

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute

London South Bank University's (LSBU) Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute provides students and recent graduates with the support, training and resources to realise their entrepreneurial potential.

We drive our students and graduates to develop enterprise skills and an entrepreneurial mind-set that equips them for success, whether they start a business, work as freelancers or gain employment with a company.

The Institute works across the University to embed enterprise in all curricula and fosters interdisciplinary collaboration. Students and graduates have access to:

- inspirational talks from successful entrepreneurs
- practical skills workshops
- start-up and business accelerator programmes
- one-to-one advice sessions
- commercialisation and intellectual property support
- competitions and challenges

Over the last academic year, approximately 4,500 LSBU students and graduates have engaged in enterprise-related activities, including 60 students registering new innovations in the last year, starting or growing their own businesses.

The Institute is supported by a network of entrepreneurs, start-up experts, businesses and enterprise organisations who collaborate on projects and share their expertise at talks and networking events.

Students and graduates can also access free hot-desking space and meeting facilities at the Clarence Centre for Enterprise and Innovation, LSBU's enterprise hub. The award-winning building, alongside additional space at Technopark, is home to over 70 small businesses and the Institute.

LSBU is a long-standing member of Enterprise Educators UK, a national network of enterprise educators from over 100 British universities. LSBU was recently nominated for the Duke of York Award for University Entrepreneurship in the Lloyds Bank National Business Awards, and is the recipient of the UK Government's StudentSHIP Enterprise Award and a High Impact Award from the Global Entrepreneurship Week Campaign.

The Institute forms part of Research, Enterprise and Innovation (REI) at LSBU, which offers a broader range of services for start-ups, businesses and local organisations, including skills development workshops, business consultancy, knowledge transfer, and SME development programmes. The Department supports staff to embed enterprise within their teaching and organise extra-curricular events. REI also offers free business and legal advice to the local community.