



# **UF** Incubator

BUSINESS INCUBATOR
JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF UKRAINE UNDER
THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

**KYIV** 2019

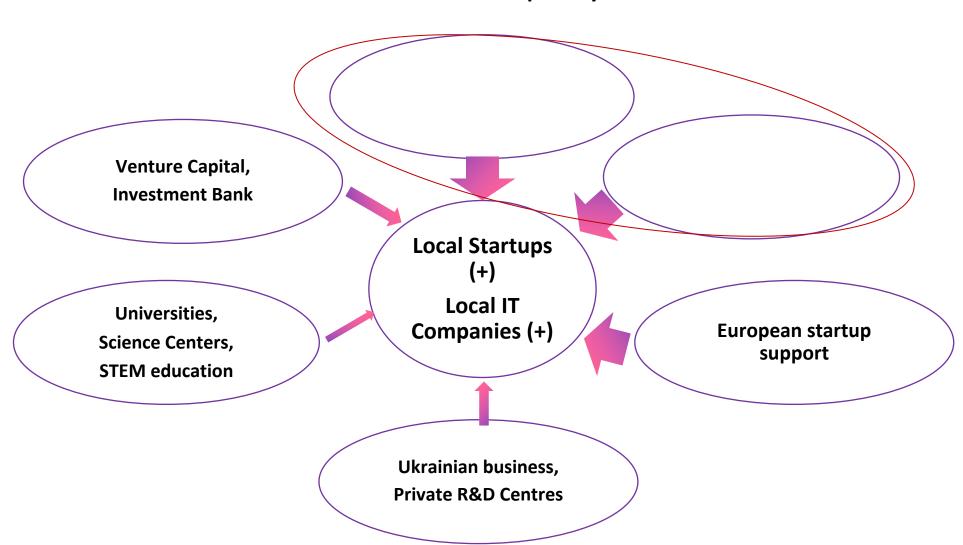


UF Incubator (**U**krainian **F**uture **I**ncubator) was created on the initiative of the Junior Academy of Sciences of Ukraine under the auspices of UNESCO. UF Incubator's main goal is to help young and industrious people to pave their way from an idea on the early stage to its realisation as a successful start-up. Students and alumni of the Junior Academy of Sciences, participants of the contest 'Future of Ukraine' and other contests of innovative projects, and inventors through the selection process to the business incubator's programme have an opportunity to use its infrastructure and get mentorship from experienced specialists and entrepreneurs.





#### **Ukrainian Startup Ecosystem**



Junior Academy of Sciences of Ukraine under the auspices of UNESCO



Junior Academy of Sciences of Ukraine under the auspices of UNESCO is a science educational system, which provides organisation and coordination of research activities of school students, creates the conditions for their intellectual, mental and creative development as well as professional choice. It contributes to the increase of scientific potential of the country.

**250 000** children study annually in **65** scientific departments of the Academy

UF Incubator was established with the aim to deal with a challenge connected with having 250 000 students at the JASU who generate innovative ideas but do not have social recognition through commercialization.



A classical business incubator - its space - is connected to a knowledge centre – university, scientific-research institute, business school etc. (in our case it is the Junior Academy of Sciences under the auspices of UNESCO) with the aim to commercialise innovative ideas of young people (on preferential terms). The main characteristics of such a model are providing premises, mentorship, educational programmes and organisation of informal events, consulting, attraction of investors and providing access to public programmes of funding.





#### **Mission**

Well-being of an individual and their self-realisation is the main component which promotes the economic development of the Ukraine's society.

Main goal: to develop and scale up the activities of young talented entrepreneurs in order to help them become financially independent.





# Main stages

Creation and approval of the Project Conce, with Finnish partners

October-November, 2018

Launch of pilot pre-incubation programmes **Autumn, 2018 - spring-summer,** 

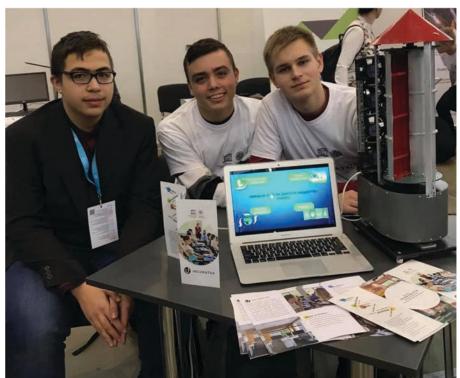
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Implementation of medium- and long-term incubation programmes

**Autumn, 2019** 





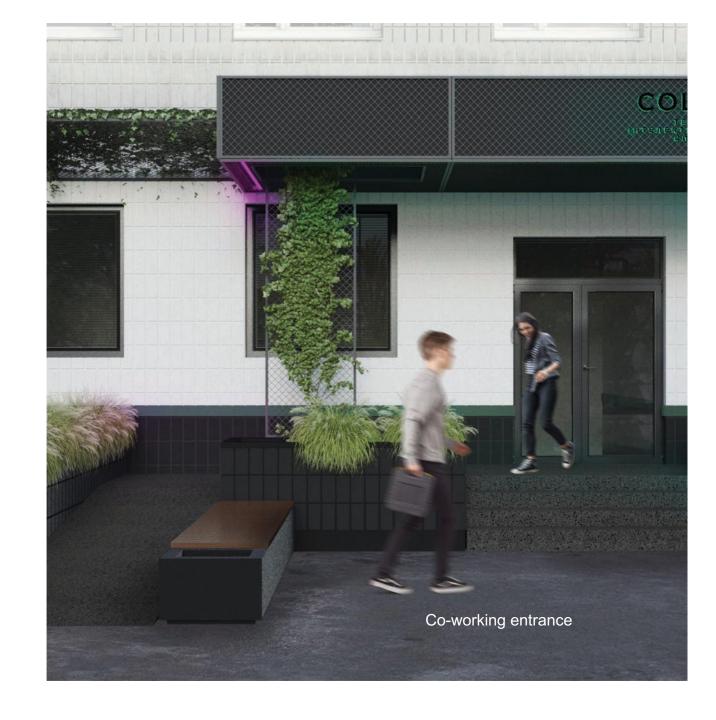


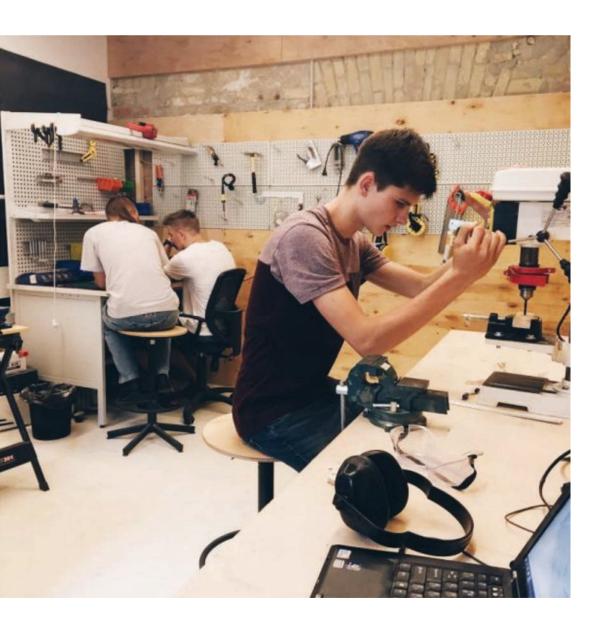
#### **Priority areas**

- engineering;
- electronics and instrument making;
- materials science;
- information and telecommunication systems and technologies;
- ecology and efficient use of resources;
- biotechnology;
- technical creativity and innovation;
- · robotics.

#### **Main activities**

- search and selection of innovative decisions;
- incubation programme realisation;
- provision of business-incubator infrastructure for start-up realisation;
- support in attracting investments;
- business education and consultation.





### **Opportunities for participants:**

- joining business community;
- mentorship by successful and experiences entrepreneurs;
- access to instruments of funding;
- office co-working and prototyping laboratories;
- professional business consulting;
- opportunities to create start-up teams;
- technical support of start-ups.



#### **Main events**

- Short-term programmes 'Startup Week' (realised in partnership with business in the framework of a certain field)
- Long-term educational programmes (Startup School) of a mixed format
- Training in innovative entrepreneurship for teachers
- Hackathons (partnership with business)
- Co-organiser of the International Forum 'Innovation Market' (IEC, November 5-7, 2019)





#### **Biotech Startup School**

#### **April 2019**

UF Incubator organised a start-up school in the field of biotechnology where students and school students, authors of scientific research papers and projects in the field of biotechnology and students of economics department (marketing and finance) took part.

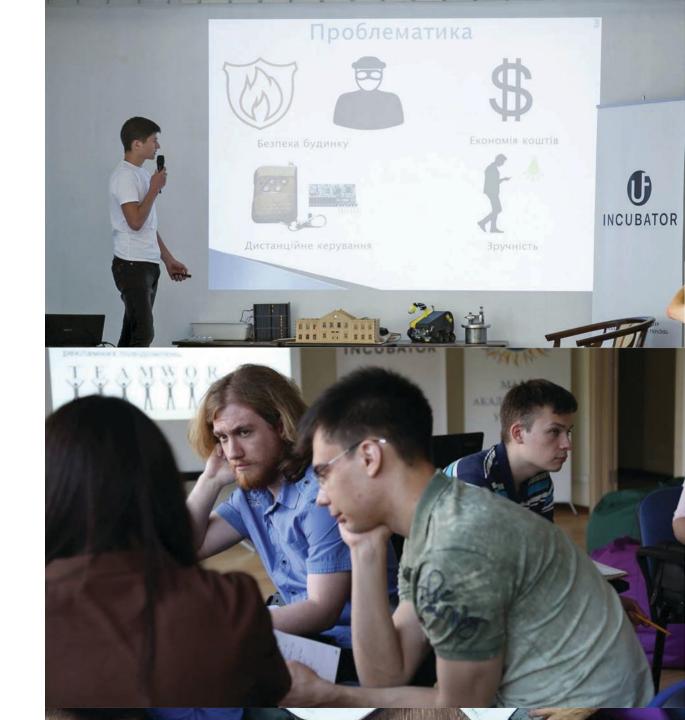
- Duration 1 week
- Business camp format
- Defined field of projects
- Average number of teams 8-9
- Age of participants 15-19
- Result presentation of a team project idea,
   presentation of projects on the walk of start-ups at
   Innovation Market



#### **Startup Intensive**

#### June-July 2019

- Participants authors of projects aged 15 and older
- Duration of programme 3 weeks
- Full-time
- Number of hours studying 75
- Average number of participants up to 15 persons
- Outcomes viable business model of a project
- According to the results of the expert commission meeting further terms of business incubation are determined



#### **Start-up school**

#### Autumn-spring 2019-2020

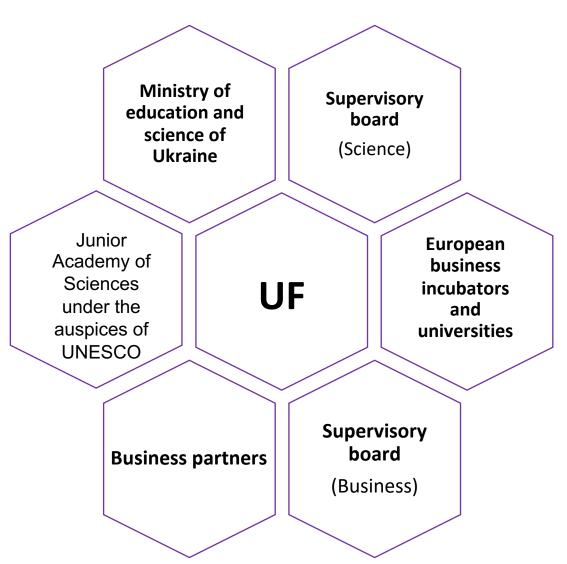
- Participants individual authors of projects and start-up teams
- Time in the incubator 6,5-7 month
- Mixed format
- Average number of participants- up to 20 persons
- Age of participants 15 and older
- Outcomes tested model of an invention and quality investment proposal
- During the educational period an access to incubator resources is provided
- Opportunity to extend the period in the incubator





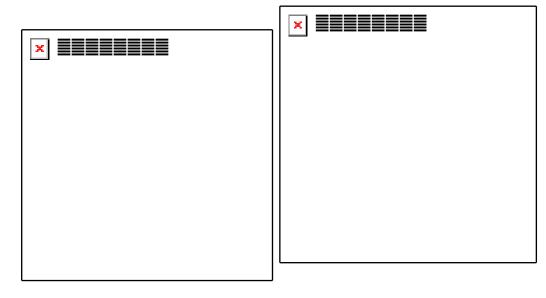


#### Management and support





















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