

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if A@B is right for my business?

If you are developing a start-up technology platform with relevance to the life sciences or in therapeutic discovery and development and if you are looking for data-driven business and technical support from practitioners, plus the opportunity to expand your network in the outstanding Cambridge life science cluster then the competition is relevant to you.

1. Who can apply?

- a. Anyone who has an interesting proposal for commercialisation, with some proof-of-concept data and an early business plan.
- b. Ideally, your company will already be incorporated but if not, it may still be possible to take part.
- c. We're looking for applicants from all over the UK, but you do need to have the right to work in the UK, we can't sponsor visas.

2. Why should I apply?

- a. Accelerate@Babraham is one of the best opportunities you will come across for starting-up your business.
- b. We have all the ingredients for success:
 - i. 60+ companies with CEOs and CTOs that have been through this before.
 - ii. Co-located Campus with world-leading academic research and successful biotech companies – a research rich environment.
 - iii. Unrivalled network of scientists, clinicians, biotech and pharma experts and investors.
 - iv. Deeply embedded in the wider Cambridge ecosystem and golden triangle.
 - v. Experience – we were the first life science Accelerator in the UK and we've got great vision and ambition to provide the best programme possible in collaboration with start-ups and founders.
 - vi. £10K undiluted funding and access to labs.

3. What does the programme involve?

- a. The programme involves three phases:
 - i. Phase 1 provides taught content and support from practitioners and experts, you will also be expected to do homework and report back each week on the questions posed each week.
 - ii. Phase 2 will ensure that all the practical aspects are in place for you to get into the labs.
 - iii. Phase 3 is up to 10 months free lab space for you to perform the key experiments from the technical roadmap.

4. When can I access the laboratories?

- a. The first part of the programme will include the development or evolution of a critical path technical roadmap so that you can make the best possible use of the labs.
- b. It also allows a period for risk assessments and inductions and all the practical things to be put in place.
- c. Expect to access the laboratories in July/August time 2023.

5. What can I expect to achieve from the programme?

- a. There are some clear deliverables that you will achieve by the end of the programme:
 - ii. a clear business plan.
 - iii. a critical path technical roadmap.
 - iv. an outstanding network of individuals who are invested in your future success, and
 - v. a framework to measure your progress in the future.
- b. You will also have reached key experimental inflection points and your proof of concept will be complete.

6. What's it like to be part of the programme

- a. Companies that have been on the programme previously overwhelmingly cite the programme as a springboard for their success. The cohort bounces off each other and there is a lot of peer-to-peer support.
- b. A typical response to this question from our previous cohorts is: "Accelerate@Babraham was life saving for us. It provided the right support at exactly the right time."
- c. Explore the website in more detail to gain further insights from previous participants.

7. What are the key dates I need to know?

- a. Applications for Accelerate@Babraham 2023 will launch on 24th January and close on 17th March.
- b. Interviews will be held on 30/31 March 2023 and applicants will be expected to come to bootcamp in person in Cambridge, UK on 24th-28th April.
- c. The programme will run mainly on Friday mornings throughout May, June and July.