

# breakthrough labs

powered by women

The only long-term support community for female-founded tech start-ups in the United Kingdom, **Breakthrough Labs** offers research-backed support to help make your business a success.

At **Breakthrough Labs**, we understand that while each start-up is unique, there are a set of common challenges that start-ups face at various stages of their development. This is why we work with cohorts of start-ups who are at similar stages of maturity, working towards similar objectives. In this way, female founders can find support from the workshops, mentoring, and expertise we offer while learning from the experiences of other women in their cohort.

Female founders accepted into a **Breakthrough Labs** cohort get 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 angels committed to investing in women.
- Research shows that fewer female founders have access to a professional network than men. **Breakthrough Labs** is a community of other female founders, successful entrepreneurs, and subject-matter experts who can provide expertise and guidance.
- 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 to better fit their schedules.
- New businesses have a lot of needs, and small teams can't do it all. We provide introductions to potential partner or service organisations that start-ups can trust.

**Applications for our first cohort are open in January 2023** for those start-ups who are preparing to pitch for investment at the 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 angel syndicates representing over 700 angel investors.

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 EIS/SEIS eligible

As part of our inaugural cohort, you'll have access to all of these benefits free of charge. Subsequent cohorts will include a participation fee, but start-ups will be provided with additional benefits that will save your businesses time any money. When you have completed the programme, you will be invited to be a part of the **Breakthrough Labs** alumni network and online community, allowing you access to an ever-growing community of women, networking events and talks with experts in the industry.

## 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).

Please share with other female founders so that more women can break through the barriers to business success!