Points *of* Access

FOR STUDENTS OF 'CREATING NEW BUSINESSES'

NEEDFINDER
A public, free app by Alchemy Labs that serves as your personal digital idea journal, helping you practice spotting problems and needs in the world, and crafting hypotheses for how to solve them.

24/7 ACCESS TO ALL ALCHEMY LABS
A card that grants you access not only to your campus's School of Alchemy space, but all other School of Alchemy locations in your district. These spaces host your course, but also prototyping tools and spaces to help you build.

EXPERIENTIAL CURRICULUM AND TOOLS
Content and exercises supporting an unorthodox methodology that will help you embody new mindsets and sensibilities while you create a new company.

MENTORS AND ADVISORS
Connections to Alchemy Club members across mentors, corporate advisors, and others to inform your work.

BOOTSTRAP GRANTS
Non-dilutive grants administered by your University's program to provide small budgets for prototyping and building your offering.

After showing evidence of progress, you will also receive:

PROVISIONAL LICENSE
A license tied to your University's Incubation License that allows you to make limited transactions for building version one of your product, and testing it in-market with real customers.

FORGE NIGHT
A pitch event to secure seed funding, accelerator enrollment, and other potential paths - in coordination with the investor ecosystem. For teams who have shown evidence of market demand for their new product.

ALCHEMY LABS SERVICES
From helping you create a demo/pitch video for applying to accelerators, to setting up a corporation and other legal assistance, we have a bundle of services for early-stage founders in the program.

See your University's Program Manager for more details.

Alchemy Labs

RESOURCE SAMPLER

Education & Learning

Interested in learning more?

STANFORD ENTREPRENEURSHIP + INNOVATION PROGRAM

Available in select universities. Lecture and practice-based course to expose students to entrepreneurship. Participants are taught various elements of entrepreneurship including design thinking, idea development, lean startup methods, financial and legal matters, and principles of organizations and growth.

THE ASSEMBLY*

The Assembly brings educational institutes, governments and community innovators together in order to foster research and develop leading edge technology, with a defined focus on localization. They offer a calendar of workshops, events, forums, and online interactions taught by thought leaders and innovators.

theassembly.ae

OTHERS

Dubai Entrepreneurship Academy, Mind Cloud Academy, Entrepreneurship Training and Development Center, Quarter Life Campus (Area 2071)

Community Events

Need to find co-founders or team members?

MEETUP.COM

A website that connects you to people with similar interests by sharing with you events and opportunities that are happening near you. Search by industry or interest groups.

meetup.com/find/career-business

STARTUP GRIND

Startup Grind Dubai is a local chapter of the Google for Entrepreneurs-powered Global Start-up community, which connects 400,000 founders in over 200 cities and 85 countries. They host monthly talks with inspirational entrepreneurs.

startupgrind.com/dubai

EXPO 2020 DUBAI YOUTH CONNECT

A World Expo opening October 2020 focused on themes of Opportunity (education,employment, capital and governance), Sustainability (environmental), and Mobility (travel, logistics and movement of people). Youth Connect is a dedicated team to engage youth and nuture a spirit of innovation. Can contact to get connected with events and apprenticeships.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS COMPETITION*

A competition designed to encourage and facilitate the delivery of entrepreneurship and commercial trade to the future youth by providing a truly integrated business environment to ensure that the generations of entrepreneurs are able to innovate and be creative within a competitive business environment.

Incubators

Need help developing your idea?

IN5 INCUBATORS, DUBAI*

Offers training and mentorship programs, office spaces, and hosts networking events to help entrepreneurs bring their idea to life. Located in tech, media and design cities. Cafe space is free to use and offers an opportunity for creative collisions. Also offers tiered subscriptions for university students to established entrepreneurs. And the tech location has a really cool pool!

infive.ae

ASTRO LABS, DUBAI

AstroLabs is a tech startup coworking space, launchpad, and a member of the Google for Entrepreneurs Network. They offer specialized courses in digital business open to the public and customizable for companies. Memberships include 24/7 access, free company license with membership, mentorship and a community.

astrolabs.com

INTELAQ

"Intelaq" is a one-of-a-kind programme launched in the UAE to assist Emiratis residing in Dubai to take their first step into the world of entrepreneurship through small projects in diverse areas practiced at home. The programme aims to provide aspiring business owners with company start-up support through all its phases.

Accelerators

Need to take the next major steps with your startup and scale?

TURN8, DUBAI

A venture fund with a growth accelerator program as well as a follow-on investment fund. Startup participants receive mentorship, training, and year-long business development support.

turn8.co

TECHSTARS, DUBAI

An intensive, mentor-led prestigious global accelerator that supports startups that provide innovative solutions to solving challenges in various sectors. They also offer follow-on funding to alumni through their venture fund.

techstars.com

DUBAI FUTURE ACCELERATORS*

An intensive 9-week program pairing the world's most exciting technology companies with leading government organizations to create transformational solutions. The accelerator takes no equity, and provides access to mentorship, space and other resources.

dubaifutureaccelerators.com/en

Licensing & Funding

Need legal information to establish and support your business?

DUBAI SME*, Agency of the Dubai Economic Department

Government agency to inquire about the registration process for your business, and to get funding. If you are a small or even medium sized business and trying to figure out how to get started, this is the perfect resource for you.

sme.ae

TAS'HEEL CENTER

The center for labor-related processes and to register for your company license.

tasheel.ae

DUBAI MUNICIPALITY

Services center to get approval for business permits especially in food and beverage, consumer products, building, decoration, and construction, public parks, agriculture and more.

dm.gov.ae

UAE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND EMIRATISATION

Ministry to apply for your employee visas.

mohre.gov.ae

KHALIFA FUND

Khalifa funds provides loans (with access to mentorship and capacity-building) for UAE Nationals under certain conditions across various sectors. Applicants must be between 21 - 60 years of age and ready to make a financial contribution to the business of a minimum of 10% or as approved by Khalifa Fund.

khalifafund.ae

MOHAMMED BIN RASHID INNOVATION FUND

A fund worth 2 Billion AED to support resident individuals and companies (of all sizes) registered in the UAE, provided that they offer unique and innovative ideas. These ideas can be technological solutions, products, services or processes. Eligible applicants need to have registered their project as intellectual property of the respective individual or company, and the initial stage of the project must already be established.

mof.gov.ae/en/About/programsProjects/Pages/MohamedBinRashidInnovationBox.aspx

Co-Working Spaces

Looking for other spaces to work?

THE CO-WORKING POPUP

The co-working popup offers a variety of services as well as a space where you can meet other entrepreneurs and work together. Giving the modern day business person a professional and social infrastructure that becomes a social network of like minded professionals at similar and different stages of the business lifecycle.

thebureaudubai.com/social-workspace

LETS WORK DUBAI

Lets Work is a community of co-working spaces across Dubai. They partner with the city's best hotels and restaurants to create inspiring work spaces where their members can work, meet and innovate. Get access to unlimited free drinks, high speed, secure wi-fi, meeting rooms, reserved seating at multiple locations. The best part is that membership is commitment-free.

letswork.io

THE CRIBB*

The Cribb is a coworking space in Dubai that hosts startups, entrepreneurs and gives them an opportunity to connect, collaborate and create together. They host events, training, meetups and workshops. They also offer an online hub for startups and small businesses to network, connect with mentors, and share experiences. Membership includes access to desks, meeting rooms, and the The Cribb Café.

thecribb.co

Marketing

Looking for a way to promote your business?

ENTREPRENEUR MIDDLE EAST*

Entrepreneur middle east is magazine and website that carries news stories about entrepreneurship, small business management, and business.

entrepreneur.com/me

SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS

Use social media influencers as a way to market new businesses as it's an effective method to reach a large amount of people within the society.

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