HKUST Dream Builder Funds

Seed funding up to HKD 100,000 per project to facilitate and accelerate startup development

- The principal applicant must be a full-time student (undergraduate or postgraduate; non-Exchange student) of HKUST, while team members (if any) can be HKUST students, alumni or staff.
- Individual or team application accepted
- HKUST members should be major owner of the startup project / company (in the case of a registered company, the total no. of shares owned by HKUST members should be 51% or more)

Dream Builder Incubation Program

- Facilitate startup projects in completing their proof of concept and developing their MVP/prototype through seed funds, training and in-kind support within twelve months
- Be equipped with the necessary knowledge and skill sets for further development of their startups
- Enhance the team competitiveness for next stage of growth

Dream Builder Accelerator Program

- Accelerate the life cycle of young, early-stage startups within six months
- Channel dedicated individuals exemplifying a strong passion, preparedness and startup ideas with the necessary training and resources to jump-start their performance
- Provide a promising seedbed for venture capitalists who are looking for nascent startups and future unicorns

Entrepreneurship Development

- Kick-start innovative idea at very early stage
- Have trial of business, test market
- Participate in entrepreneurship enrichment activities
- On reimbursement basis

Alumni Endorsement Fund

- Support startups’ prototype building
- On award basis

Recognition

- Support startup teams who represented HKUST for external competitions and programs relating to entrepreneurship
- Recognize the HKUST teams entrepreneurship achievement
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### Milestones of Incubation & Accelerator Program

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| **1st Milestones**<br>(40% of approved fund) | - Attend the Kick-off Ceremony of Program  
- Submit an interim report & financial report  
- Attend the interim review meeting  
- Attend at least 3 training sessions | - Attend the Kick-off Ceremony of Program  
- Submit a business plan for improving the efficiency of your startup  
- Attend the interim review meeting  
- Attend at least 5 training sessions |
| **2nd Milestones**<br>(60% of approved fund) | - Attend at least 3 additional training sessions  
- Attend at least 3 mentoring sessions  
- Set up prototype showcase, startup promotion and/or pop-up events at theBASE (at least once)  
- Complete proof of concept and/or complete an MVP/prototype that’s ready for user-testing and/or collection of market feedback  
- Complete business registration  
- Present on the Demo Day  
- Submit final completion report & financial report | - Attend at least 5 additional training sessions  
- Attend at least 5 mentoring sessions  
- Participate in at least 1 external competition/event that representing HKUST  
- Participate in at least 2 designated/signature events organized by EC  
- Present on the Demo Day  
- Submit final completion report & financial report |
Funds for Specific Streams of Entrepreneurship

**Chan Dang Foundation Social Entrepreneurship Award**
- This fund is supported by Donor - Chan Dang Foundation
- Support student’s social entrepreneurship development and recognize student projects that enriching communities and making positive impact to society
- Turn the business creative ideas into sustainable venture for promoting social good
- Upto HKD 60,000 per project

**The Lo Kwee Seong Technopreneurship (Tech-Ship) Fund**
- This fund is supported by Donor - Dr. Lo Kwee Seong
- Encourage and support utilization and commercialization of HKUST research outcomes / technologies through joint collaboration between HKUST faculty members and students and alumni, for technology-entrepreneurship development
- Upto HKD 200,000 per startup company

**HKUST Greater Bay Area Youth Entrepreneurship Fund**
- This fund is supported by Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area under the Youth Development Fund of the Youth Development Commission and Home Affairs Bureau
- Aim at driving, promoting and supporting dedicated and qualified young members of the HKUST community, including students, faculty members, alumni and staff, to develop and realize their innovations and entrepreneurial success in Hong Kong SAR and the Greater Bay Area.
- Applications are open to startup teams founded by HKUST members who are HKSAR residents aged 18 – 40 years old
- Up to HKD 600,000 per startup
HKUST Dream Builder Startup Series

Funding & support for different development stages of startup

- Pre-seed stage
- Seed stage
- Early stage
- Validation stage
- Growth stage
- Expansion stage

- Training, Workshops, Seminars
- Signature Events & Collaboration
- Mentoring & Advising
- Facilities Support (Mailbox, Lockers, Hot desks)
- Marketing & PR Support
- Networking & External Opportunities
- Referral to Higher Level of Funds, Programs & Venture Capitalists