

Global Incubator Programme Canada - Agri-Tech

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

We are currently accepting applications for up to five innovative companies in the Agri-Tech sector to join our programme with Agtech Accelerator and Cultivator Business Incubator in Saskatchewan, Canada.

We would welcome applications from innovative Agri-Tech and Food-Tech companies that focus on, but not limited to;

- Big data and predictive analytics
- Supply chain, traceability, and sustainability
- Precision agriculture
- Robotics and automation
- Farm management software, sensing, and Internet of Things
- Animal health

The Agtech Accelerator and Cultivator Business Incubator will provide world-leading Agri-Tech and Food-Tech companies with the mentorship, resources, programming, and access to investors needed to help them take their start-up to the next level.

WHY CANADA?

Saskatchewan is home to a vibrant start-up culture and a strong ecosystem of world-leading agriculture and food companies.

As with many other industries, technology is driving global agriculture forward. The future relies on collaboration, innovation, and the ability to leverage strengths and become leaders who drive a sustainable future across the UK, and around the world.

Saskatchewan has always been a leader in agriculture.

- It is home to more than 40% of Canada's cultivated farmland – some of the most productive farmland in the world.
- There is a strong ecosystem of world-leading Agri-Tech and Food-Tech companies, renowned education and research institutions, world-class transportation and logistics infrastructure, and a strong business community.
- Builder of Agri-Tech focused venture capital fund, Emmertech.
- An existing vibrant start-up culture and community that's growing and setting new heights within the tech ecosystem.

The aim is to deliver this initiative physically and virtually, including two week-long visits to Canada in March and June 2024. The remainder of the 11 week incubation phase will be delivered virtually.

We are committed to a policy of equal treatment and opportunity in every aspect of this programme.

KEY DATES:

Applications close:
8 December 2023

Selection panel:
11-12 December 2023

Shortlist interviews:
9-15 January 2024

Market visit - first incubation week:
From 9-16 March 2024

Market visit - second incubation week:
15-22 June 2024

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- **Advisory support:** Guidance from sector experts and experienced entrepreneurs in Canada.
- **Connections to capital:** Introductions to VCs and corporates looking to invest in new ventures.
- **Tools and services:** Webinars, information sessions, peer-to-peer guidance, and access to marketing and communication expertise.
- **Access and introductions:** Connections to North American-based partners.
- **Professional network:** Participate in a vibrant community of Agri-Tech entrepreneurs and industry professionals.
- **Attend Demo Day:** Participate in a physical demo day during a key sector conference as part of the final week of incubation.
- **Exploit the opportunity:** Each business is supported by an Innovate UK EDGE Innovation & Growth Specialist to help maximise the potential of being part of the programme and beyond.

TO APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAMME, YOU MUST:

Be a UK based company

Be a business with fewer than 500 employees

Have a focus on Agri-Tech

WHAT IS THE COST?

Innovate UK will fund and organise flights, accommodation, in-market travel, and any additional fees for successful applicants. Innovate UK will also pay for any reasonable adjustments throughout the initiative. Only one representative from each company will be funded. On acceptance to the initiative a commitment fee of £1000 will be obtained from each delegate, which will be refunded on completion of the full activities and agreed action plan. Non-completion after formal acceptance may result in forfeiting some or all the commitment fee.

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 **5pm on 8th December 2023**. A separate company pitch-deck should be attached to your application.

Please note: Successful applicants will be expected to fully comply with any conditions of travel to Canada.

Innovate UK is committed to improving the diversity of who we support. As such we welcome applications from those under-represented in the Agri-Tech sectors.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

To fill in the online application form, please visit the [Innovate UK EDGE website](#).

For more information, assistance with your application or to discuss accessibility needs, please contact the global team at global1@innovateukedge.ukri.org.