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White City Campus innovation ecosystem

**Locate your business
with the world-leading
STEMB university**

Leverage Europe’s No.1 University

Imperial is a world-leading university for science, technology, engineering, medicine and business (STEMB).

Our number 1 ranking reflects our strengths in research and discovery, employability and outcomes, learning experiences, global engagement, and sustainability.

1st in UK/Europe

QS World University Rankings 2026

University of the Year for graduate employment

The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2026

2nd in the world

QS World University Rankings 2026

1st in the UK for proportion of world-leading research, outputs and environment

UK Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021 (most recent report)



Dianna Nguyen, Specialist Chemical Technician in the Molecular Sciences Research Hub, White City Campus.

Join London's leading deep tech cluster

Imperial's White City Campus is where pioneering entrepreneurship and academic excellence come together.

Part of White City Innovation District – a partnership between Imperial and Hammersmith & City Council – it is London's leading destination for frontier innovation and future industries.

White City Innovation District has created 13,000 jobs and attracted £13 billion of investment since 2017.

When you choose to locate here, your business will thrive in an ecosystem which provides an interconnected network of innovation and technological advancement.

100+

co-located spinouts, startups and scaleups

350+

pieces of specialist equipment and advanced facilities

5,000+

scientists, clinicians, engineers, innovators and students based here



**WHITE CITY
INNOVATION
DISTRICT**

The Injury and Reconstruction Biomechanics Test Suite at The Royal British Legion Centre for Blast Injury Studies in the Sir Michael Uren Hub.

WestTech London

WestTech London is the innovation ecosystem that is empowering the future of scientific and technological collaboration.

Established by Imperial College London, the world-leading STEMB university, WestTech London unites stakeholders around a shared mission to unlock the potential of West London’s innovation landscape. It capitalises on world-class universities and research institutions, a diverse talent pool, rich industrial heritage and major transport links to Britain and the world.

WestTech London is creating a new powerhouse for frontier innovation and entrepreneurship that is generating jobs, attracting investment, driving growth and cementing the UK’s position as a leader in science and technology.

WestTech London today:

1,000

frontier innovation businesses

£9billion

turnover

Based on current growth rates, by 2030 WestTech London could grow to:

1,900

frontier innovation businesses

£26billion

turnover

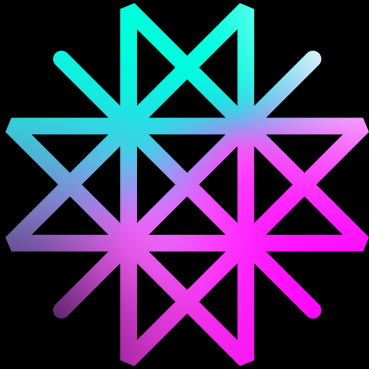
With investment, WestTech London could grow 50% by 2030:

2,500

frontier innovation businesses

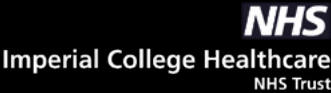
£41billion

turnover



WESTTECH LONDON

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The frontier innovation ecosystem

WestTech London is anchored by four major research and innovation clusters – Albertopolis, Paddington Life Sciences, White City Innovation District and Old Oak Innovation Cluster – and unites the wider West London innovation economy, connecting key science, research and healthcare locations and innovation-led growth areas.

Already part of WestTech London:

Autolus

DNAe

EPOCH
BIODESIGN

IQVIA™

meatly™

Microsoft

MULTUS

NOVARTIS

ORACLE
Health

Quaisr

Quellrx

Resurrect bio

SOLENA

Takeda



“
Everyone we spoke to said the same thing: you can just do things faster here. The setup, the flexibility, the lack of red tape, that’s exactly what we needed. For us, time is the most valuable thing.
”

Dr Linden Schrecker,
CEO, SOLVE Chemistry

SOLVE Chemistry provides kinetic insights and quantitative yield data to pharmaceutical and agrochemical companies who need to speed up process development for organic synthesis.



5 benefits for your business

When you co-locate with Imperial, your business will be supported in a cutting-edge innovation environment that enables scale, success and growth.

1



Co-locate with Imperial

Join the world-leading STEM university and become part of London's leading deep tech and business landscape.

2



World-class talent and leaders

Access Imperial's exceptional graduate talent and collaborate with pioneering academics and researchers.

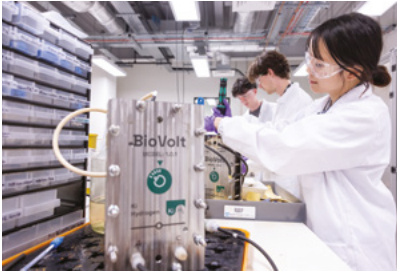
3



Specialist facilities and advanced infrastructure

Utilise state-of-the-art facilities and specialised infrastructure that supports complex R&D.

4



Likeminded innovators

Join more than 100 companies in a dynamic campus environment designed to enable knowledge exchange and collaboration.

5



Network and connections

Embed in a thriving innovation ecosystem where industry and academia come together to deliver breakthrough solutions.

1. Co-locate with Imperial

Imperial attracts the brightest minds in science, medicine and technology. At White City Campus, they converge to spark innovation, deliver real-world impact and create long-term local and global benefits.

Stay one step ahead with proximity to world-leading research outputs and cutting-edge technologies.

Join a community of successful, fast-growing companies – £622 million raised by Imperial White City incubator companies from 2016-2025 and £410 million raised by companies in Scale Space and I-HUB from 2023-2025.

We know what your business needs to succeed, and we're here to support you.

500+

industry collaborations

320

Imperial startups and spinouts since 2019

6,175

jobs supported by our startups and spinouts

2. World-class talent and leaders

When you locate at White City Campus, Imperial's world-class experts, visionary leadership and extended network are on your doorstep. When it's time to grow your business, you're in the perfect place to find and recruit the best talent.

Tap into excellence

From expert consultants and academics to highly skilled researchers and technicians, you can connect with more than 4,500 academic staff across Engineering, Medicine, Natural Sciences and the Imperial Business School.

Recruit outstanding STEM graduates

Our year-round programmes – from careers fairs to internships and summer placements – connect individuals with our business community. Many have benefited from exceptional Imperial students and recent graduates through our SME and White City and Old Oak Internship Schemes.

Elevate your leadership

With Imperial's Lifelong Learning, you can benefit from executive education and CPD courses which support employee enhancement and career growth at every stage. Leaders can access curated networks, thought leadership forums and advisory boards to support their strategic growth.

Access our network

The Imperial network is wide reaching. Your business will benefit from connections that span industry, government, policy makers, investors, and other innovators as well as across our Imperial Global Hubs in India, Singapore, Ghana and the US.



Professor Ed Tate, GSK Chair in Chemical Biology at the Agilent Measurement Suite in White City.

3. Specialist facilities and advanced infrastructure

The state-of-the-art facilities and specialised infrastructure at White City Campus support complex research and development activities across high-growth, deep tech sectors.

“
Being here keeps us connected to world-leading talent, research facilities and a globally competitive innovation ecosystem.
”

James MacDonald,
CEO and Co-Founder, Solena Materials

The Centre for Rapid Online Analysis of Reactions (ROAR) offers state-of-the-art facilities to enable data-centric research in synthesis.

Specialised innovation spaces

Our facilities and hackspaces support businesses at every stage of their innovation journey, facilitating interdisciplinary research, knowledge exchange and collaboration.

Extensive R&D equipment

Our campus is home to more than 350 pieces of specialist technical equipment. This includes equipment for design, engineering and characterisation, as well as synthesising new materials, product design and materials testing, and clinical trials. These are all supported by expert technical teams to enable rapid development and testing.

Designed for scaling

Collaborative infrastructure reduces upfront capital investment, de-risks the operating model and fast-tracks innovation success.

4. Likeminded innovators

More than 100 businesses are located at the White City Campus. You can join them and become part of this thriving innovation ecosystem.



Ki Hydrogen is using biomass electrolysis to create the world's most affordable green hydrogen and biogenic carbon.

A collaborative environment

Immerse your business in an energetic campus environment and connect with pioneering founders and peers who are powering innovative thinking and deep tech breakthroughs.

Enrich your employee offer

London's leading destination for deep tech provides unrivalled opportunities for your team to advance their professional capacity.

Discover new and emerging technologies

You can take advantage of ground-breaking research work and breakthrough technologies that are happening in and around White City Campus.

Be inspired by ideas and insights

Your business will benefit from the latest deep tech insights and sector advances which are circulating in the ecosystem.

5. Network and connections

White City Campus is your gateway to Imperial's deep tech infrastructure. You will connect with fellow innovators, potential collaborators and investors, and future employees.



Industry conference hosted by the Department of Brain Sciences at Sir Michael Uren Hub, White City Campus

- Be supported by dedicated partnership managers from Imperial who can facilitate access, make introductions and share knowledge.
- Join technology seminars and training programmes at discounted rates, and receive invites to internal VIP events.
- Attend Imperial-linked events and conferences such as the Centre for Sectoral Performance (CESP) and Imperial Policy forum.
- Attend networking events at Scale Space, leadership groups at I-HUB and LevelUp workshops at Advanced Hackspace.

“There is so much energy and enthusiasm and a real entrepreneurial atmosphere at the White City Campus. It has been such an important part of our company’s development.”

Julian Melchiorri,
CEO, Arborea

Starting and scaling

Incubators and growth spaces

IMPERIAL
INCUBATOR



I - HUB

Events and networking



NEXUS

Accelerators

MedTechONE

DIANA

Undaunted



Specialist equipment and prototyping support, including

IMPERIAL
ADVANCED HACKSPACE



HENRY
ROYCE
INSTITUTE



IMPERIAL
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING
Department of Bioengineering

BEZOS CENTRE
FOR SUSTAINABLE PROTEIN



Royce at Imperial, part of the Henry Royce Institute, is a hub for startups, industry and academia to make, test and characterise materials, components and systems.

A space to suit every business

Locate your business at the intersection of science, industry and academia in the heart of Imperial's deep tech ecosystem.

With cutting-edge labs, expert support and a dynamic network of founders, researchers and talent, your business will be on track to transform discovery into real-world impact.

Top right – CipherX is a multidisciplinary team of engineers and designers advancing micro-scale technologies to create seamless, minimally invasive ways to interface with the human body.

Bottom right – M-Spin produces ultra-high surface area metallic and ceramic nanofibrous materials for electrochemical systems, electronics, thermal management, and chemical catalysis.

Imperial Incubator: a first home for startups



Imperial Incubator is a first home for lab-based startups. Members gain access to all the resources for growth: move-in-ready labs and offices, shared facilities and specialist guidance tailored to the unique needs of early-stage ventures.

At a glance

- Locate in light, bright shared or private labs and office spaces with incredible amenities and a ready made community on site. Founders can upsize or resize as the business evolves.
- Hands-on support including access to coaching and mentoring, introductions to experts, training and business growth programmes.
- Since 2016, more than 60 companies located at Incubator have raised £622 million in investment and a further £41 million in grant funding. Businesses located here have an 80% startup survival rate.



Scale Space: a dynamic innovation hub

Scale Space gives ambitious early-stage startups and scaleups access to the people, services and space they need to grow. A versatile and dynamic tech hub, Scale Space is backed by Imperial and Blenheim Chalcot.

At a glance

- Join early-stage and established businesses who are leading the way in tech, science, sustainability and AI.
- Utilise fully serviced office and lab spaces. These are specially designed to drive innovation and match your growth.
- Access vetted scientific suppliers and service partners to accelerate your success.
- Propel your growth with monthly learning and development (L&D) sessions and regular supplier drop-ins.
- Connect and collaborate at networking events or wind down after work in the on-site bar.

Modulr is driving the future of finance operations with a payments automation platform that streamlines money movement.



I-HUB: the home for scientific innovators



I-HUB is a purpose-built environment with bespoke labs and flexible workspaces. This is the place where startups can scale, while established businesses can move directly into larger spaces.

At a glance

- Unlock your business' potential with fully equipped labs or flexible workspace designed to support ambitious R&D activity at scale.
- Modular labs provide fully fitted environments for early to mid-stage companies, while larger labs can be custom-designed for single occupiers.
- Designed for adaptability, our spaces help businesses innovate faster, scale sustainably and collaborate in a dynamic environment.
- We have partnered with award-winning workspace provider, Central Working, to offer flexible co-working, fixed offices and virtual HQs.



I-HUB on White City Campus.

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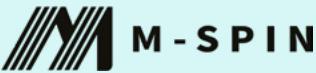
Success stories

M-Spin at Imperial Incubator

What?
M-Spin produces ultra-high surface area metallic and ceramic mats that enhance the performance of electrolyzers, fuel cells and batteries, supporting the global transition to low-carbon energy.

When?
Founded in 2024.

Why Imperial?
Being on White City Campus gives M-Spin access to state-of-the-art facilities like the Henry Royce Institute, which has enabled the company to accelerate the creation, testing and characterisation of materials, components and systems. The Imperial Incubator was the ideal first home for M-Spin, giving it the space and support to progress the commercialisation of its revolutionary metallic mat technology.



The path to success
An Imperial spinout, M-Spin launched in November 2024, with £1.2 million in seed funding. Its deep science innovation emerged from academia and is on course to transform large-scale industrial processes.

“Imperial Incubator’s professionalism and ability to coordinate across the Imperial ecosystem and wider network has been extremely valuable.”

Dr Robin Francis,
Co-founder and CEO, M-Spin

FreshCheck at I-HUB

What?
Founded by Imperial alumni, FreshCheck has developed a colour-change swab system that provides instant, visual confirmation of bacteria. As the system doesn’t require hardware or lab work, its potential application is vast.

When?
Founded in 2015.

Why Imperial?
When FreshCheck was founded, Imperial’s entrepreneurial ecosystem was able to connect the company to competitions, programmes and services to help them take key steps.

White City Campus has also played an important role, supporting FreshCheck at every stage of its development. The community of like-minded startups, access to top talent and equipment, made it the perfect location to help the business grow to the next stage.



The path to success
FreshCheck’s early-stage development work took place at the Advanced Hackspace in White City Campus and the company’s first lab was in the Imperial Incubator, where they developed their business and technology. Now established in I-HUB, with validation by Campden BRI – the food innovation testing body – partnerships with major UK food producers and further investment, FreshCheck is expanding its product range and exploring new healthcare applications.

“With the other startups around us we are able to access a network of experts who are all ready, willing and able to help each other out.”

John Simpson,
Founder and CEO, FreshCheck

Puraffinity at Scale Space

What?
Puraffinity develop materials that help remove harmful chemicals from water. Their PFAS-capturing material delivers advanced water solutions for a sustainable future.

When?
Founded in 2015.

Why Imperial?
Puraffinity was formed by Henrik Hagemann and Gabi Santosa, students in Imperial’s Department of Bioengineering. The founders took part in several Imperial Entrepreneurship programmes, including the Venture Catalyst Challenge, WE Innovate and Undaunted’s climate accelerator.



The path to success
Puraffinity graduated out of Imperial Incubator into Scale Space. In September 2024, Puraffinity appointed new CEO, water industry veteran Vincent Caillaud. The company secured £6.73 million in new investment from BGF, which completed Puraffinity’s £16.93 million Series A funding round.

“Being based in the heart of London’s life sciences and tech cluster positions us to grow rapidly and efficiently.”

Vincent Caillaud,
CEO, Puraffinity

Quell at I-HUB

What?
Quell is the world leader in engineered T-regulatory (Treg) cell therapies to address serious medical conditions driven by the immune system.

When?
Founded in 2019.

Why Imperial?
As a young company in a highly scientific sector, Quell needed a location that aided talent attraction and retention, as well as being convenient for global investors and partners to visit. Collaboration with a public biotech company in White City has helped to accelerate its program of life-changing therapies.



“This is the right environment to enable us to attract and retain the talent we need to succeed in this fast-moving field.”

Iain McGill,
CEO, Quell

The path to success
Since founding, Quell has grown from one person to a team of 150 scientists, program managers and strategists. The company has raised over US\$300 million of capital and formed a partnership with AstraZeneca. It is now advancing clinical trials.

A flourishing ecosystem

White City Campus is one of Imperial’s campuses and part of the WestTech London innovation ecosystem.



Grapht Works, North Acton

Where the future gets made

Grapht Works is London’s first dedicated facility for pilot and demonstration advanced manufacturing. It offers flexible industrial-scale space for scaling science and tech businesses. Located in Old Oak Innovation Cluster, Grapht Works brings together a new cohort of exciting innovators and benefits from fantastic infrastructure and connection to Imperial’s innovation network.

One Portal Way, North Acton

Where science and tech businesses grow

A partnership of Imperial and Sciopolis, experts in flexible science and tech spaces, this space offers high quality, affordable lab and office space for up to 30 scaling businesses. One Portal Way will give scaleups the space and community they need to grow, supported by Sciopolis and Imperial Incubator. With fully fitted spaces and cost-effective, flexible terms, companies can move in and start building.

Leap in ARC West London, Hammersmith Riverside

A campus designed for innovation

Leap is a partnership of Imperial Incubator and ARC (Advanced Research Clusters). Located in the Refinery building at the ARC West London Campus in Hammersmith, Leap removes barriers for founders by offering science-ready bench space in fully equipped labs. Flexible leases and hands-on support mean startups have the freedom to focus.

Are you ready to connect?

Whether you are working in healthtech, medtech, AI, sustainability, space or security, you can plan, launch and grow your business in one location.

Let’s start the conversation.

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