



BRAND NEW RSE **UNLOCKING AMBITION** ENTERPRISE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The inaugural RSE Unlocking Ambition Enterprise Fellowship Programme will invest in up to 20 high-potential entrepreneurs. This is an invitation to entrepreneurs from Scotland, UK and from right across the world to submit ideas which have the potential to be transformative. Do you have an innovative project or idea to start-up a business in Scotland?

Who can apply?

- > Talented and ambitious early-stage innovators, academics and researchers eager to start-up and scale up your business!
- > You don't have to be in Scotland or Scottish – you can be anywhere in the world to apply. You also do not require to have an existing connection to the RSE. The only condition is you agree to relocate or establish your business here in Scotland.

Eligibility

- Be ambitious to learn and eager to start-up and scale up your business!
- Any industry, sector or start-up idea
- The company need not be incorporated by the start of the Programme
- Open to companies with a turnover or investment to date of no more than £150,000
- New or existing start-ups must be established or located in Scotland, UK
- Must complete the application form providing your business proposal and personal entrepreneurial potential by the closing date of Wednesday 2 May 2018 at 17:00 (no late submissions)
- Be available if shortlisted for interview between 5 – 21 June.
- Also be available w/c 25 June for the start of the training programme
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Benefits

Successful applicants will benefit from invaluable time to dedicate and focus on your start-up with personalised support and the grant funding. An RSE Unlocking Ambition Enterprise Fellowship will be awarded to each of the 20 Fellows, operating over a period of 12* months and consisting of the following elements:

- Up to £900,000 total grant funding – £45,000 per fellow (£25,000 maintenance grant and up to £20,000 business development fund)
- A total of over £150,000 worth of comprehensive business training to develop business skills, delivered to the highest standard of international excellence by individuals who have a proven track record of commercial success
- Cutting-edge programme tailored to fit the requirements of each, covering important topics including financial plan, business plan, spin out/start-up process, marketing and sales, securing investment, investor pitching, building your team and scaling your business
- Access to professional, financial and entrepreneurial networks
- A dedicated mentor will support you throughout the programme from one or more of the stakeholder organisations
- Visiting status within an agreed university or research institute

*Note: The RSE Unlocking Ambition Enterprise Fellowship is a 12-month programme. Those demonstrating timely progress and a strong case for further support may be eligible to receive support for a further 12 months. Full terms and conditions apply.

Key Dates

- > The deadline for applications is Wednesday 2 May at 17:00
- > The application review process will take place in May
- > Shortlisted applicants will be invited between 5 – 21 June
- > The 12-month programme starts w/c 25 June

Deadline: **Wednesday 2 May at 17:00** To apply: www.rse.org.uk

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