1 unique ecosystem, with students, researchers, startups, project leaders, companies, investors and academic, institutional and industry partners

6 months the time incubation takes with X-UP

30+ workshops for each incubation program

3 check points over the six-month incubation period, when startups are challenged by external investors and entrepreneur groups

20 k€ for each startup grant paid to the project leader, on behalf of the team

23 research labs at l’X close to the Ecole Polytechnique Innovation Center

5,000 m² for the Drahi-X Novation Center, which welcomes project leaders, entrepreneurs, researchers, students, companies, lecturers

570 companies worldwide led by Ecole Polytechnique alumni

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Early stage startup incubator

Helping you develop your business project in an ecosystem that is dynamic, technology-based and innovative.

"Support from the X-UP incubator was a time-saver for me. Entrepreneurs in residence help us on a daily basis with many different issues."

Ali Azadi, Ubique Co-Founder, X-UP Program #7

OBJECTIVES
- Structuring your startup
- Your proof of concept
- Creating and testing your prototype
- Consolidating your market research and business model
- Drawing up an ambitious and detailed roadmap
- Preparing and launching your funding plan
- Methodology: design thinking, lean startup, pitch
- Think international right from the start

RESOURCES
- Entrepreneurs-in-residence support and challenge you
- Connecting with Ecole Polytechnique engineering advisors and with a Senior Designer
- Access to high-tech prototyping, as well as to training and engineering expertise
- CISCO data center for startups with a development platform
- Connecting with earlier incubation and booster program participants and with students, partners, companies and successful entrepreneurs
- Open-space offices, access to the center’s meeting and connection platforms: perks, community, job board
- The research center, excubation partners, the innovation center’s internal and external events are all nearby

KEY STRENGTHS
- Pre-incubation or external incubation for projects outside France
- Practical help: defining your objectives
- KPI monitoring and weekly updates
- Advice on building a prototype
- Connecting with the Ecole Polytechnique ecosystem
- Meeting successful entrepreneurs / startups
- Expert workshops, weekly workshops on key issues
- One mentor per topic
- Raising awareness on international development

PROCEDURES
- First selection following application, then interview with our internal committee
- One-month pre-incubation period followed by interview with the final selection committee
- Program open to all entrepreneurs, from Ecole Polytechnique or not
- Six-month program, renewable once, starting in February or September
- Ecole Polytechnique has a minority stake in startups supported
- Online applications twice a year on www.polytechnique-entrepreneurship.fr
The innovation center for mature tech startups

Revealing all of your startup’s potential, in a European center of excellence. Helping you develop your high-tech, innovative startup in a unique environment dedicated to entrepreneurship and research.

"Thanks to Ecole polytechnique, I’m in daily contact with a cutting-edge research center, incubator, which I need to move my company forward."

Pierre Trémolières, Accenta President

KEY STRENGTHS
• One of Europe’s most dynamic areas: world-class academic institutions and global industry in close proximity
• A unique ecosystem: students, researchers, leaders, young startups, corporate partners, investors
• Other tech startups at a similar stage of progression are nearby

RESOURCES
• Modern spaces entirely dedicated to entrepreneurship, innovation and prototyping, open 24/7
• A place dedicated to deeptech startups
• Close to the Ecole Polytechnique Innovation Center: 23 research labs covering the main scientific fields
• Connection with startups at various stages of maturity, with easy and direct interactions right here
• Option of offering projects to Ecole Polytechnique students, to help you grow your project and help them complete their course
• Priority 24/7 access to a fully-equipped prototyping facility, with preferential conditions
• Offices with 2 to 5 workstations, meeting rooms, open 24/7

PROCEDURES
• Committing to fully engage in the life of the center by having part of your team there, and not simply having a postal address
• Application file (project presentation and executive summary)
• Register your interest using the form on www.polytechnique-entrepreneurship.fr
The high-tech prototyping facility

The X-FAB prototyping facility enables entrepreneurs to work directly on their project. This is a 1,000m² high-tech prototyping facility for the creation and development of innovative products. It is for entrepreneurs, students and researchers and it can also be accessed by X-Corporate partners.

"The Ecole polytechnique accelerator provided me with the most comprehensive prototyping facility I have seen in the various acceleration processes I went through."

Nelly Pitt, CEO & Founder Beauty Mix

KEY STRENGTHS
- 1,000 m² dedicated to prototyping, ideation and exchanges around technology
- User training for specific projects
- Sharing machine know-how with entrepreneurs, project leaders, students and industry players
- The two experts in the facility will help and challenge you with your iteration techniques

RESOURCES
About 40 machines in different fields
Extensive range of high-tech equipment including:
- Laser cutting, CO2 and fiber
- Vinyl cutter and heat press machine
- Electronic assembly and test bench
- Textile equipment
Advanced Digital Manufacture Workshop
- Range of multi-material 3D printers (FFM, Polyjet, composite, large format, single and dual extrusion)
- 3 axis CNC mailing machine
- PCB making mailing machine
- Thermoforming machine

E-LAB
Hardware
- CPU power
- VR/AR equipment
- Graphics tablets
- 3D scanners
Robotics
Software
- CAO (mechanical and electronical)
- Simulation

PROCEDURES
- Training by staff in charge of the facility is required to use the machines
- Equipment must be used correctly and any problems with the machines need to be reported, so that the facility can continue to be used by all X-FAB community members
- Tech project

OTHER BENEFITS
- 4 engineers from Ecole Polytechnique labs can be called on to help where required
- Connecting with designers
- Data Center / Cisco Solution Garage
- Proximity: corporate partners’ expertise
What next?

Being a member of the startup community opens doors for you.

KEY STRENGTH
- Being a member of a community of entrepreneurs and project leaders in a world-class engineering school with an extended network

RESOURCES
- Accessing a community platform to connect with entrepreneurs who went through programs before/after you, who you can ask for help with interactions, networking, and sourcing competencies, online.
- The option to work with us, if you would like to, by becoming a mentor/talking about your experience or connecting us with interested project leaders
- Having the opportunity to attend accelerator/incubator events
- Being able to continue posting employment opportunities on our job board
- Suggesting collective scientific projects ("PSC") to Year 2 students to help them engage them in one of your projects and in doing so adding an extra dimension to their course
- The possibility of asking us for help with introductions

PROCEDURES
- Maintaining positivity within the network and in exchanges among members
- Making the community aware of any opportunities you feel may be of interest

The Ecole Polytechnique Innovation Center welcomes the R&D and R&I teams of major groups excubating part of their services over a period of years.

Your objective: accelerating your innovation process, by connecting quickly and on daily basis with a range of people: students, researchers, project leaders, the more mature startups.

Our objective: enabling all players (startups, students, researchers etc.) in the Ecole Polytechnique Innovation Center to benefit from your expertise as a leading global group, within easy reach of your sites.

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