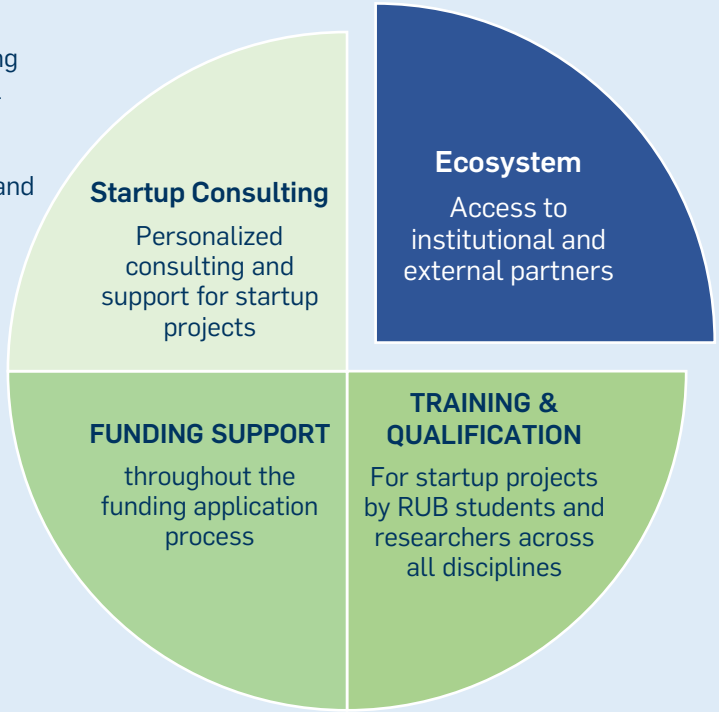
RUHR UNIVERSITY BOCHUM

WORLDFACTORY START-UP CENTER

Turning scientific breakthroughs into impactful solutions of tomorrow

CORE OFFERINGS OF THE WORLDFACTORY START-UP CENTER

- Individual one-on-one startup consulting based on your specific needs and initial situation
- IP and patent support
- Digital platform for startup resources and guidance
- Access to the Worldfactory mentoring network



- Access to startup infrastructure, including the RUB Makerspace, Start4Chem Labs, and BMZ
- Participation in startup events, such as the IDEA competition
- Opportunities to attend national and international trade fairs and startup events
- Access to funding partners and investors

- Support with preparing and submitting grant applications for state, federal, and EU startup funding
- Guidance and access to follow-on funding for startup ventures

- IDEA.Lab: Pre-seed program supporting startup development (offered twice a year; next cohort starts in October 2026)
- Young Entrepreneurs in Science programs (also available through the UA Ruhr alliance)
- Professional development courses offered by the Ruhr University Bochum Academy
- Workshops with partners and industry experts

INFRASTRUCTURE

RUB MAKERSPACE
BMZ BioMedizi Zentrum Bochum
GesundheitsCampus Bochum
MARK 51°7
Technologiezentrum Ruhr

INCUBATORS

START4CHEM – Chemistry for Change
CUBE5 – Creating Security
HEALTH+ – Improving Lives
MATERIALS – Engineering Science
SMARTSYSTEMS – Support Ideas – Realize Systems
Female Academic Entrepreneurs at RUB

RESERACH

Akademie der Ruhr-Universität
UA Ruhr
German Centres for Research and Innovation – Land der Ideen
CASA – Cyber Security in the Age of Large-Scale Adversaries
Young Entrepreneurs in Science
RESOLV – Ruhr Explores Solvation – Ter of Excellence - EXC 2033
humAIne – Human Centered AI Network
UNIC
LFF – LPS Lern- und Forschungsfabrik
hgi – Horst Görtz Institut für IT-Sicherheit
CBIT

START-UP ECOSYSTEM (local, state, and national)

Bochum Wirtschaftsentwicklung
Exzellenz Start-up Center Nordrhein-Westfalen
eXIST – Existenzgründungen aus der Wissenschaft
RAG Stiftung
High-Tech.NRW
German Accelerator
Bryck Startup Alliance
Initiativkreis Ruhr
WERK X – Startup Inkubator Bochum
Start2 Group
NRW.Global Business – Trade & Investment Agency
chemstars.nrw
Pro Vendis – we market innovation
CLIB
Bundesverband Deutsche Startups e.V.
BO-I-T – Bochumer Institut für Technologie
Stage Two
Campus Founders
orrick
ruhr:HUB
AHK – German American Chambers of Commerce – Deutsch-Amerikanische Handelskammern
Metropole Ruhr Business
ZENIT
Campus Campus
UniverCity Bochum
IHK Mittleres Ruhrgebiet
SEND – Social Entrepreneurship Netzwerk Deutschland
enactus
Makers of Tomorrow

Ecosystem partners and supporters of

WORLD FACTORY

VENTURE CAPITAL

NRW.BANK – Wir fördern Ideen
High-Tech Gründerfonds
ECBF – European Circular Bioeconomy Fund
Sparkasse Bochum
Volksbank Bochum Witten eG
KFW STS | VENTURES
eCapital Entrepreneurial Partners
GF Gründer Fonds Ruhr
WSS Redpoint – Rechtsanwälte

ALUMNI START-UPS

ingpuls – Smart Materials & Engineering
Zolitron Technology
RIPSTECH
xemX – material space exploration
House of Plasma
Edgeless Systems
VMRAY
sentin
ai.dopt
glim skin
AWARE7 – full service awareness agency
OKEANOS
Lidrotec
mechIC
escrypt – Security. Trust. Success.
vintus
betaSENSE
emproof
HYDROGENIA
PHYSEC
ISM
FreeD Printing
deeplify
GEMESYS
sentin
dexter – voice of healthcare
BLINC
After Battle
easy pisy
PIE Shape
xemX
Technology for Industries
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RayVen

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Program for Aspiring Founders

Do you have an idea and are considering starting your own start-up? Or would you like to explore the entrepreneurial potential of your concept?

The IDEA.Lab by Worldfactory Start-up Center supports students, researchers, and staff at Ruhr University Bochum in exploring the entrepreneurial potential of their initial ideas and evaluating whether they have the potential to become a start-up. Through hands-on workshops, participants will sharpen their understanding of customer problems, challenge and refine their business models, learn market analysis, and concept validation methods, explore funding opportunities, and exchange ideas with fellow aspiring founders.

Application:
https://www.worldfactory.de/beratung/idea-lab-worldfactory



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