



Innovate
UK
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Global Incubator Programme - Gateway to Asia

Calling agrifood innovators to scale to Asia
via Singapore



Ready to scale your business into Asia?

Innovate UK's Global Incubator Programme, delivered in partnership with Innovate UK EDGE, is an acceleration programme for innovative businesses to work with world-leading incubators abroad.

We are currently accepting applications for up to 8 innovative SMEs in the agrifood and innovative food and beverage sectors to join our programme with GROW in Singapore.

The programme will be delivered virtually with opportunities for a physical presence in Singapore in accordance with public health guidelines and upon request.

Why Asia?

The ASEAN region is emerging as a major hub for agrifood and aquaculture innovation and there are significant opportunities for innovative UK businesses to be successful in the areas of advanced agrifood and innovative food solutions.

Asia is expected to be home to 5 billion people by 2050, accounting for 60% of global food consumption. To meet this demand, governments across Southeast Asia are aggressively pursuing strategies to ensure greater food security.

This includes active support for agrifood innovators who can help grow the local ecosystem.

Why work with GROW?

GROW is Southeast Asia's first dedicated agrifood accelerator with an impact focus.

Through their fund and accelerator programs GROW works with businesses to supercharge their growth on the global stage. GROW's portfolio of companies represent industry-leading solutions across the agrifood value chain.

GROW is supported by Enterprise Singapore and backed by leading agrifood VC AgFunder. For more information about GROW visit gogrow.co

Key Dates

APPLICATIONS
CLOSE
12 Sep 2021

SHORTLIST
INTERVIEWS
20 & 21 Sep
2021

INCUBATION
PROGRAMME
18 Oct 2021 –
14 Apr 2022

CONTINUED
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WHAT TO EXPECT:

- **Connections and network:** 1:1 support and opportunities to engage with GROW's global network of agrifood companies, experts, mentors, and industry partners
- **Group learning insight sessions**
- **Pitching opportunities** - Access to our investor, corporate, and strategic partner networks in Asia
- **Resources** - Variety of trusted professional service providers at discounted rates to help you fast-track your expansion into the region
- **Build a local team** - GROW can support the company with the EntrePass visa application (into Singapore) and help the company establish local presence (even with travel restrictions)
- **Community** - Plug into the ASEAN agrifood ecosystem and engage with fellow entrepreneurs and events

WHAT IS THE COST?

Innovate UK and Innovate UK EDGE will cover all initiative and virtual incubation costs and will make a contribution to T&S costs if travel to Singapore is possible. Participating companies will be asked to provide a £1,000 refundable deposit on acceptance to the programme. This will be returned on successful completion of the programme

HOW TO APPLY?

The Global Incubator Programme has a competitive application process where only the best applications will be successful following an evaluation process. Those shortlisted will be interviewed by a panel and finalists will undergo financial eligibility checks. All applications must be made online through the Innovate UK EDGE website and received no later than 23:45 on 12 Sep 2021. To support potential applicants, a Global Incubator Programme briefing will take place on 2 Sep 2021. Innovate UK is committed to improving the diversity of who we support. As such we welcome applications from those under-represented in the agrifood sector.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE:

To fill in the online application form or to register for the briefing event, please visit the [Innovate UK EDGE website](#). We are committed to a policy of equal treatment and opportunity in every aspect of this programme. For more information, assistance with your application, or to discuss accessibility needs, please contact Jens Böhm at jens.boehm@innovateukedge.ukri.org or call **+44 (0)7920 014190**.

TO APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAMME, YOU MUST

Be a UK based company

Be a business with fewer than 500 employees

Be an agrifood or innovative Food & Beverage business

We welcome applications from agrifood tech and innovative food & beverage businesses involved in (but not limited to) the following areas:

- Controlled environment agriculture
- Sustainable food production systems
- Plant-based foods
- Alternative proteins
- Functional ingredients
- Food traceability and provenance
- Food waste