



UCT's Entrepreneurial and Innovation Ecosystem

This map aims to orientate students and researchers at the University of Cape Town and provide key information regarding our local innovation ecosystem. The intention is to inform would-be entrepreneurs of spatial and contact information for incubators, accelerators and funders. The map also details some exciting spin-out companies that have arisen from UCT's research. The information presented is sourced from the latest publicly-available resources at the time of printing and may change from time to time. UCT does not promote or endorse any one particular resource over another through inclusion/exclusion from this map.



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1	Raymond Ackerman Academy of Entrepreneurial Development	www.ackermanacademy.co.za	Offers an inspiring and innovative six month, full time programme in entrepreneurial development.
2	The Craft and Design Institute	www.thecdi.org.za	CDI is a non-profit company that offers a sector for crafts and design, aimed at enabling people and formulating creative enterprise trading in markets- locally and internationally
3	Shanduka Black Umbrellas	www.shandukablackumbrellas.wordpress.com	Enterprise development service provider focusing on the low levels of entrepreneurship and high failure rate of 100% black owned emerging businesses.
4	Savant	www.savant.co.za	Hardware technology incubator that provides bespoke business development support.
5	MEST Incubator	www.meltwater.org	Co-working Space where leading startups, entrepreneurs and members of the Pan-African tech community can come together to meet, work and build.
6	The Startup Hatchery	www.thestartuphatchery.com	The Startup Hatchery is a virtual incubator for entrepreneurs, innovators and change makers.
7	The Barn - Woodstock Exchange	www.citi.org.za/bandwidth-barnwoodstock/	Offers funding, social capital and business skills to financially incapable businesses.
8	Furntech	www.furntech.org.za	Business incubation & skills development in furniture manufacturing.
9	Springlab	www.springlab.com	Offers business development support, marketing, investment and office space for entrepreneurs.
10	Edge Growth	www.edgegrowth.com	Strategy & Advisory, SME growth support, fund management and programme management.
11	New Ventures Studio	www.newventuresstudio.co.za	Focused on the process of start-up creation using a multi-disciplined and highly effective infrastructure.
12	Playlogix	www.playlogix.com	Partners with entrepreneurs to build iterations of product that validate customer and business needs.
13	RLabs Innovation Incubator	www.rlabs.org	Offers a 12 week decentralized programme where the focus is to develop and accelerate innovative startups.
14	The Business Place	www.thebusinessplace.co.za	Assists entrepreneurs with tender application processes.
15	UCT GSB Solution Space	www.gsbolutionspace.uct.ac.za	An ecosystem for early-stage start-ups and a research and development platform for corporates.
16	Bandwidth Barn Khayelitsha	www.citi.org.za	Initiative operative offering funding, social capital and business skills to financially incapable.
17	LaunchLab	www.launchlab.co.za	Early-stage startups & business incubation support; 10 wk acceleration programme.

Accelerator

18	Startupbootcamp-AfriTech	www.startupbootcamp.org	Supports early-stage technology founders in rapidly scaling their companies, by providing access to international networks of applicable mentors, partners and investors in their industry.
19	National Youth Development Agency	www.nyda.gov.za	Plays a significant role in ensuring that government, private sector and civil society, prioritise youth development and implement lasting solutions which address youth development challenges.
20	Impact Amplifier	www.impactamplifier.co.za	Offers accelerator and training programmes to prepare high growth impact businesses ready for investment.
21	Rise	www.thinkrise.com	Access to mentors, technology and networks.
22	Global Cleantech Innovation Programme (GCIP)	www.tia.org.za	Implemented by The GEF, UNIDO and TIA to promote clean technology innovation.
23	Grindstone Accelerator	www.knifecap.com	Structured entrepreneurship development programme for high-growth innovation-driven companies.

Funders

41	Technology Innovation Agency	www.tia.org.za	TIA is a national public entity that functions as the key institutional intervention to bridge the innovation void between R&D from higher education institutions, science councils, public entities, private sector and commercialisation
42	South African Medical Research Council	www.mrc.ac.za	SAMRC funds research and innovation in prevalent communicable and non communicable diseases.

UCT Spin-Out Companies

24	Cell - Life	www.mhealtholutions.co.za	Improving lives of people infected and affected by HIV in South Africa through the appropriate use of mobile technology.
25	Lumkani	www.lumkani.com	A social enterprise that addresses the challenge of shack/slum fires in urban informal settlements in South Africa and across the globe.
26	Antrum Biotech	www.twitter.com/antrumbiotech	Provides quality diagnostics for important diseases at affordable prices.
27	Strait Access Technologies	www.straitaccess.com	Redefining treatment of heart valve disease by extending transcatheters solutions for Rheumatic Heart Disease patients.
28	Impulse Biomedical	www.impulsebiomed.com	Impulse is a UCT multi-medical devices start-up aimed at providing necessary health-care technologies.
29	Nurture Restore Innovate	www.nurturestoreinnovate.wordpress.com	Integrates ecological research, business entrepreneurship, and socio-economic needs.
30	Abalobi	www.abalobi.org	Non-profit organisation that is an open, transdisciplinary and social learning endeavour centralised on traditional fishers.
31	HyPlat	www.hyplat.com	HyPlat is a specialist fuel cell technology company focused on delivering best-in-class products to the sector.
32	DroneSAR	www.dronesar.com	Innovative SAR solutions for agricultural applications.
33	Elemental Numerics		Makes use of computational fluid dynamics which enable modelling of the dynamics of fluid flow.
34	Dream Haven	www.rci.uct.ac.za	Focused on medical devices that address sleep apnoea.
35	ATTRI	www.attri.co.za	Advanced Tumor and Trauma Reconstruction Implants.
36	CapeRay	www.caperay.com	Innovative breast scanning technology.
37	Cape Catalytix	www.capecatalytix.com	Manufactures catalysis test units that have been supplied by UCT to other institutions in South Africa for their research.
38	PST Sensors	www.pstsensors.com	Technology company focused on printed electronics and sensors.
39	Cape Bio Pharms	www.capebiopharms.com	Utilises plant-based protein expression.
40	Hot Platinum	www.hotplatinum.com	Focused on the development and manufacturing of innovative induction heating systems for processing precious and base metals.



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