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MAR 2024 – 11th March to 14th June 2024

KEY DATES AND EXPECTATIONS**

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| Applications open | Wednesday 1 st November 2023 |
| Applications close | Monday 15 th January 2024 |
| Notification of results sent to applicants | W/C 6 th February 2024 |
| EL's Pre-Bootcamp Welcome teleconference | Friday 8 th March 2024 |
| Bootcamp Part 1 – Face to Face <i>Exact venue in EDINBURGH TBC</i> | |
| Day 1 – ELs & PSA only followed by evening dinner & overnight stay. Day 2 – ELs & PSA only | Monday 11 th March 2024 Tuesday 12 th March 2024 |
| Bootcamp Part 2 - Online | |
| Day 3 – All team members required to attend Day 4 – All team members required to attend Team members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurial Lead (EL) • Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) • Technology Transfer Officer (TTO) • Business Adviser (BA) | Thursday 14 th March 2024 Friday 15 th March 2024 |
| Please note, the EL and PSA roles can only be undertaken by one person per role (i.e., you cannot have one staff member covering both roles). | |
| Immediately after the Bootcamp | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EL will spend 12 weeks and holding online/face-to-face meetings with target companies and organizations to test the business model. Contacts will be national and/or international, and you will be required to have the necessary visas allowing you to travel. • The EL must be employed full-time and be 100% committed to the program for the duration of the program – from 11th March until 14th June 2024. • The EL is required to attend regular Zoom meetings to provide progress reports. | |
| Mid-Point Review | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be a one-day review for the ELs online. • TTOs will also be invited to attend (optional/compulsory) | Friday 12 th April 2024 |
| Options Roundabout Pitch Training Day & Options Roundabout Practice pitch | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be online (via Zoom). • The EL must attend online which supports the preparation of the final presentation to the panel. • It is optional for other team members. | Friday 31 st May 2024 TBC Friday 7 th June 2024 @ designated time slot |
| Options Roundabout Panel – Face to Face <i>exact venue TBC</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All team members must attend. • This will be an in-person event (Venue to be confirmed). • The EL & the rest of the team must attend in person. Incomplete teams will not be eligible to present. | Thursday 13 th or Friday 14 th June 2024 (cohort split over two days) |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each team will be allocated a 1-hour slot on one of 2 days.• The Team will deliver their 'ICURE Journey' final presentation at the Options Roundabout in front of an independent panel that will provide feedback and recommendations on the most appropriate commercialisation vehicle for your research. | |
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