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Entrepreneurship *Incubation Programme*

A three-month, advisory-led incubation for ambitious founders

C O H O R T D A T E S
3rd August 2026 — 3rd November 2026

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A T A G L A N C E

The programme in one page

P R O G R A M M E

Entrepreneurship Incubation Programme 2026

D E S I G N E D F O R

Ambitious founders building innovative ventures

M O D E L

Advisory-led — one-to-one meetings with industry experts and investors

D U R A T I O N

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F O R M A T

Hybrid — in-person meetings in the UK plus remote advisory access

O P E N T O

UK-based founders and international founders with a registered overseas business

C O H O R T S I Z E

Limited places to ensure meaningful advisor attention

P R O G R A M M E F E E

£5,000 · payable in full to confirm a place

O U T C O M E

Founders produce their own business plan, financial model, market research and pitch

S H O W C A S E

Founders' Showcase, early November 2026



T H E P R O G R A M M E

Why this exists

Most early-stage founders don't need another course.

They need experienced people who will sit with them, look at what they're actually building, and give them honest, specific advice. They need introductions to investors and potential partners. They need a network that opens doors — while they continue to drive their own business forward.

The Talenter Academy Entrepreneurship Incubation Programme is built around this reality. We do not run a classroom curriculum. We connect a small cohort of founders to an onboarded network of UK industry experts, operators and investors who provide one-to-one advisory sessions, host pitch events, and open commercial doors.

Founders set their own agenda, do their own work, and own every output. We provide the access, the rigour, and the room.

- I.

Advisor-led, not curriculum-led.
- II.

Founder-driven, not delivered for you.
- III.

Network-anchored, opening real UK doors.



E L I G I B I L I T Y

Who this programme is for

Founders at any stage with clear ambition and a defensible proposition. You don't need a finished product or prior funding — but you do need something real you can talk about, and the willingness to drive your own work.

Pre-seed & early-stage founders

Building something novel, ready for the next milestone.

UK-based founders

Building from the UK, looking for advisory access and introductions to the right rooms.

International founders

Visiting the UK from a registered overseas business — for meetings, pitches and advice.

Technical founders

Strong on product, seeking commercial advice and investor access.

Commercial founders

Strong on vision, needing a tighter evidence base and trusted introductions.

Coachable, committed builders

Open to hard feedback and ready to act on it.



H O W I T W O R K S

Three months. Three phases.

Diagnose. Develop. Demonstrate. Each phase produces tangible outputs you own.

M O N T H 1

Diagnose & Position

Initial advisory meetings to assess where your venture stands. Identify the gaps. Agree which advisors and investors to prioritise. You finish with a clear focus for the next two months.

M O N T H 2

Develop & Test

Core advisory phase. One-to-one meetings with multiple sector experts. Pitch meetings with investors. Partnership conversations. You produce and refine your own plan, model and pitch in parallel.

M O N T H 3

Demonstrate & Launch

Pitch refinement through repeated investor conversations. Final advisory sessions. The programme culminates in the Founders' Showcase — pitches to an invited audience of investors and partners.



O U T P U T S

What you'll leave with

Tangible, named outputs — produced by you, informed by advisor input. Nothing is delivered to you; everything is yours.

I.

Business plan

Written by you, refined through advisor feedback.

II.

Financial model

Built by you, stress-tested in advisory sessions.

III.

Innovation dossier

Your articulation of differentiation, informed by sector advisors.

IV.

Customer discovery record

Conducted by you with real prospective customers.

V.

Pitch deck & narrative

Iterated through repeated investor and advisor feedback.

VI.

Completion letter

Recognising your participation — issued by Talenter Academy.



I N T E R N A T I O N A L F O U N D E R S

Joining from overseas

International founders are welcome on the same advisory-led basis as UK-based founders. The model is the same; the practical arrangements differ.

Eligibility

- You have a registered business in your home country or another country outside the UK.
- Your business's primary operations, team and customers remain based overseas throughout the programme.
- You can fund your stay in the UK without taking employment or a salary from a UK source.
- You intend to return to your home country at the end of the programme.

What you do in the UK

- One-to-one advisory meetings with UK industry experts about your business.
- Pitch meetings with UK investors arranged through our network.
- Meetings with prospective UK customers, partners or distributors.
- Attendance at sector conferences, demo days and networking events.
- Participation in the Founders' Showcase.



F E E & T E R M S

Programme fee

P R O G R A M M E F E E

£5,000

Payable in full to confirm your place in the cohort

i. Payment confirms your place

Payment of £5,000 in full secures your place in the cohort. Upon receipt of cleared funds, Talenter Academy will issue your formal letter of invitation on company letterhead, alongside an onboarding pack and your introduction to the advisor network.

ii. What the fee covers

Access to the onboarded UK advisor and investor network for the full three-month programme; introductions and meeting facilitation; participation in pitch events; participation in the Founders' Showcase; the issuance of the invitation letter for international founders; programme administration; and the programme completion letter.

iii. What the fee does not cover

Visa fees, immigration adviser or solicitor fees, travel, accommodation, subsistence, or third-party charges of any kind. International founders are responsible for arranging and funding their own UK stay.

iv. Visa refusal — 95% refund

Where a confirmed international founder is refused a UK visa for this programme by UKVI, Talenter Academy will refund 95% of the programme fee. A 5% administrative fee (£250) is retained to cover work already performed. The refund applies only where the refusal is not caused by the founder's own misrepresentation or failure to meet eligibility within the founder's control. Founders must provide the formal UKVI refusal notice within 14 days. This is a goodwill commercial undertaking, not a guarantee of visa outcome. Otherwise, fees are non-refundable once advisory work has commenced.



C O M M O N Q U E S T I O N S

Frequently asked

Do you teach a curriculum?

No. We do not run scheduled classes or structured modules. Our model is one-to-one advisory access plus investor and partner introductions.

What happens when I pay?

Upon receipt of your £5,000 fee, Talenter Academy issues your formal letter of invitation on company letterhead, alongside onboarding materials and your introduction to the advisor network.

Do you produce business plans for founders?

No. Founders produce their own outputs. Our role is to advise, challenge and connect — not to write the documents for them.

What if my UK visa is refused?

For confirmed international founders refused a UK visa by UKVI, 95% of the programme fee (£4,750) is refunded. See the full terms on the previous page.

Do you have a single assigned mentor?

No. Founders meet a range of different advisors across the programme, chosen to match what their business needs at each stage.

Can international candidates apply?

Yes. International founders with a registered overseas business are welcome. Visa arrangements are the founder's responsibility; we provide an accurate invitation letter after payment.

Do you take equity?

Not by default. Any optional follow-on investment would be a separate, transparent arrangement.

Can co-founders both join?

Typically one lead founder participates formally. Co-founders welcome at cohort events. Discuss at application stage.



A P P L Y I N G

How to join the cohort

We'd rather read a tight, honest application than a polished, overcooked one.

<p>01.</p> <hr/> <p>Expression of interest</p> <p>A short form covering you, the venture, and what you want from the programme.</p>	<p>02.</p> <hr/> <p>Supporting materials</p> <p>If shortlisted, share your existing plan, deck, or whatever you have.</p>	<p>03.</p> <hr/> <p>Founder conversation</p> <p>A focused video call to test fit, commitment and realism.</p>	<p>04.</p> <hr/> <p>Offer & onboarding</p> <p>Formal offer issued; £5,000 fee secures your place. Invitation letter follows.</p>
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Late July 2026

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Aug – Nov 2026

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Early Nov 2026



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We look forward to backing your venture.

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