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FUTURE SPACE
10 YEARS OF IMPACT

WHERE HIGH-TECH STARTUPS BECOME HIGH-GROWTH SCALEUPS

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Ten years of turning ideas into impact.

The most exciting innovations happen when ambitious people and fresh thinking come together. That was the vision behind Future Space when we opened in 2016: to create more than a workspace, building an environment where high-tech startups could scale, university research could find real-world applications, and new talent could shape the future.

Ten years on, Future Space has supported **178** businesses, helped create **965** jobs, developed **588** new products, services and patents, and helped businesses attract over **£136 million** in funding. But behind these numbers are the people, partnerships and innovations making a real difference. This report celebrates our first decade, explores what we've learned, and looks ahead to what comes next.




smart socks
from milbotix
COMFORT
Fall prevention and distress management for residential care
Underlying that notification

THE ORIGINAL VISION

Innovation needs more than an idea.

Turning promising technology into a successful business requires the right environment, expertise, talent and opportunities to collaborate.

Future Space was created to bridge that gap. Established in 2016 through the UK Government's University Enterprise Zone programme, Future Space combines UWE Bristol's research, facilities and talent with Oxford Innovation Space's specialist business support expertise. The ambition was simple: to create more than a workspace, connecting businesses with everything they need to innovate and grow.





2016 TO 2026

TEN YEARS IN NUMBERS

£136.8M
RAISED
OVER 10 YEARS

178
BUSINESSES
OVER 10 YEARS

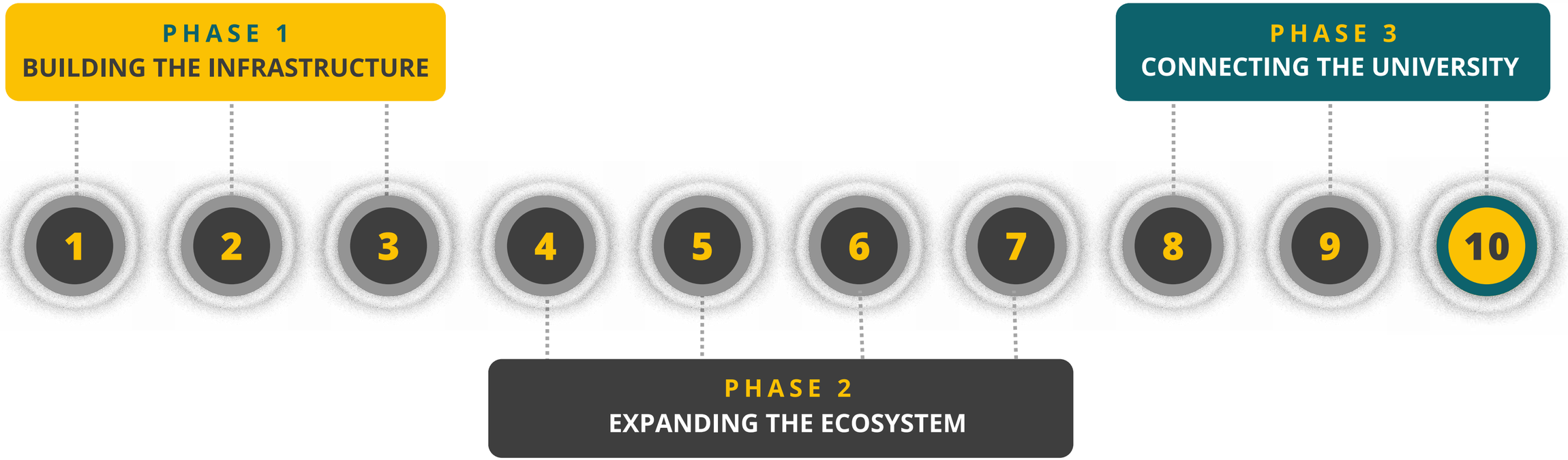
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OUR TEN YEAR JOURNEY



Ten years. Three chapters. One ambition.

Future Space did not become the innovation centre it is today overnight. Our first decade has been a continuous process of development. What began as an investment in physical infrastructure has evolved into a much broader ecosystem connecting businesses, research, talent and commercial opportunity.







YEARS 1 - 3

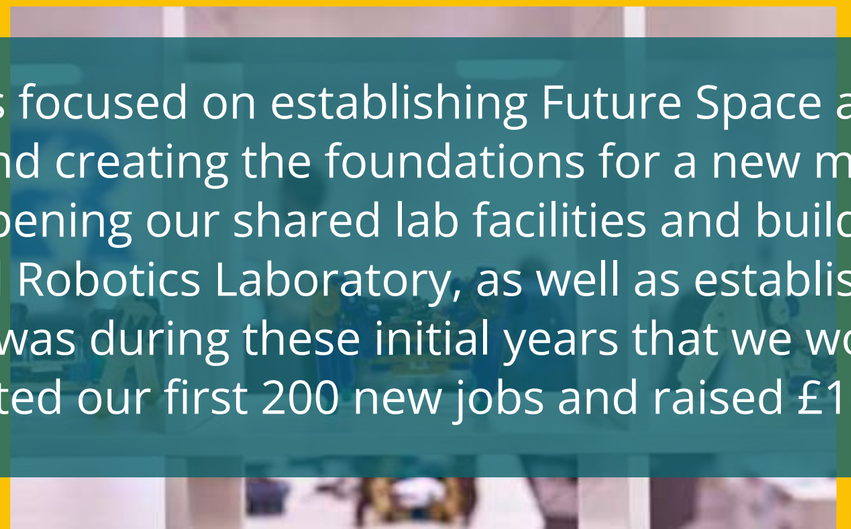
BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE

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Our first three years was focused on establishing Future Space as a home for ambitious technology businesses and creating the foundations for a new model of university-linked innovation. This included opening our shared lab facilities and building a pipeline of university spin-outs through the Bristol Robotics Laboratory, as well as establishing our student internship scheme with UWE Bristol. It was during these initial years that we won our first award, acheived 95% occupancy, created our first 200 new jobs and raised £10M+ in a single year.



UNI HUB TO NURTURE EXCITING START-UPS





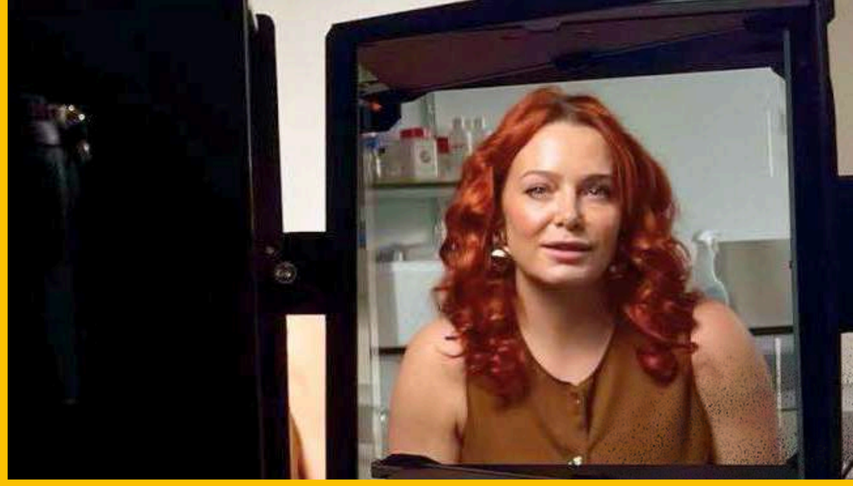


Research and workspace make great lab partners









YEARS 4 - 7

EXPANDING THE ECOSYSTEM

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Our next three years were focused on building out the business community, strengthening our support networks and making new connections between entrepreneurs and industry specialists, forming our Advisory_Space pool of partners. Key successes during this period reolved around the ‘100s’ - our first 100 businesses moved in, our first 100 new jobs were created, and it was the first time we achieved 100+ collaborations between UWE Bristol and our resident companies.


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YEARS 8 - 10

CONNECTING THE UNIVERSITY

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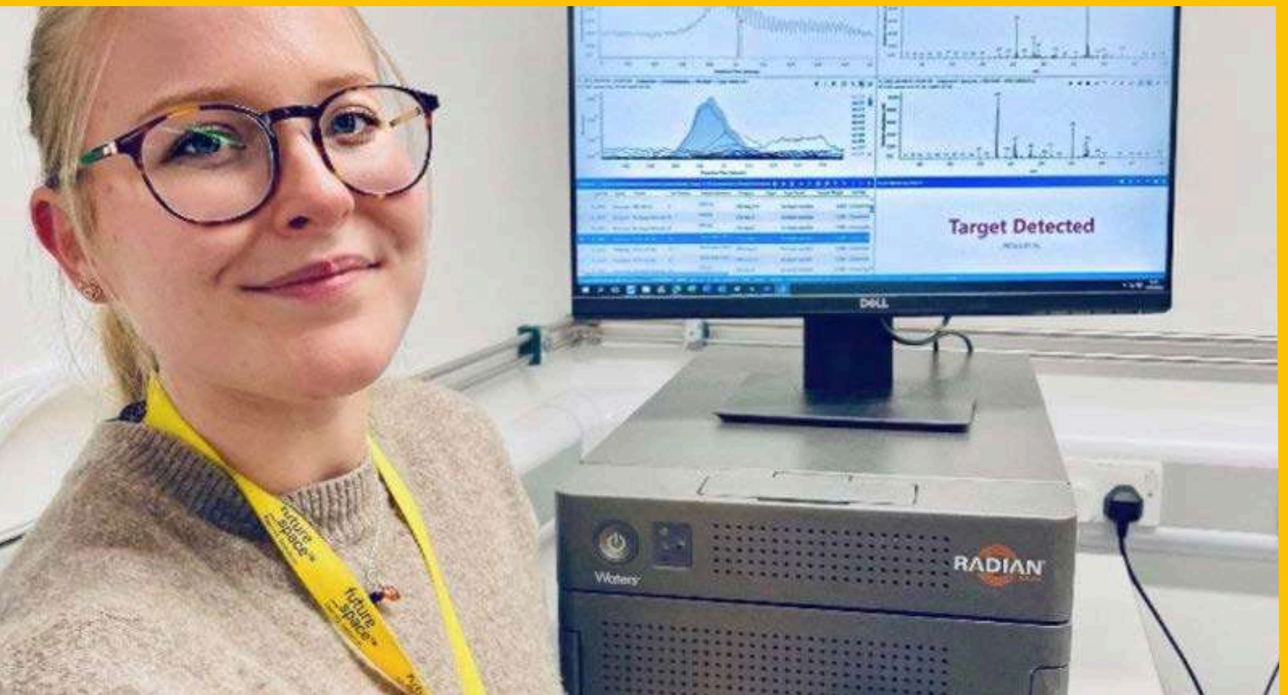




The most recent years have been focused on developing deeper and more structured pathways into university research, facilities and talent, while expanding opportunities for businesses to grow. This includes building R&D and Talent Engines with UWE Bristol, creating Future Space-partnered education programmes, opening up opportunities for businesses to build R&D facilities on campus, and of course opening the doors to additional workspace for even more growth.






Target Detected
DELL
RADIAN



2016 TO 2026

WHAT WE BUILT TOGETHER

90%

AVERAGE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SCORE OVER 10 YEARS

SPACE ENGINE

GROWTH ENGINE

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R&D ENGINE

TALENT ENGINE

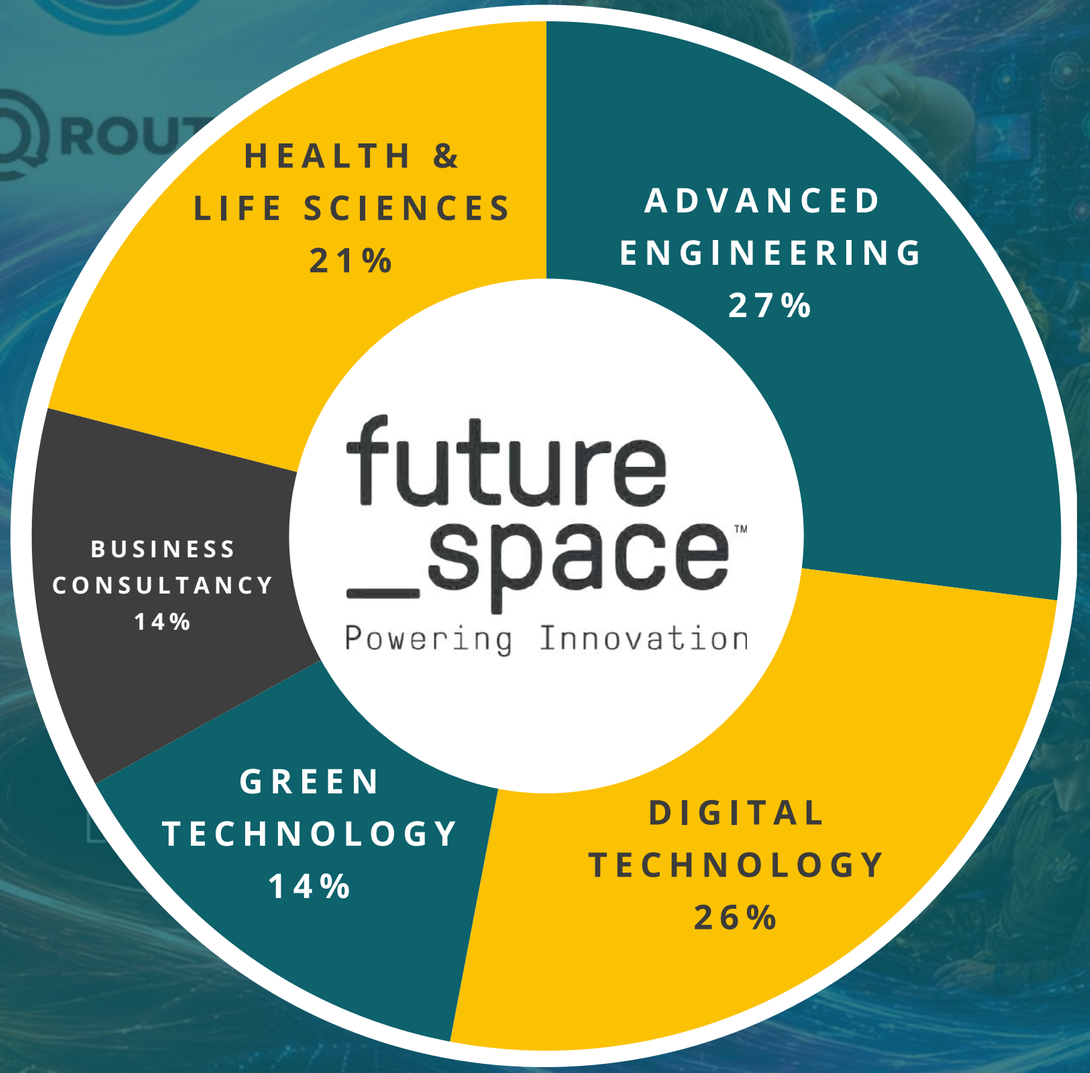
85%

FUTURE SPACE HAS SIGNIFICENTLY ACCELERATED OUR INNOVATION

2016 TO 2026

WHAT IT'S ALL FOR

Across the 10 years, Future Space has nurtured the growth of high-tech businesses across four key sectors: Health & Life Sciences, Advanced Engineering, Digital Technology and Green Tech. These areas are aligned to both UWE Bristol's research strenghts and the South West's regional priorities and growth areas.



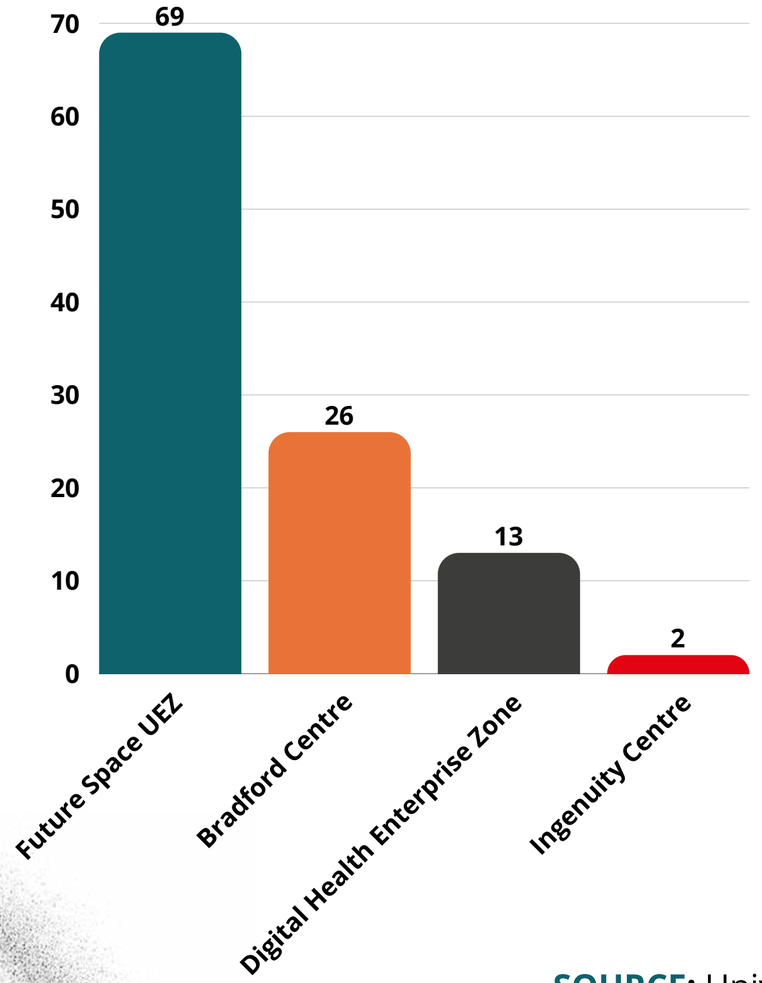



Nimbus Agri-tech
VINEYARDS, SAY GOODBYE TO HERBICIDE AND HELLO TO OUR LITTLE FRIENDS
What we're building
Main Campus

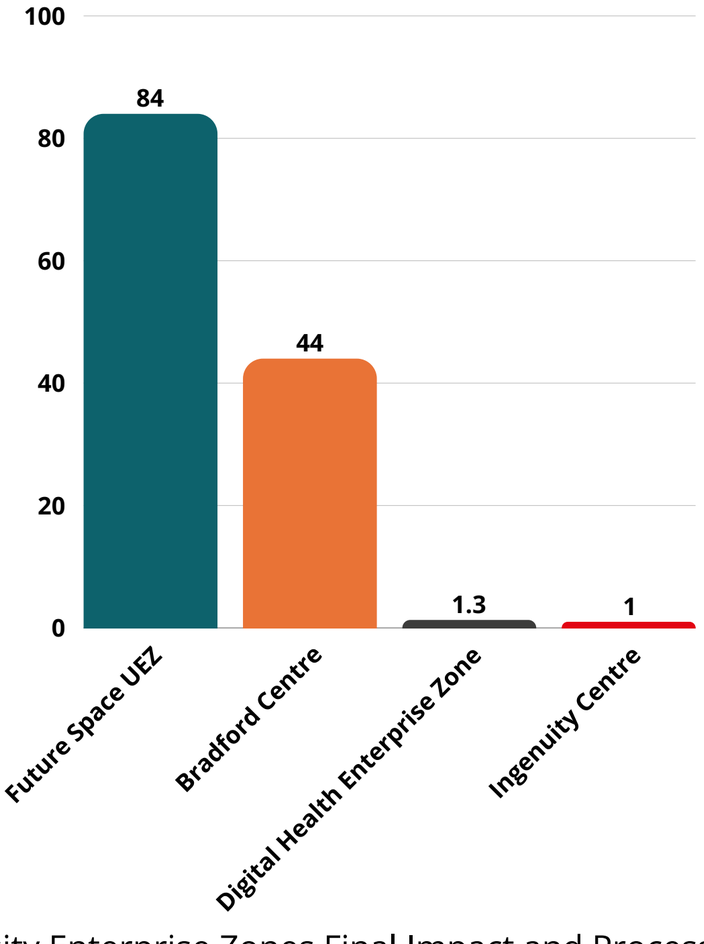
2016 TO 2026

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE NATIONALLY

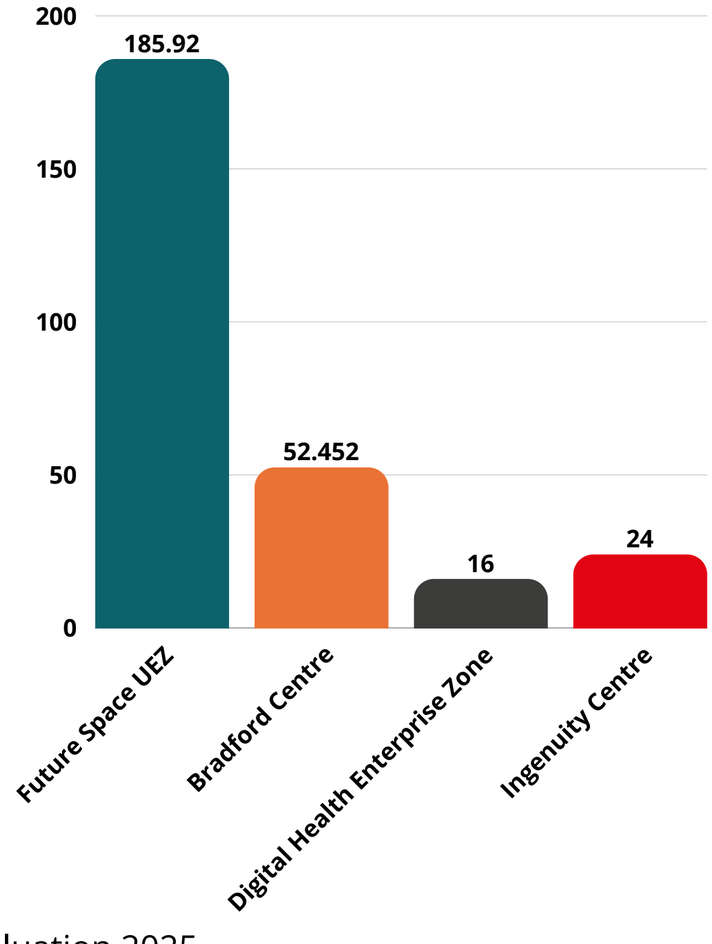
Jobs Generated per £1m Invested



Median Annual Turnover Growth (£k)



Knowledge Exchange Projects (KE) (£k)



SOURCE: University Enterprise Zones Final Impact and Process Evaluation 2025.
ANALYSIS: Al Anood Al Rabini, Awsu Zin, Takunda Mapuranga, Adarsha Harijan


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BEYOND THE NUMBERS

RISE WITH US

SHAPING INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE

- FASTER ACCESS TO CANCER DIAGNOSTICS
- HELPING PEOPLE TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY
- EARLIER DISEASE DETECTION

HARNESSING CREATIVITY & TECHNOLOGY

- SUPPORTING NEW FORMS OF DESIGN
- ENABLING NEW ACCESS TO INFORMATION
- CREATING BETTER WAYS TO LEARN

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ENRICHING CULTURE, PLACE & COMMUNITY

- IMPROVING WORK PRODUCTIVITY
- INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE INTO STEM INDUSTRIES
- FACILITATING 1,000+ STUDENT PROJECTS

SECURING A GREEN, RESILIENT FUTURE

- ACCELERATING NET ZERO TRANSITION
- HELPING DECARBONISE DOMESTIC HEATING
- DEVELOPING ZERO OMISSION TRAVEL

RESEARCH INNOVATION SKILLS ENTERPRISE


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Patents
Trade Marks
Designs
One of the leading intellectual property law firms in Europe
Corrigan
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right sparks.
Personal tax advice
R&D tax credits
Share option schemes
Statutory accounts and tax compliance
HAYES PARSONS
Bespoke Tech Insurance
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countex
Abel+Imray
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HAYES PARSONS
INSURANCE BROKERS
techSPARK*
All things tech in the west
TECH SOUTH WEST
Absolute Robotics
Albotherm
Tusko
WALMER GROUP
ashfords
Corrigan
CHANGE INNOVATORS
Life Changing Leadership
LEO
Matter.
ALPS ecoscience
rwk goodman
WEST OF ENGLAND MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY
CUSTOMER IQ
tree haus
SIGMA Connectivity
isl TALENT
NatWest
DELL Technologies
PRODUCTS TO PROFIT
THE PRODUCT PARTNERSHIP
Watch & Learn
Compliance Solutions
DATA3
LimestoneGrey
UWE Bristol
University of the West of England
BRISTOL ROBOTICS LABORATORY
Launch Space
OXFORD INNOVATION ADVICE
GROWTHmapper
GIVING BUSINESS DIRECTION
Microsoft
OXFORD INNOVATION FINANCE
calljo
Invest BRISTOL +BATH
AO(N2)
HealthTech Hub
MyCelsius
CDotBio
Enabling AgBio
ARALIA
Benedex
best.energy
OXFORD INNOVATION SPACE
C F P R
Centre For Print Research
THE BRIDGE STUDIOS
CRIKEM
OIL • GAS • WATER
SafeHR
EMIXA
open bionics
FOSTER TECHNOLOGY
Fusion Processing
Ferryx
flexys+
FluoretiQ
IMDT
Impulsonics
INTERCEDE financial LIMITED
GE HealthCare
G.F MICRO
West of England Academic Health Science Network
Wanda Health
Engaging Telehealth
HVN LABS
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MAXRES
MICROSOL
milbotix
I-PHYC
INDUSTRIAL PHYCOLOGY
Ki InboxIQ
AI Support Agent
KMK
CONSULTING ENGINEERS
lavalabs
mass spec
EXPERT TRACE DETECTION
PSE 2 Limited
ROUTES
QFI
RammSanderson
A PHENNA GROUP COMPANY
REACH INDUSTRIES
NUSKU
NPK
orca MEDICAL
Perceptual Robotics
Pyramis solutions
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rugged interactive
SAH
DIAGNOSTICS
SGB CONSULT
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