UWE BRISTOL UNIVERSITY ENTERPRISE ZONE

UWE Bristol's University Enterprise Zone

(UEZ) drives innovation and enterprise. Housed in a collaborative setting, it provides opportunities and outstanding spaces for a thriving community of start-ups, fast-growth businesses, graduate entrepreneurs and cooperative research in the high-tech, digital and health-tech sectors.



Situated at the heart of the University's Frenchay campus, UEZ is one of four University Enterprise Zones in the UK originally commissioned by central government, with support from the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership and University investment. Our vision is to facilitate innovation and growth for our UEZ community and ultimately, the region's local economy.

UEZ has repurposed a former Hewlett Packard manufacturing facility set up in the mid-1980s alongside its European Research Lab, and acquired by the University in 2008. It now provides businesses with the perfect space in which to work, share and collaborate.

Access to expertise, technology and world class research facilities are all available here, including:

- Future Space: an innovation centre for start-ups and fast-growth businesses
- Launch Space: an incubator for early-stage start-ups set up by recent graduates
- Robotics Hardware Incubator: start-up space for hardware development businesses
- Health Tech Hub: lab-space and facilities for university/business research and development
- BRL Robotics Innovation Facility: a centre of excellence promoting the adoption of robotics and automation
- The Hub and café: an inspiring space at the heart of UEZ for meetings, networking and events



FUTURE SPACE

300 Nearly

jobs created by over 50 start-up and high growth businesses

MORE THAN AN OFFICE SPACE



It gives our university researchers, course leaders, students and graduates wide-ranging opportunities to work with cutting-edge tech businesses. This university-business engagement is what defines the purpose and ambition of UEZ.

And as UWE Bristol's Strategy 2030 sets out the University's continuing ambition to drive innovation and enterprise, more space and facilities are already being offered to scale-ups in the newly acquired Hewlett Packard offices adjacent to UEZ-with further plans to develop an 'Enterprise Campus'.

The university setting means UEZ can give our community access to high quality facilities, expertise and support that would otherwise be out of reach for them. That's why UEZ provides much more than just a building and a space to work, it offers:

- Specialist business growth support, guidance and signposting
- Opportunities for collaboration with university researchers and technical experts
- Access to services including legal, accounting, marketing, IP and the investment community
- · Grants for innovation and enterprise
- Access to university equipment, facilities and technical support, from 3D printing to scanning electron microscopy
- Tailored access to student placements, internships and graduate talent
- Networking and collaborative opportunities across the whole UEZ community



ROBOTICS HARDWARE INCUBATOR

£13m

investment funds raised by incubator businesses

LAUNCH SPACE

60

graduate enterprises set up through Launch Space incubator

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