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FEUP Academic Spin-offs



SPIN•OFF FEUP

Simple or non-participated spin-off - formal companies in which FEUP does not hold any participation. It only requires authorization from the FEUP Board of Directors to use the brand name “FEUP Spin-off”.

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How FEUP will be able to contribute to the company's activity?

- Attributing the FEUP PRIME Affiliate certificate 
- Authorizing the use of FEUP facilities, laboratories or other resources (within Collab. Agreement)
- Authorizing the use of the designation “FEUP spin-off company”
- Identifying skills at FEUP to respond to the company's R&D needs
- Promoting the company's participation in events organized by FEUP
- Promoting the company abroad, as a spin-off of FEUP
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plantz



HALIUS



BNANOTECH





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ONE GOOD STORY: STORMING UNIVERSE



Storming Universe

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Scale **UP**

Meeting at
INOV Unit
Nov, 2023

startup
registered
2024, Jan 25

Incubated at
UPTEC
2024, Jan26

FEUP Spin-
off brand
2024, Jan 31

Application to
CX Prog
Feb, 2024

Start the CX
training
March, 2024

Demo at
Nepal Jul-
Ago 2024

1st Investor
interest
Aug 2024

Investment
deal of **\$750k**
2024, Oct 3

UPTEC

conceptionx

9 MONTHS



FEUP
INOVUNIT

Support for R&I Funding Scientific Programmes for Students



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- Patentability (what may be patented? and when?)
- Patent Application procedures and rules @ UPORTO
- Invention Disclosure application
- IP protection regimes for software
- Negotiation and licensing of technologies
- Negotiation of NDA's or Confidentiality Agreements

Support for Entrepreneurship



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U.PORTO
inovação

iUP25k

iUP25k - The Business Ideas Competition of the University of Porto
a tool for raising awareness of entrepreneurship and the creation of new businesses based on processes of knowledge and innovation valorisation.



BIP - Business Ignition Programme

Using the Lean Start-Up approach,- aims to build and test alternative business models for technologies developed in academia. Business models will be presented and validated on the market, promoting technology transfer and the creation of new businesses.



Support for Entrepreneurship



Conception X is a UK-based venture science programme that helps PhD students and researchers turn their deep tech research into commercial ventures. It combines entrepreneurship training, mentorship, and access to investors.



UPTEC's School of Startups is a training and acceleration programme designed to help entrepreneurs transform innovative ideas into viable businesses — it offers mentorship, business development support, and access to a network of experts, investors, and industry partners, guiding startups from concept to market readiness.

FEUP Stage-Gate Process Innovation

LGP
CHALLENGE
Linking Great Partners

LGP-BRIDGE PROCESS

LGP Master's
Curricular Unit

SALM Master's
Curricular Unit

Pre-Incubation
at **UPTEC** &
Business
Coaching

PROCESS DESIGN

Students from various Masters
Courses at the University of Porto

(*)350 students
28 early stage
academic projects

(*)23 students
6 academic
projects

(*)9 founders
2 startups

Students from various PhD Courses
at the University of Porto

R&D
&
Ideas
Generation

CONCEPTION X
PhD deeptech
CX venture
programme

**MARKET STARTUPS
=
ACADEMIC SPIN-OFFS**

(*) 2024/2025 Cohort



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801
[since 2007]

supported
projects

109
[since 2007]

graduated
companies

231
[2024]

projects

2320
[2024]

people



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THANK YOU!



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