



deep-tech pre-commercialisation programme



If you believe you have an idea in deep-tech sectors, that have a potential to be commercialised, join the explorer programme and explore the initial steps you need to take on your journey

learn from the best...

























explorer pre-commercialisation programme 2026 is a collaboration led by Irish Photonics Integration Centre (IPIC)* and Tyndall National Institute, supported by ams-OSRAM and IPCEI Microelectronics and Communication Technology and Enterprise Ireland, Atlantic Bridge, Nova UCD, eg Technology, CONNECT Centre*, MIDAS Ireland and Research Ireland.

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explorer is a 3-month training and mentorship pre-commercialisation programme for a cohort of 8-10 teams in deep-tech areas, mainly hardware. It will nurture high-potential teams & technology- holders on their path:

- 1. to start the spin-off journey
- 2. to learn about commercialisation of the technology
- 3. to develop industrial and entrepreneurial soft skills



deep-tech

sectors and applications we target

Areas such as (but not restricted to):



Photonics



Semiconductor



Electronics



Advanced Material



Embedded Software



Quantum



Environment



Energy



Healthcare



Agriculture



benefits

What will attendees gain?

Enhanced entrepreneurial skills in deep-tech Get ready to apply for Enterprise Ireland available fundings up to 0.5 million

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10+ deep-tech startup cofoundersas mentor/ workshop instructor3 mentorship sessions per team

Build a network with emerging startups

Direct engagement with industry partners and entrepreneurs



Peer to peer learning
Experts' feedback sessions

guidelines

Ideal applicant looks like:

Team of 2-4 people, residents of the island of Ireland.

Have high-potential, deep-tech, early stage idea. Technology readiness level 3 to 5.

If you are not sure whether you are fulfilling the criteria, reach out to us on explorer@tyndall.ie and we can discuss your eligibility

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it is delivered?

Starting in February for 3 months

3-hour workshops weekly mainly Online







Mentorship sessions
Peer to peer
discussions

3 in-person events in Cork & Dublin



timeline



Module titles and order

Workshop 1	explorer LaunchPad Overview & Team Building	05 February 2026
Workshop 2	Big Picture, IP and Competitive landscape	06 February 2026
Workshop 3	Technology Enabled Product Development	12 February 2026
Workshop 4	Customer engagement for tech product	05 March 2026
Workshop 5	Market Development for early stage deep-tech startups	12 March 2026
Workshop 6	Technology Commercialisation Funding options	09 April 2026
Workshop 7	Putting the story together & step to Commercialisation Fund	16 April 2026
Show Case Day	Present the outcomes to the audience	07 May 2026

There will be mentorship sessions as well as feedback meetings in between the workshops weekly/bi-weekly, Details subject to change

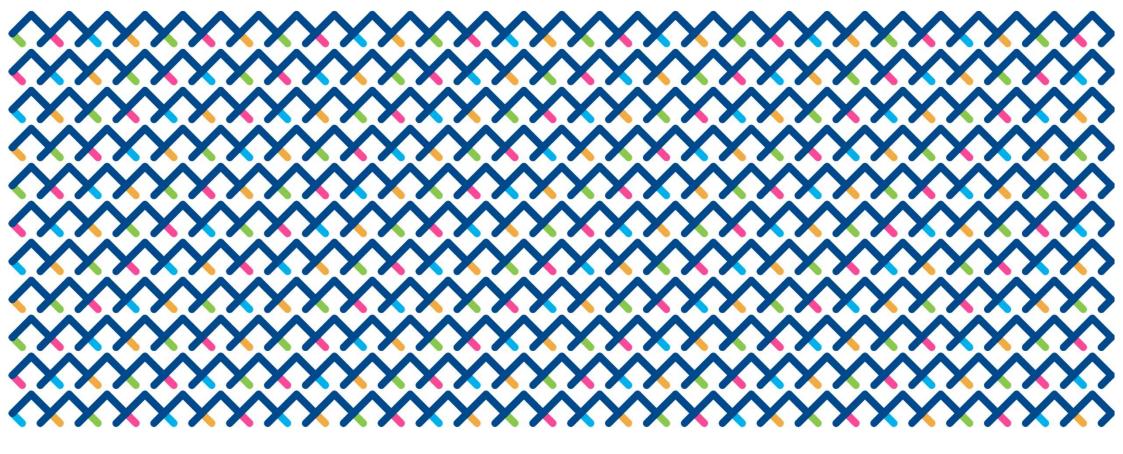


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Application deadline: 30th November 2025

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