Innovate UK’s Global Incubator Programme is an acceleration programme for innovative companies to work with world-leading incubators abroad.

We are currently accepting applications for up to 8 innovative companies in the Clean Growth sector to join our programme with the Urban Future Lab (UFL) in New York, USA. UFL is the centre of cleantech innovation in New York City and offers a founder-first culture, helping innovative technology companies in the Clean Growth sector. We anticipate the Programme will be delivered physically in New York. However, we will continue to monitor COVID-19 protocols and may move to virtual sessions as needed.

The 63 companies that have been in UFL’s incubator have raised $895M+ of capital and created over 600 jobs.

To apply for this programme, you must:

- Be an established UK-based company
- Be a business with up to 500 employees
- Be an innovation-focused clean growth business*

We are committed to a policy of equal treatment and opportunity in every aspect of our recruitment process.

* Full list of eligible technologies can be found on the programme website
KEY DATES:

APPLICATIONS CLOSE:
OCTOBER 15, 2021

FIRST INTENSIVE WEEK IN NYC**
JANUARY 10-14, 2022

INCUBATION PROGRAMMING:
JANUARY 2022 - JUNE 2022

CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM YOUR UK SPECIALIST:
JUNE 2022 - DECEMBER 2022

** In-person events subject to change due to COVID.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Two week-long intensive visits to NYUC (January and March 2022)
- Gain access and introductions to US-based customers and partners
- Receive country-specific mentoring from trusted experts
- Events and mentors to assist in all aspects of US business formation and scaleup
- Participate in a vibrant community of cleantech entrepreneurs and industry professionals
- In accordance with public health guidelines, establish a presence with desk space and back-office services in New York

WHAT IS THE COST?

Participating companies will be asked to provide a £1,000 refundable deposit on acceptance to the programme. This will be returned upon successful completion of the programme. Teams typically spend 15+ hours per week on customer discovery to gather market feedback. Innovate UK and Innovate UK Edge will cover all training and incubation costs of this programme, and will make a contribution to travel and accommodation costs when possible to travel.

WHY THE US MARKET?

Making it in New York City provides limitless opportunities and offers an innovation ecosystem like no other. New York has ambitious goals to address challenges in energy, water, waste, infrastructure, transportation, and resiliency, including a goal of a carbon-free electric grid by 2040.

WHY WORK WITH THE URBAN FUTURE LAB?

Founded in 2009, the Urban Future Lab at NYU Tandon School of Engineering is New York City’s longest running cleantech start-up incubator. As an integral part of the Northeast cleantech ecosystem, UFL provides unmatched access to industry stakeholders, strategic advice, marketing and branding support, investor networks, and a community of like-minded founders. UFL’s portfolio of companies represents industry-leading solutions for renewable energy, smart buildings, transportation, and resource-efficiency. For more information, please visit ufl.nyc.

Apply today via a brief online form. Those shortlisted will be interviewed by a panel and finalists will undergo financial eligibility checks. To fill in the online application form please visit the website: https://www.innovateukedge.ukri.org/enter-new-markets/Global-Incubator-Programme. For more information, please email Innovate UK Edge at GIP@inventya.com or learn more at our webinar, September 22nd from 3-4PM. Register here.