Terms and Conditions

The student accelerator assists students in refining their start-up ideas through a series of structured workshops, including taught content from facilitators, workshops and mentoring.

To join the accelerator:

1. Interested teams/individuals will submit an application form and recorded video pitch before **24th April.**
2. Teams/individuals will be notified by **29th May** if they have been selected.
3. The accelerator runs from **8th June to 15th July 2026**

Applicants

Applicants must be current undergraduate or postgraduate students of IADT or have graduated no more than two years ago from an undergraduate or postgraduate programme at IADT. Participants must be available to attend all workshops, mentoring sessions, and the final pitching event.

The accelerator is open to teams of up to 3 members. Each team may have a mix of disciplines and levels. Teams should state if others have been involved in the project/idea at an earlier stage but are not now wishing to enter the IADT Accelerator programme.

Changes to team membership during the IADT Accelerator is discouraged but in exceptional circumstances may be necessary. Please write to the **Enterprise & Innovation Manager** if a change of team is required. If a team member fails to meet the attendance criteria, the Enterprise & Innovation Manager will be in a position to remove the individual from the programme and any associated student stipend will be stopped.

Teams who are successful in gaining entry to the accelerator programme will be required to sign a **Team Declaration** document which will govern their participation in the accelerator. The declaration will ensure obligations are clear to all parties. These obligations include attendance and an agreement on intellectual property ownership.

Intellectual Property

Ownership of all intellectual property (IP) must be clear and unambiguous before applying for a place on the programme. Ownership and relative shares of intellectual property must be clearly identified and agreed before commencing the programme. This inventory of IP and ownership will be documented in the **Team Declaration** document that will be signed by all team members before the programme commences. It is the responsibility of the Team to ensure that IP ownership is agreed before commencing the programme.

Dispute Resolution

Where possible, team disputes should be resolved by the team independently. The **Enterprise & Innovation Manager** should be informed of significant disputes and if appropriate these can be escalated according to the **Mediation and Dispute Resolution Procedure**.

Teams are expected to work together in a professional and respectful manner. If this rule is not adhered to, the team will be given a formal warning, and then if the situation continues and is not resolved within 2 days, the team will be asked to leave the IADT Accelerator.

Fixed Fee Payment

During the course of the programme, you will receive a fixed non-taxable stipend. This payment is non-taxable as it is provided for educational purposes. You must fill out the 'Scholarship Exemption form' to qualify for this stipend. You will be sent a form separately that will request those details.