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Innovation is the process for generating new knowledge from an opportunity and using ideas to transform this knowledge into value for society.

Innovation is a precondition for sustaining our Way of Life. It is through Innovation that we can positively impact our lives. In the case of Life Sciences, this may happen in very different ways; through improved medicines, more efficient and sustainable energy resources, or with new technological solutions to protect our environment or to safeguard our citizens.

Despite the longstanding recognition that the involvement of business in the governance of research can help orient research and education activities towards the needs of society, in many parts of the world there is still a recognizable communication gap between researchers and industry actors.

More importantly, researchers are often not alert to Innovation as such, following their instincts and ideas with minute consideration for translational impact.

The StartUp Research Program (<http://www.itqb.unl.pt/startupresearch>) is an international and truly inter-disciplinary Post-Graduation course (9 ECTS) brought about by scientists and entrepreneurs from a recognized research institution, ITQB NOVA, and one of the most modern and best-performing European business schools - NOVA SBE. The aim of the Program is to help closing the communication gap between researchers and industry actors through High Education.

By gathering a restricted group of idea-holders, for three months, in a post-labor, cooperative environment, the StartUp Research aims at:

- *Endowing Life Science researchers with an Innovation mindset, tailoring their profile to become effectual actors in intertwined relationships between academia and industry; and*
- *Building upon the translational value of the research performed in R&D clusters to promote their social impact and sustainability.*

The Program is held between ITQB NOVA and NOVA SBE and it will be open to any student or staff, preferentially, but not exclusively, researchers with more than 2 years of lab work in the scope of research projects.

Do not miss the opportunity of learning more about how you can register, and apply for the available scholarships, to attend the second edition of the StartUp Research, which will take place between January 10<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

*Bring your idea to another level*

*StartUp Reserch Presentation  
Cooperativa Egas Moniz July 11th, 14h:00, Auditorium 6*