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COMMONWEALTH STARTUP FELLOWSHIP

Applications for the Commonwealth Startup Fellowship are now open! Starting in November 2025, the CSF is a six-month programme designed to fuel high-potential startups from across eligible Commonwealth countries and move them closer to commercial reality. If you're a startup with early-stage traction want to gain essential skills and build a global network, then apply now!

The Fellowship is made up of 3 stages

Stage 1: Fully funded in person 'bootcamp' in Accra Ghana

- Here, the programme will be launched with intensive, hands-on training. Participants will refine their business plans, develop targeted growth strategies, and build a strong network of fellow entrepreneurs and experts.

Stage 2: Five months of bespoke online learning and business coaching

- Learning modules will continue remotely for the next five months, giving fellows the opportunity to apply what they are learning in real time. They will each be supported by a personal mentor and have monthly 'venture review panels' with industry and country experts who will provide feedback and guidance on the progress and choices they are making.

Stage 3: Fully funded Capstone Week in London

- At the end of the programme, businesses will have the opportunity to travel to London to take part in an international investor event and other networking opportunities.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for these Fellowships, prospective Fellows must:

- Be of at least graduate level;
- Be a citizen of or have been granted refugee status by an eligible low- or middle-income Commonwealth country;
- Be permanently resident in an eligible Commonwealth country;
- Be fluent in written and spoken English.
- Not have undertaken a Commonwealth Professional Fellowship within the last five years (at the time of taking up the award);
- Be available to undertake their fellowship from the prescribed start date.

In addition, they must demonstrate:

- Evidence of innovation, in terms of product, service, or market
- Active development for at least six-months and demonstrable commitment from team members
- A working minimum viable 'product', service and/or prototype
- Significant evidence of customer engagement or traction in the form of early sales or pre-sales, proof of interest or demand, signed contracts or other relevant evidence.

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The Fellowship includes:

- £35,000 Fellows Fund
- Fully funded 2-week intensive bootcamp in Accra, Ghana
- Online workshops and coaching
- Build a global network of fellow entrepreneurs
- Pitch to and meet investors from around the world

The application deadline is **Monday 30th June**. Make your application via the Imperial Enterprise Lab website!

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<https://www.imperialenterpriselab.com/csf>

NOTE: Prospective applicants are urged to meticulously review all information available on the official website, ensuring compliance with eligibility criteria, and submit their applications well before the deadline.