.

The innovation strategy of Institut Polytechnique de Paris and its schools aims to support entrepreneurship and startup creation, fostering the success stories of tomorrow, particularly DeepTech startups based on advanced technologies developed in its laboratories.

Institut Polytechnique de Paris has several startup incubation sites: at the heart of the Saclay campus, at Station F - the world's largest startup campus - as well as on the Evry and Brest campuses. These structures support projects at every stage of development once a proof of concept has been validated.

Each year, more than 100 innovative startups are created within the incubators of IP Paris schools, with a particular focus on the following themes: Greentech, Healthtech, New Space, Digital Tech, Cybertech, Quantum, Biotech, Industry 4.0, Smart Cities and Dual-Use Innovation.

X-Novation Center (Ecole polytechnique)



X-Novation Center is the center dedicated to entrepreneurship and innovation at Ecole polytechnique.

It is an open hub that has supported entrepreneurial project leaders, regardless of their degree background, and innovative DeepTech startups since 2015 through its X-UP incubator, according to their stage of development. It features X-FAB, a prototyping space with state-of-the-art equipment, and the E4H LivingLab for bioengineering projects. It also brings together stakeholders from the Institut Polytechnique de Paris innovation ecosystem, including chairs and interdisciplinary centers, thereby fostering interconnection, synergies and opportunities.

X-UP Incubator: Programs and support offer

X-UP CREATE

A 10-month intensive incubation program for early-stage DeepTech startups. Its objective is to structure and make the entrepreneurial project viable, moving from a proof of concept to a company with a market-fit product and initial commercial traction. The support combines individualized guidance from a multidisciplinary team (startup manager, dedicated mentors, entrepreneur-in-residence); access to prototyping spaces and product development support; eligibility for an honorary loan averaging €40k; training workshops led by experts on all entrepreneurial and technical dimensions; access to the school's powerful alumni network through a mentoring program; access to the Ecole polytechnique ecosystem (interdisciplinary centers, academic laboratories, student projects and internships, etc.) and to numerous thematic events. Recruitment takes place every six months by cohort.

X-UP SCALE

An acceleration and scale-up program, with or without office space, for more mature startups. Each startup is supported by an experienced duo consisting of an entrepreneur-in-residence specialized in its field and a startup manager from the incubator. Startups follow an individualized program (fundraising, commercialization, recruitment, etc.) based on objectives defined together at the start of the program. They can also benefit from a ticketing system to mobilize experts for six months, focused specifically on their needs, and from a mentor from the school's alumni network. This program also provides access to workshops aligned with their challenges, to the Institut Polytechnique de Paris ecosystem, and to its events and connections. Recruitment takes place throughout the year.

X-UP ACCESS

A year-round startup hub for growing innovative technology startups and companies that need an environment of excellence to strengthen their network and foster entrepreneurial, technological or scientific opportunities. This program provides proximity to the IP Paris ecosystem, its laboratories and the Saclay plateau, as well as immersion in the incubator's networking events and access to some of its thematic workshops.



Sector expertise

X-Novation Center supports all innovative entrepreneurial projects with a strong technological component and a hardware focus, prioritizing five areas of expertise: GreenTech, HealthTech (including BioTech), Industries of the Future (Mobility, Industry 4.0, Energy, AI, Quantum, etc.), EdTech and ASD (Aerospace, Space, Defense).

Key figures

160+
startups
supported since its
creation in 2015

€40K
honorary
loan

1,000 m²
X-FAB
prototyping
space

More than
80%
five-year
survival
rate
for its startups

Key strengths of the incubator

- Multidisciplinary support adapted to all stages of startup development
- Dedicated and individualized support (startup manager, workshops, CEO talks, etc.)
- Mentors, entrepreneurs-in-residence and technical experts
- Access to an honorary loan averaging €40k to develop a prototype
- X-FAB: 1,000 m² for prototyping and pre-industrialization, with a dedicated engineering support and advisory team
- Bioengineering LivingLab - prototyping dedicated to biotech and medtech projects
- Direct connection with investors, VC funds and research centers (E4H, E4C, CIEDS, Hi! PARIS)
- Polytechnique / IP Paris alumni network and X-UP alumni network (260 startups supported to date)
- Student internships and projects with Ecole polytechnique students
- Focus on high-impact topics: climate, health, industry of the future and dual-use innovation



Open to all

X-Novation Center offers are intended for any startup with a strong technological dimension, including startups not originating from Ecole polytechnique or IP Paris, with a clear entrepreneurial ambition in its focus areas and dedicated full-time to their entrepreneurial project.



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IMT Starter (Telecom SudParis)

IMT STARTER



IMT Starter is the incubator of Telecom SudParis, Institut Mines-Telecom Business School and ENSIIE. Since 1999, it has supported digital startups in their launch phase. IMT Starter has propelled more than 300 startups, representing more than 4,000 jobs created and hundreds of millions in revenue and funds raised.

Programs and support offer

12 months of strategic support on the following topics:

- Positioning, product or service
- Commercial, marketing and financial strategy
- Team structuring
- Business model, etc.

Support and networking

Regular meetings with the incubator team on the overall structuring of the project and support in connecting with the IMT Starter ecosystem (business angels, Bpifrance, investment funds, lawyers, engineering or management students from its schools, school laboratories, startups from the incubator, etc.).

Special offer for students

Student project leaders have access to dedicated programs: a two-month Entrepreneurial Summer School to accelerate their project (group workshops, individual coaching, etc.) and end-of-study internships focused on their project, with workspace, supervision and coaching provided by the incubator.

Strategic coaching

Half a day every two months. Sessions are 100% individualized: the startup's strategic committee, bringing together several members of the IMT Starter team, is created according in particular to its theme and business model. It includes both IMT Starter members and external contributors and experienced entrepreneurs.

Collective workshops

Two workshops are offered each month on different topics related to launching a startup. The workshops are led by professional experts, last one to two hours each, and are accessible remotely.

Access to the IMT Digital honorary loan fund to finance the startup at zero interest.

Invitations to Vivatech on the IMT and/or IP Paris booths.

Sector expertise

- Digital technologies
- AI
- Energy
- Health and well-being
- Industries
- Cybersecurity

Key figures

15
startups
incubated on average
each year

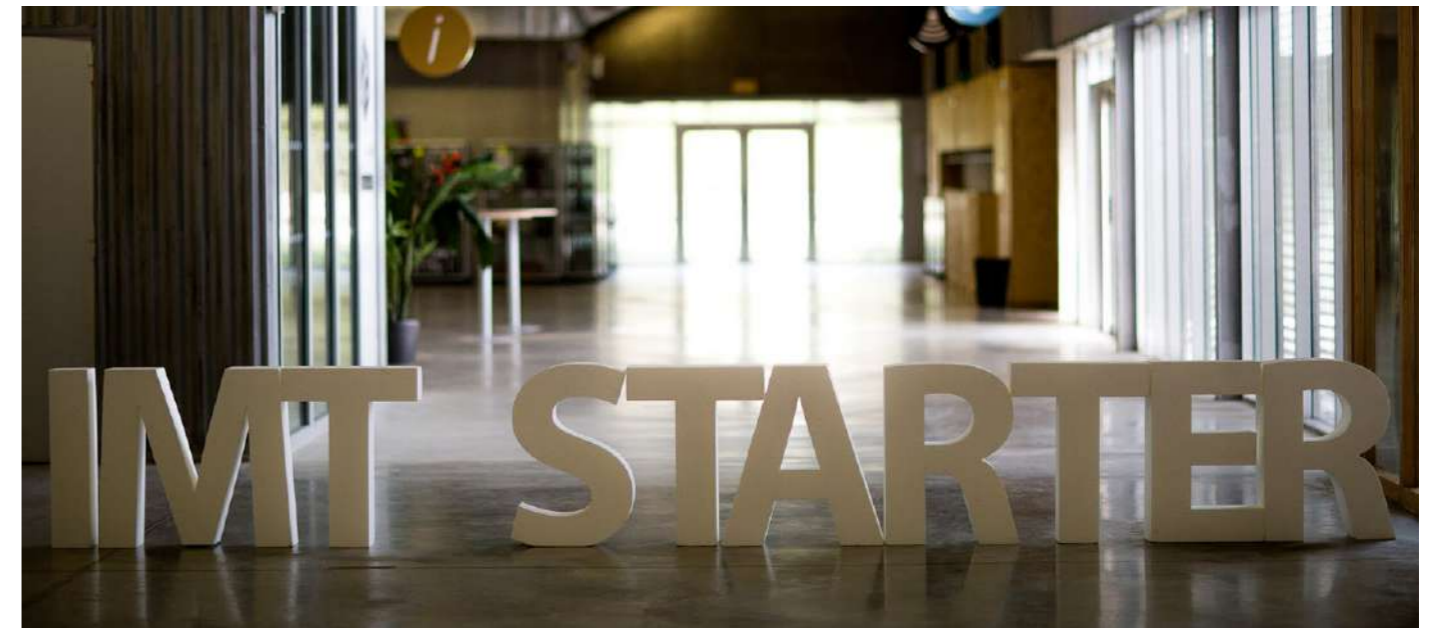
40
student entrepreneurial
projects supported
each year

12
months
of support

71%
five-year
survival rate
for its startups

Zero
interest
IMT honorary loan fund
(up to €40k)

600 m²
of incubation
space
including Station F



Key strengths of the incubator

- Startup coaching delivered through dedicated strategic committees composed of experienced entrepreneurs.
- Access to management and engineering students on campus for internships or assignments, and access to Telecom SudParis laboratories.
- Digital Startup Trophy: organized by the incubator for 15 years, this trophy aims to identify new digital gems.
- Option for 100% remote support.
- Special student formats (two-month Entrepreneurial Summer School)

Open to all

All digital innovation project leaders who have completed an initial market study and a demonstrator of their solution, as well as students and researchers from the schools.

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Telecom Paris Incubator



Since 1999, the Telecom Paris Incubator has been a pioneering player in supporting innovative projects and has established itself as a benchmark in the digital field. Many DeepTech startups have benefited from its support to accelerate the development of their technological products and services. Thanks to its many partners, the strength of its network, its fablab and its location in the heart of Paris, the Telecom Paris Incubator occupies a central position in the Paris region innovation ecosystem.

The incubator offers a comprehensive program, including pre-incubation for projects led by Telecom Paris students and researchers, incubation for already registered startups, and workspace rental for projects that have completed their incubation phase.

Programs and support offer

18 months of individual support

Selected projects are supported by a dedicated Startup Manager who follows the co-founders throughout their incubation. Through regular meetings, the Startup Manager assesses the startup's situation and identifies friction points in order to propose concrete solutions, training adapted to their needs or introductions to experts in the network. The Startup Manager also supports the startup in all funding requests and throughout the fundraising process: honorary loans, introductions to business angel associations and investment funds.

Comprehensive and tailored collective offer

The incubator offers a broad program of meetings with entrepreneurs and alumni, as well as thematic workshops adapted to company development and led by professional experts. Incubated startups also have the opportunity to take part in international trade shows and benefit from advantages negotiated with partners. Finally, projects can benefit from the involvement of Telecom Paris students through a teaching unit.

A unique ecosystem

The Telecom Paris Incubator deploys its support across two locations to offer the most suitable environment for project development. On the one hand, Station F provides access to the world's largest startup ecosystem; on the other, the incubator's Paris premises in the 14th arrondissement offer opportunities for rapid experimentation and expansion.

Sector expertise

- Health Tech
- Impact
- Cybersecurity
- Space Tech
- Defense
- Quantum
- EdTech

Key figures

600+
projets
incubated since 1999

30
new
startups
supported each year

More than
6,000
jobs
created

82 %
five-year
survival rate

2 locations:
Station F and Magnetik

18 months
off support



Key strengths of the incubator

- Highly personalized support
- Belonging to an outstanding engineering school
- In-depth knowledge of digital projects
- A network of recognized and experienced experts and mentors

Open to all

All early-stage digital projects whose technology is developed in-house, whether founded by an alumnus or not.

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The logo for ENSTARTUPS is displayed in a large, white, serif font at the bottom left of the page. The background of the entire page is a dark, abstract image featuring a grid of glowing purple and blue lines, resembling a circuit board or a digital network. A white, stylized graphic element, resembling a star or a network node, is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, overlapping the grid and the logo.The ENSTARTUPS logo is located at the top left of the text area. It consists of the word "ENSTARTUPS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with a blue and orange gradient bar behind the letters. Below the main text, there is a smaller line of text: "L'INCUBATEUR ENSTA" followed by the ENSTA logo and "INSTITUT POLYTECHNIQUE DE BRETAGNE".

L'INCUBATEUR ENSTA  INSTITUT POLYTECHNIQUE DE BRETAGNE

ENSTARTUPS is the ENSTA incubator, located on the Brest campus. Since 2017, it has supported entrepreneurial project leaders and startups in the school's fields of expertise during the earliest stages of their development.

Its mission is also to give students a taste for entrepreneurship by supporting their initiatives and offering startup-related technical projects. ENSTARTUPS also provides personalized support, as well as privileged access to a network of experts, industrial partners and investors, thereby fostering the emergence of high-potential innovative projects.

Programs and support offer

- Individual and collective support from experts
- Thematic workshops - marketing, finance, legal, IP
- Access to funding - Bpifrance, regional funding, business angels, seed funds, honorary loans
- Access to technical platforms - testing facilities, prototyping resources and the school's infrastructure
- Integration of the company project into student training - startup/student relations
- Advisory committee - experts and entrepreneurs brought together every six months for companies

Key strengths of the incubator

- Personalized support for project leaders and startups in the early stages of development.
- Strong grounding in ENSTA's areas of expertise: maritime, defense, energy, mobility, robotics and digital technologies.
- Privileged access to ENSTA faculty, laboratories and technology platforms.
- A network of experts, industrial partners, investors and alumni mobilized to support the growth of incubated projects.
- A unique location in Brest, at the heart of a recognized innovation ecosystem in maritime and DeepTech sectors.
- Support for student entrepreneurs to develop a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship on campus.
- Openness to the regional and national entrepreneurial ecosystem: Technopole Brest-Iroise, French Tech Brest Bretagne Ouest, Pole Mer Bretagne Atlantique, Le Village by CA, industrial and institutional partners.

Sector expertise

- Maritime and naval
- Defense and security
- Energy
- digital technologies
- Materials
- Transport and mobility

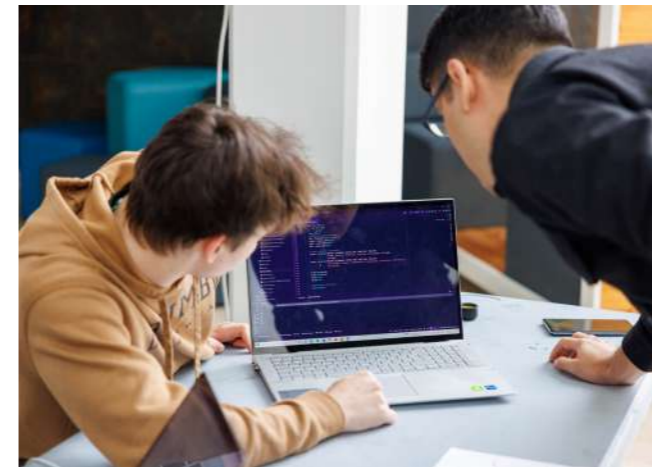
Key figures

30+
startups
supported

Created in
2017

Brest :
the only
incubator
outside the Paris region

More than
€14 million
raised since
2017



Open to

ENSTA students, researchers and alumni, as well as external project leaders creating high-impact technology companies.

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Ponts Alumni



Ponts Alumni encourages and provides material, intellectual and moral support for entrepreneurship among graduates and projects related to the teaching fields of Ecole des Ponts, by offering them an anchor within the Station F ecosystem.

Programs and support offer

- Station F coworking - 31 workstations in the Create zone
- Personalized coaching - experienced entrepreneurs and investors from the Ponts Alumni network
- Legal / tax expertise - free legal and tax expert services
- Foundation honorary loan
- Access to the school's laboratories - Ecole des Ponts laboratories and student co-development
- Alumni business angel network



Sector expertise

- Greentech
- Energy
- Mobility
- Data and AI
- Fintech
- Biotech
- Smart Cities
- Civil Engineering

Key figures

More than
100
startups
supported

31
dedicated
workstations
at Station F

2 calls
for projects
per year

Created in
2017



Key strengths of the incubator

- Early-stage startup support
- 12 months of support, extendable up to 3 years
- Pons Alumni jury

Open to

Open to alumni of Ecole nationale des ponts et chaussees.

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