

# breakthrough labs

powered by women

At **Breakthrough Labs**, we understand the unique challenges that female founders encounter on their journeys, and offer research-backed support to ensure that more female-founded start-ups thrive. Our accelerator and community provide female founders with access to a range of offerings that address the issues shown to impact whether or not their businesses will succeed. For example:

- Workshops follow the start-ups' journey and are given by both subject-matter experts and seasoned entrepreneurs in the areas relevant to start-ups' needs.
- Start-ups often pitch for funding at the wrong level and waste time reaching out to investors who might not be interested in their offering. **Breakthrough Labs** provides access to syndicates of angel investors and individual investors committed to investing in women.
- Research shows that fewer female founders have access to a professional network than men. **Breakthrough Labs** nurtures a community of other female founders, successful entrepreneurs, and business leaders.
- Female founders often have to worry about childcare while trying to start their venture. Our programmes offer a mix of online and in-person events during the working day and avoiding school holidays.
- New businesses have a lot of needs, and small teams can't do it all. We introduce start-ups to partner or service organisations you can trust.

**Applications for our next accelerator cohort are open in June 2023** for those start-ups who are preparing to pitch for investment at the pre-seed or seed level. We will help you tell your story and build your pitch in a way that showcases your product, team and ethos. The cohort culminates with a pitch event to a panel of angel investors and early-stage VCs.

If your start-up meets these criteria for entry, you are eligible to apply:

- Be founded or co-founded by women
- Have a viable technology product or service in any sector
- Have fewer than 40 employees
- Be preparing to pitch for funding at seed level
- Have a product prototype or MVP, at a minimum
- Be S/EIS eligible

The fee for participation in our 4-month accelerator is £2000. However, **for our inaugural year, we are offering a 25% discount and including free membership in our global online community**. Thus for £1500, your start-up's female founders get the following benefits:

- A hybrid programme of 15 workshops grounded in academic research and vetted with investors. All workshops are delivered by experienced professionals who are leaders in their fields.
- A community of your peers that is nurtured through a cohort What's App group and weekly (optional) virtual coffee meet-ups with other members.
- Three events connecting investors to founders, including a final pitch event in front of a panel of investors.
- Free membership in the Breakthrough Labs online community, connecting you to additional learning, mentoring and networking with women and experts outside the accelerator (>£300 value).
- Free services and/or valuable discounts from partners on products and services that start-ups need.

## To join Breakthrough Labs

If you're interested, please apply on our website at <https://www.breakthroughlabs.net>. If you have any questions that aren't answered by our FAQ page, please reach out to us at [info@breakthroughlabs.net](mailto:info@breakthroughlabs.net).