


EIT Health Accelerator Catalogue 2020

Invitation to Participate in Accelerator Programme



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A photograph of a laboratory setting. In the foreground, a glass beaker contains a clear liquid, and a pipette is positioned above it, dispensing a small amount of liquid. In the background, several other glass beakers are visible, some containing a red liquid. The scene is brightly lit, creating reflections on the glass surfaces. A large, semi-transparent pink circle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

The EIT Health Accelerator creates an ecosystem where innovation can thrive. It gathers the best and brightest health entrepreneurs, and provides them with the support, skills and services they need to get their ideas off the ground and into the market. Broken down into three key sections: INCUBATE!, VALIDATE!, and SCALE!, you can choose the programmes that best suit your business's development stage.

The EIT Health Accelerator is open to all business ideas from entrepreneurs, start-ups, scale-ups, and SMEs throughout Europe. Upon application, you will go through a process with external evaluation to determine eligibility. If you have no previous connections to EIT Health partners or Co-Location Centres (CLCs), please introduce yourself to get started!

A list of partners can be found at eithealth.eu/partners, or you can contact Business Creation Managers at our regional CLCs, found at eithealth.eu/clc. You may also visit our Help for Applicants page at eithealth.eu/help-for-applicants. You may be encouraged to include reference letters from EIT Health partners or regional CLCs as supplements to support your application.



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Experts from Spain and the US will make sure all participating teams get the best expertise for their business model development from both Europe and the US, starting at an early stage.

CRAASH Barcelona

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INCUBATE!

The **INCUBATE!** activity line supports future entrepreneurs or scientists looking to develop start-ups or receive innovation training and assistance. These include activities such as the EIT Health Bootcamp programmes that help entrepreneurs develop and validate their business idea.

EIT Health Bootcamps: 6 Programmes offered in 2020!

Who can apply

Post-docs, Master's students, graduates, scientists, doctors and other professionals working on ideas in MedTech, Biotech, Digital Health, HealthTech, scalable eHealth and diagnostics.

Applicants

All over Europe

Applications open

Wave 1: 16 December 2019 - 16 / 30 March 2020

Wave 2: 17 March 2020 - 15 June 2020

Application

Through the [EIT Health Optimy platform](#). Please note that not all Bootcamps will be available during both application waves.

A Summary of the 6 Bootcamp Programmes

OpenAPI Bootcamp

is a six-week digital health programme designed to address three of the key challenges facing entrepreneurs and start-ups in the healthcare sector - customer acceptance, integration with existing technology and system and international expansion. Teams will be exposed to the British and Swedish healthcare ecosystems, insights from the Irish system and sessions on user-centred design. Real-world case studies within the industry will help teams develop their innovations to be compatible with existing systems.

Contact: [Megan Morys-Carter](#)

Applications open: 17 March 2020 - 15 June 2020

BioEntrepreneur Bootcamp

gives biomedical founder teams the opportunity to design and validate their business concepts in Munich and Oxford. The programme runs over a span of four months: 16 on-site days at the University of Oxford and at BioM in Munich, two days of online sessions and a visit to BioEurope 2020. Teams are expected to work at least another 16 days off-site on business validation, roadmaps and pitching.

Contact: [Angelika Leppert](#)

Applications open: 16 December 2019 - 30 March 2020

A Summary of the 6 Bootcamp Programmes

MedTech Bootcamp

is open to European early-phase start-up teams with ideas in medical technology. The interdisciplinary focus of the Central Institute of Medical Engineering (ZiMT/FAU) and its broad network of health industry experts, healthcare practitioners, and digitisation research groups will allow the MedTech Bootcamp to provide focused support and matchmaking alongside the EIT Health Mentoring and Coaching Network (MCN).

Contact: [Heike Leutheuser](#)

Applications open: 17 March 2020 - 15 June 2020

Patient Innovation Bootcamp:

Boosting Patient Entrepreneurship

is aimed at supporting patients and informal caregivers to implement and scale up the innovative solutions they develop to help them cope with a need imposed by their health condition. The programme will be delivered over eight months, with three weeks on site in three cities in Europe, to help teams launch their device, diagnostics and digital health innovations.

Contact: [Pedro Oliveira](#)

Applications open: 16 December 2019 - 30 March 2020

CRAASH Barcelona

is a 12-week programme that helps European research teams (of up to three participants) to launch successful device, diagnostic and Digital Health innovations that improve health and patient care. Teams move research to market through on-site and online mentoring with experts from CIMIT (Boston) – the most experienced health accelerator in the world.

Contact: [Pilar Puig](#)

Applications open: 16 December 2019 - 16 March 2020

Validation Lab Bootcamp @Delft

is a unique two-month pressure cooker that allows aspiring entrepreneurs from all over Europe to discover the business potential of their MedTech ideas. The programme helps participants to explore and validate their market ideas, market potential and business model – and to launch in markets all over Europe.

Contact: [Bianca Noordhizen](#)

Applications open: 17 March 2020 - 15 June 2020

EIT Health Bootcamp Tour:

A crucial component of all bootcamp programmes is the EIT Health Bootcamp Tour. It offers a unique opportunity for all bootcamp participants to be exposed to a broad European network, learn more and deepen skills to further develop the business and get valuable feedback from peers and experts. It will take place in November (location and exact date TBD). Additionally, a selection of all participants will be invited to visit further relevant locations within Europe and benefit from a tailored two to four days programme. This will also take place in November 2020.

Additional Incubate! Programme focused on ideation:

CaixaImpulse is an intensive acceleration programme for the creation of new products and companies in the health and life sciences sector. This programme is designed to start the translation of health research projects into a market-ready products.

Who can apply: Project Leaders must be legally responsible for the project and have tertiary qualifications (e.g. university graduates, professors or doctors)

Applications open: 4 February 2020 - 16 March 2020

Contact: [Belen Perat](#)

Application: www.convocatoriaslacaixa.org/Convocatorias/login.iface?idioma=3



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Finding the right subject-matter expert to tackle specific technical challenges and create your MVP, identifying the right person to validate your product-market fit, or finding that business expert to help prepare for financing or your next investment round – all are make or break inflection points.
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 Mentoring and Coaching Network

VALIDATE!

The **VALIDATE!** activity line places emphasis on validating products and services. Our network of living labs and test beds provides entrepreneurs with the means to test products throughout the value chain. Other activities allow entrepreneurs to gain understanding in local and regional regulatory and reimbursement schemes, and provide access to market experts.

The Living Labs and Test Beds

programme offers entrepreneurs access to the services of a network of living labs and/or test beds, which can support the innovation process throughout the different phases of the value chain (ideation, co-creation, validation and scale-up). The final goal is to enhance the concept of fully market-ready products with high added value and a high probability of success.

Who can apply

Open to any European start-up, SME, entrepreneur or innovation project that aims to improve their product by validating, co-creating and ideating with the end-user.

Applications open

Wave 1: 16 December 2019 - 16 March 2020
Wave 2: 17 March 2020 - 30 May 2020

Application

[EIT Health Optimy platform](#)

Contact

[Jagadeesh Gandla](#)

Start-up Meets Pharma

is a challenge-based acceleration programme connecting start-ups developing innovative solutions for chronic care with key pharma partners in Europe. The programme is for start-ups developing solutions that impact both the pharma industry and patients.

Who can apply

Start-ups with functioning products or prototypes that are market ready.

Applications open

11 January 2020 - 30 March 2020

Application

[EIT Health Optimy platform](#)

Contact

[Barbara Costa](#)

Mentoring and Coaching Network

gathers subject matter experts and top-of-the-line mentors from all over Europe to help address the specific needs of start-ups in MedTech, Biotech and Digital Health.

Who can apply

Experts willing to mentor and entrepreneurs seeking a mentor.

Applications open

Ongoing

Application

[Chronus platform](#)

Contact

[Jagadeesh Gandla](#)

Headstart

supports emerging companies and SMEs to develop new products and services and fast-track their products to market. Companies may also receive up to €50,000 in financial support

Who can apply

Start-ups and SMEs from all over Europe, with regional selection.

Applications open

16 December 2019 - 16 March 2020

Application

[EIT Health Optimy platform](#)

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Your local Business Creation Manager.

Digital Sandbox

supports SMEs in developing relevant products and services by working with biobanks, sample holders and quality registers in Europe.

Who can apply

Applicants from Biotech, MedTech or Digital Health in an incorporated company are welcome to apply. The programme is suitable for micro and small enterprises.

Applications open

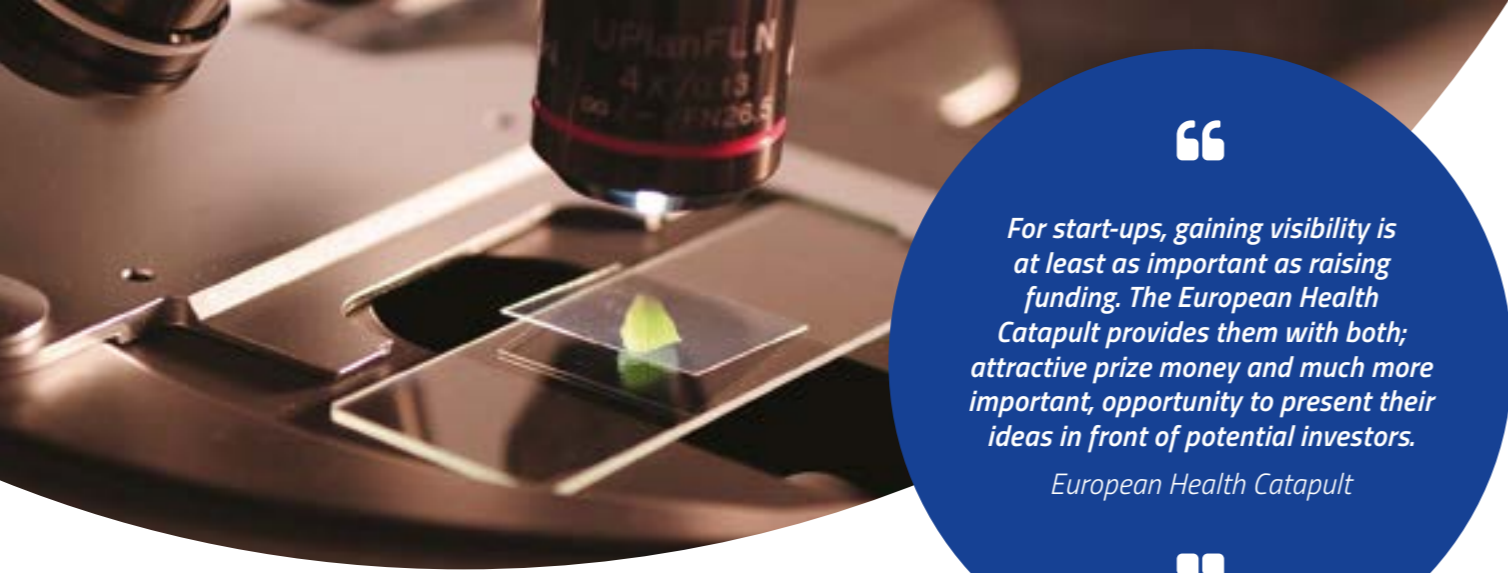
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Application

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[Christos Vaitsis](#)



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For start-ups, gaining visibility is at least as important as raising funding. The European Health Catapult provides them with both; attractive prize money and much more important, opportunity to present their ideas in front of potential investors.

European Health Catapult

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SCALE!

The **SCALE!** activity focuses on more mature start-ups and SMEs, giving you access to advanced tools and networks for financing and market expansion. This includes facilitating access to potential investors including angel networks, corporate financiers and crowdfunding.

BRIDGEHEAD Programme is an infrastructure programme which provides European start-ups and scale-ups active in the health domain support for soft-landings and facilitates cross-border mobility and market entry beyond home markets. It offers services, resources and vacant physical space to start-ups that need it. There are two different programmes in 2020.

European BRIDGEHEAD Programme

offers individualised internationalisation support for European start-ups and scale-ups. It provides entrepreneurs who are active in the health domain support for soft-landings and facilitates their cross-border mobility and market entry beyond the home market. It also offers mentoring, services, resources and office space to start-ups that need them.

Who can apply

Digital Health companies (eHealth, mHealth, Clinical decision support, Big Data and MedTech, Lifetech and Biotech with a digital component)

Applications open

Wave 1: 11 January 2020 - 27 February 2020
Wave 2: 28 February 2020 - 10 May 2020

Application

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[Laia Pascual](#)

Global BRIDGEHEAD Programme

facilitates efficient scale out of European start-ups outside Europe and prepares the steps and the ground for international expansion outside Europe. This programme is more tailored and flexible to provide better fit with start-up needs.

Who can apply

Digital Health companies (eHealth, mHealth, Clinical decision support, Big Data and MedTech, Lifetech and Biotech, with a digital component)

Applications open

11 January 2020 - 16 March 2020

Application

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European Health Catapult

is a training and competition programme that boosts development of high-potential European health start-ups. The programme introduces Biotech, MedTech and Digital Health businesses to high-quality experts and international investors through intensive involvement with the EIT Health community. Includes 4-5 presence days all over Europe.

Who can apply

Existing small enterprises (<50 employees) and spin-offs from all over the EIT Health community that are active in MedTech, Biotech and Digital Health. Applicants must operate in an EU country. Applicants are also required to travel to the EIT Health Summit in December 2020 for the finals.

Applications open

16 December 2019 - 16 March 2020

Application

[EIT Health Optimy platform](#)

Contact

[Anna Badurska](#)

Investor Network

addresses the issue of early-to-late-development stage fundraising across Europe to conquer health markets faster and more effectively. This is a European network which connects health-oriented investors and promising start-ups through cross-border financing and co-investments, making it the first pan-European, EU-driven network solely focused on financing health innovation.

Who can apply

Start-ups seeking funding from €500k to €10m.

Applications open

Ongoing, with quarterly cut-off dates for evaluation.

Application

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Gold Track

is an acceleration programme for high-potential health start-ups and SMEs to become global players. It aims to pair these ventures with high-profile influencers that set strategic goals following an individualised connection approach. Account managers then offer support by monitoring your progress and opening networks.

Who can apply

Mature start-ups or SMEs with the ambition to expand their international market reach.

Applications open

11 January 2020 - 27 February 2020. Second wave will be announced early 2020.

Application

[EIT Health Optimy platform](#)

Contact

[Joy Cürten](#)

Crowdfunding

platform is the first European cross-border crowdfunding platform specifically aimed at more mature healthcare start-ups and SMEs. Applying start-ups undergo a comprehensive selection process.

Who can apply

Mature start-ups or SMEs searching for equity of at least €500k

Applications open

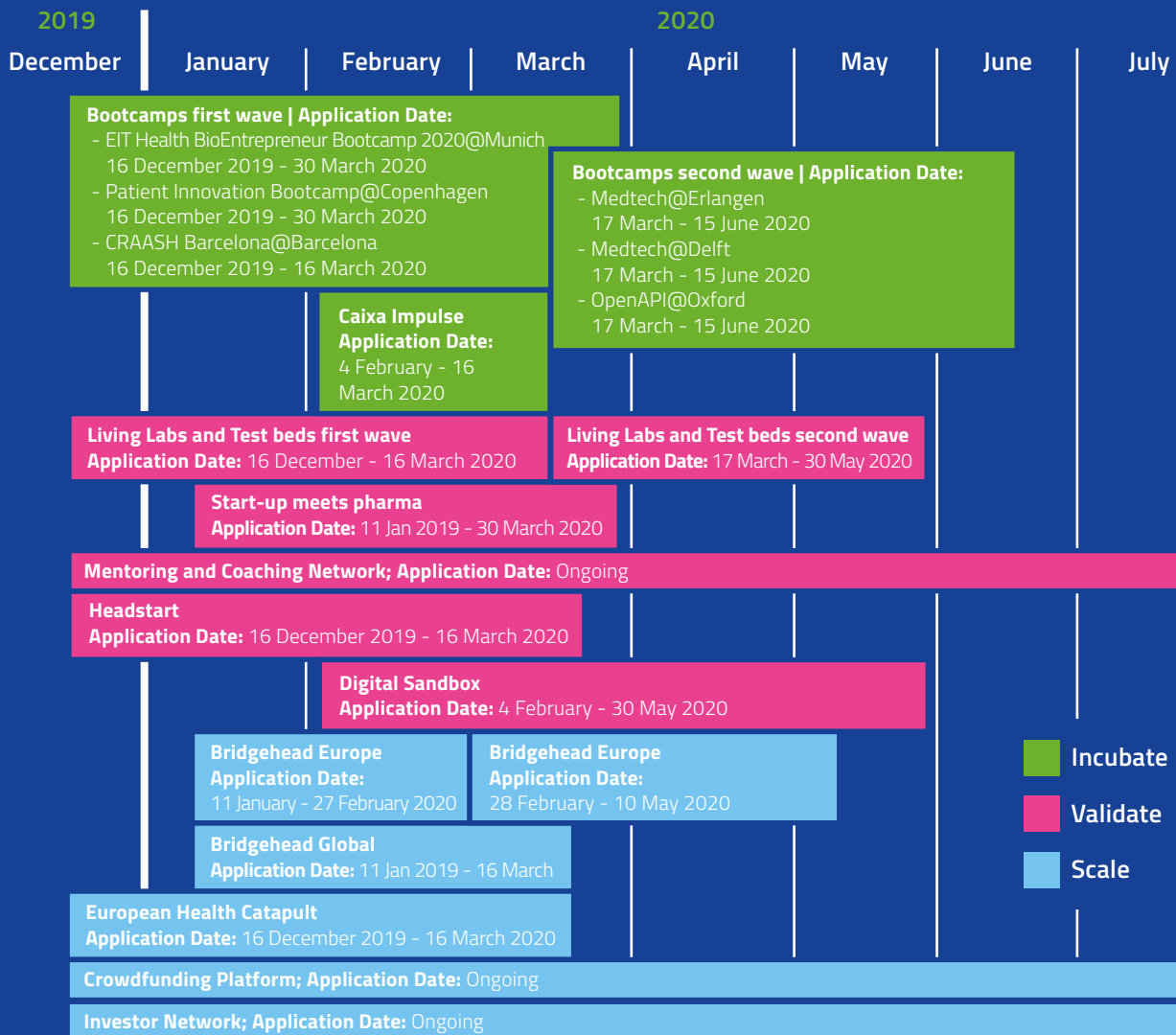
Ongoing

Application

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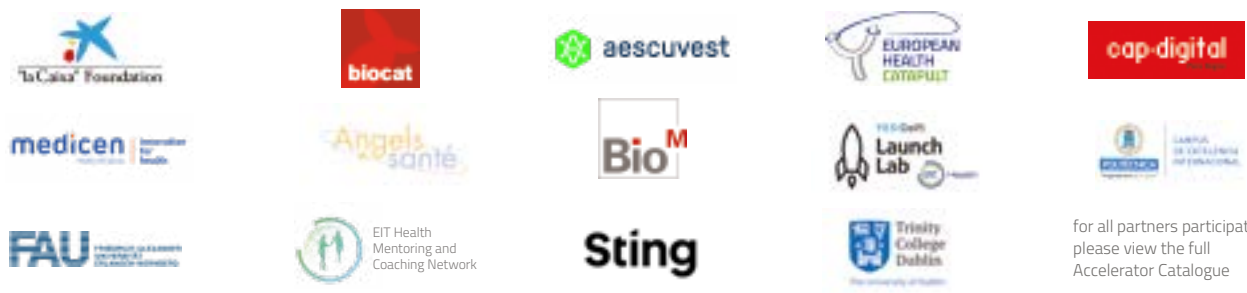
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■ Incubate
■ Validate
■ Scale

EIT HEALTH PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS LEADING PROJECTS



for all partners participating please view the full Accelerator Catalogue



If you have participated in any EIT Health supported programme, you are eligible for a T&A (travel and accommodation) grant to participate in EIT Health sponsored events. To stay up to date on those opportunities, [please sign up for our Newsletter](#).