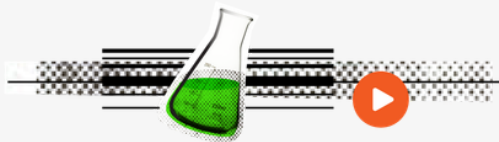


Ready to Start



Explore whether your research has startup potential

4 online evening sessions 20:00-21:00 + 1 live follow-up

- ▶ Could your research create value beyond academia?
- ▶ How do researchers turn knowledge into an opportunity?
- ▶ What does the startup route actually involve?
- ▶ Who could help me and what would be my next step?



A four-week online evening program to learn from real experiences from other researchers and explore together with peers across different universities what might be possible with your research

▶▶▶ For researchers only

Dates and Sessions

Online: Mondays 20:00 - 21:00 | November 9, 16, 23 and 30

Optional: Wednesdays 20:00 - 21:00 | Peer progress sessions

Live: Thursday 16:00 - 17:00 | December 10th follow-up + drinks

Online sessions:

- ▶ Research to opportunity
- ▶ Team & funding
- ▶ Customers & applications
- ▶ Your next step

Live session:

- ▶ Meet the local startup ecosystem, discover the support around you and ask any remaining questions to a VU colleague who turned research into a startup.



“For me, it all began with the realization that I had something that seemed to work and felt that I also had to make it applicable to society”

“I joined out of curiosity and got a clearer view of the entrepreneurial route and where to find the right support”

For PhD candidates, Postdocs and academic staff

Ready to Start is for you if you are curious about valorisation and the potential of your research, or if you already have a startup idea and want to learn how to take it further.

▶ **Explore**

Discover how your research could make a broader impact

▶ **Connect**

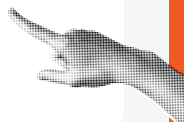
Learn from fellow researchers and tap into the local support ecosystem

▶ **Understand**

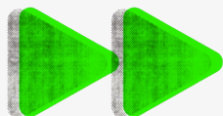
Get a realistic picture of academic startups and the entrepreneurial route

▶ **Navigate**

Get clarity on where to go if you want to continue



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