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Powering Innovation

**Scaling startups solving tomorrow's everyday challenges.**

**Workspace • University R&D • Business Support • Talent — All Under One Roof**



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# Your Guide to Future Space: Innovation, Impact, Growth

Powered by UWE Bristol, Future Space is a multi-award-winning innovation centre combining workspace, R&D expertise, tailored business support and a ready-made talent pipeline, all under one roof.

Most founders struggle with the same barriers — the cost of space, access to talent, and limited R&D capability. Future Space removes those obstacles.

From HealthTech to GreenTech, digital innovation to advanced engineering, this is where real-world breakthroughs happen, where trailblazing founders grow together — and where the next generation of tech talent is born.

De-risking growth, accelerating innovation.

Your path to scale starts here.





More than just a workspace, Future Space is a living ecosystem. Our companies drive regional priorities across the everyday, green and digital economies, with firms like Albotherm and NPK Recovery contributing to net zero goals, while medtech pioneers like MilBOTix are advancing inclusive healthcare innovation.

Since opening in 2016, Future Space has become a regional engine of innovation — supporting **148** high-tech businesses over our lifetime, creating **622** new jobs, catalysing **460** new products into the world and generating **£35.6** million in GVA for the economy. Our simple but powerful model fuels growth by connecting cutting-edge tech startups with the research, talent and facilities at UWE Bristol.

Now recognised nationally as a standout University Enterprise Zone (UEZ), we've been praised for our deep integration with UWE Bristol, prime campus location and hands-on management. While other UEZs have struggled to sustain impact, we continue to set the benchmark for university-led innovation and growth. In this brochure you'll see first-hand how Future Space can support your growth.

— **Professor Matt Freeman**  
**Centre Director, Future Space**





# More than workspace — a growth base

Powered by **UWE Bristol** and **Oxford Innovation Space**, we replace siloed city offices for a truly collaborative campus environment. Whether you're a small team moving into your first office or a scaling company needing a dedicated lab to grow, we'll match you with the right space and facilities.

- **24-hour access** and **on-site security**
- **Dedicated private offices** for 1-20+ people
- **General lab space**, tissue culture and microbiology labs
- **Technical workspaces** within a controlled access zone
- **On-site technicians** and **specialist equipment** available
- Install **gas lines, sinks and extraction** for your needs
- **On-site parking, café, kitchenettes** and **reception**
- **70+ businesses** under one roof to share ideas



# Business Support



## Program



622

new jobs  
created by our  
businesses



## Support that moves the needle.

- **Strategy:** Shape your business model and explore markets through 1:1 support, MBA consultancy projects and free use of GROWTHmapper.
- **Funding:** Navigate seed and scaleup investment with access to our Investor Series and Innovate UK drop-ins.
- **Marketing:** Accelerate growth with brand strategy support through our exclusive Brand & Marketing programme.
- **Mentorship:** Get expert guidance from our Advisors & Business Partners across all core business functions.



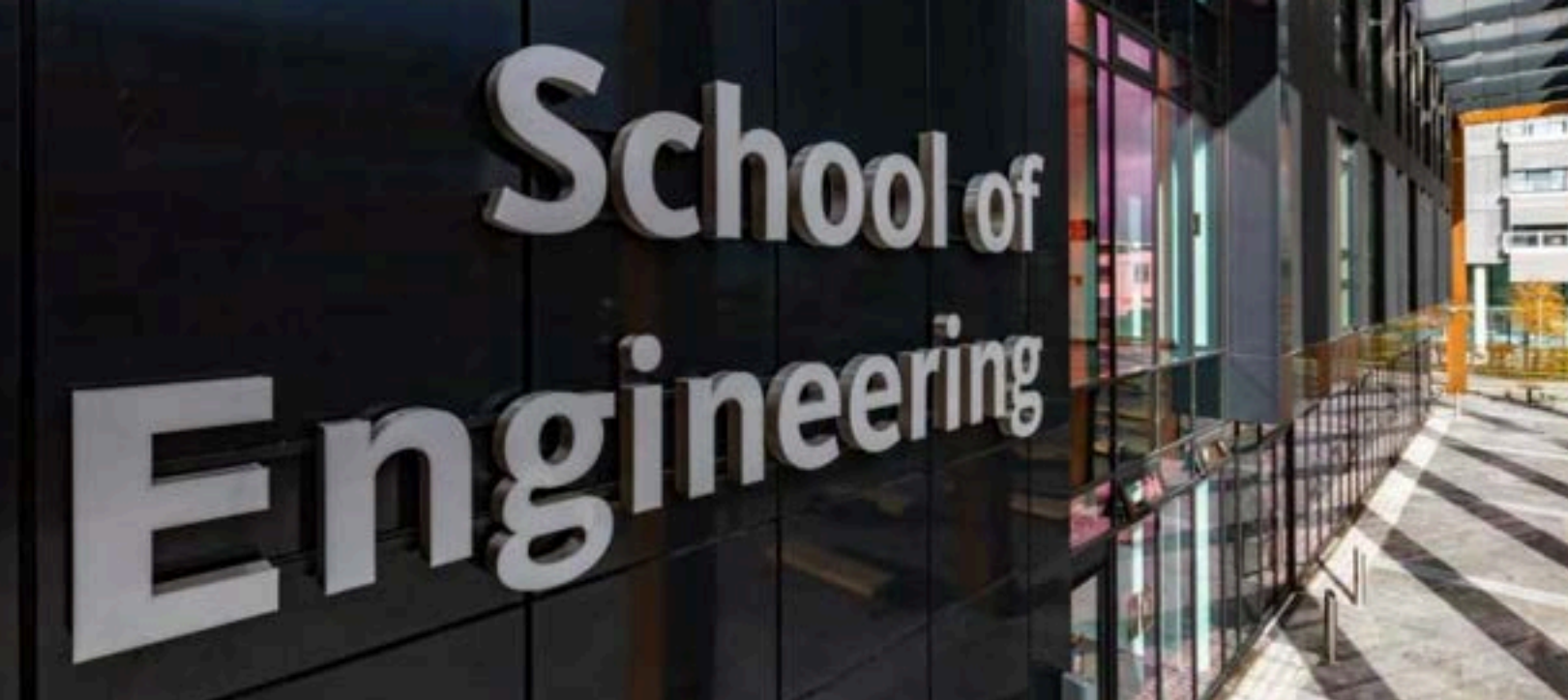
**460**  
products  
launched by  
our businesses

# University-Partnered R&D



Your R&D department without the overheads.

- **Ideation:** Explore ideas, test concepts and prototype with ease through student consultancy projects with UWE's Schools of Applied Sciences, Engineering, Business, Data Science and Product Design — supported by academics.
- **Trial & Testing:** Partner with UWE Bristol for deeper, more complex R&D collaborations through access to leading UWE facilities, academic consultancy and PhDs.
- **Funding:** Support for collaborative R&D projects and grant funding with bid writing support from UWE Bristol.



# Talent Pipeline

First access to the next generation of innovators.

- **Student Consultancy:** Get targeted insight and hands-on support across areas like market research, scientific testing, data modelling or product design, with undergraduate and postgraduate students based in Engineering, Applied Sciences, Business, Data Science and Product Design.
- **Funded Internships:** All new Future Space businesses are allocated a fully-funded 296-hour intern — just for you!
- **Professional Development:** Undertake continued professional development and skills training at UWE — with a 15% discount.



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Potential redesigns designed to be more accessible in three pastel colorways.



We bring in undergraduates as interns and have gone on to hire several of them. These young professionals make me better by questioning my assumptions. I improve, and the business gets stronger. Nothing beats seeing someone come to terms with their own potential.” — **Paul Ko Ferrigno, eclateral**

Housing



**40%**

of UWE talent  
offered a job  
with our  
companies

**£7.8M**

raised by our  
businesses  
in 2025

**21**

new businesses  
joined us  
in 2025

**33**

products  
launched by  
our businesses  
in 2025

**117**

advisor & partner  
introductions  
in 2025

**150**

jobs created by  
our businesses  
in 2025

**42**

workshops  
delivered  
in 2025

**£6.8M**

gross value added  
to the economy  
in 2025

**Year in Numbers:**  
How Future  
Space Drove  
Growth in **2025**

**Highest Raises:**

FluoretiQ Ltd.

**£1.8m**

Reach Industries Ltd.

**£1.2m**

Altered Carbon Ltd.

**£1m**

Sora Aviation Ltd.

**£1m**

# The Year in Numbers: How Future Space Drove R&D & Talent in 2025

## Increased R&D capability:

Student consultancy with 367 students sped up R&D — hence 73% of our businesses reported increased R&D capability.

## Building talent pipelines for the future:

18 UWE graduates hired alongside 12 UWE interns — showing clear career pathways for the university's emerging talent.

## Public sector adoption:

Pilots with care homes, festivals and beyond are strengthened by the credibility, academic backing and testing we provide.

**80%**

of our businesses  
worked with UWE  
in 2025

**367**

UWE Bristol  
students  
engaged

**73%**

of businesses  
report increased  
R&D capability

**30**

UWE Bristol  
graduates  
employed

**97%**

customer  
satisfaction  
score

**55**

of our businesses  
benefited from  
skills training

# Case Studies:

## MilBOTix

### Pioneering HealthTech with Purpose

#### Activity:

- 2 student consultancy projects
- 3 collaborative research projects (£100K)
- £250K raised
- 2 patents filed
- 1 new product

#### Impact:

- Created a clinically relevant wearable health diagnostic tool
- Advanced inclusive innovation in dementia and autism care

**MilBOTix** joined Future Space with a mission: to develop smart wearables that detect distress in people who struggle to communicate — from individuals with dementia to autistic adults.

They quickly tapped into the full Future Space ecosystem. This year, two student consultancy projects supported usability testing and early data collection. Meanwhile, business support helped them refine their model and secure £100K from the Innovate UK Biomedical Catalyst, in partnership with the Bristol Robotics Lab.

Working with our sponsored business partners, they have strengthened their clinical links and protected their IP.

Today, they have since secured two international patents for their groundbreaking SmartSocks technology, which has been piloted in three care homes and is now being prepared for NHS trials.

**milbotix**

# FluoretiQ

## Accelerating Rapid Diagnostics at Scale

### Activity:

- 1 student consultancy project
- 2 internships
- 2 CPD signups
- 1 collaborative research project (£10K)
- £1.86M raised
- 5 new jobs
- 2 new products

### Impact:

- Delivered two breakthrough diagnostics, including one for animal health
- Reduced diagnostic time for bacterial infections from days to minutes, supporting global efforts to curb antibiotic misuse

**FluoretiQ**, developers of biotech diagnostics for antimicrobial resistance, is one of Future Space's most active companies. Starting with guest talks, they quickly embedded across lab space, CPD, academic partnerships and investment activity.

This year, they brought in a UWE postgraduate, hosted two interns and secured £10K in R&D credits through the Health Tech Hub. Tailored support around growth strategy and branding helped sharpen their pitch — leading to standout performances at BioWales 2025 and securing international investor interest.

Today, FluoretiQ has launched two diagnostic products and is expanding into animal health through the vHive accelerator.

# FluoretiQ

# NPK Recovery

## Closing the Loop in Agriculture

### Activity:

- 4 student consultancy projects
- 1 internship
- 1 graduate hire
- 3 CPD signups (£500 spend)
- On-site R&D container (£24K spend)
- £660K raised
- 5 new jobs
- 1 new product

### Impact:

- Developed a pilot-ready nutrient recovery system drawn from urine
- Strengthened the sustainability supply chain through circular innovation

**NPK Recovery** arrived at Future Space aiming to transform nutrient waste in agriculture into reusable resources. They found momentum through expert business support, professional skills training courses through UWE Bristol and investor introductions.

A strategic partnership with UWE's School of Applied Sciences this year led to four student projects, one intern and one graduate hire. They went on to co-deliver five research projects and were granted Visiting Researcher status. Soon after, 70 postgraduates from the Bristol Business School supported their digital marketing strategy, feeding directly into their rebrand and new website.

Today, NPK Recovery has developed a pilot-ready nutrient recovery process, partnered with the likes of Boomtown Festival and the 2025 London Marathon (gaining national BBC coverage), ultimately working to close the loop on nutrient waste and strengthen the sustainability supply chain through circular innovation.

The logo for NPK Recovery, featuring the letters 'NPK' in a bold, white, sans-serif font centered within a dark green rectangular box with a thin white border.

# Recognition

Future Space was the winner of **four** regional ecosystem awards in 2024-25.



Future Space has made a significant impact on innovation in the region, fostering new ideas and collaborations. Through its work with students, it will continue to grow and expand this influence for years to come.” — **techSPARK 2025**

# What our businesses say...



Future Space is at the heart of tech development in Bristol. We moved from a premises where we felt quite isolated from this environment. There is a real buzz of the excitement of invention at Future Space."

— **Oliver Payton,**  
**Bristol Nano Dynamics**



We chose Future Space because of its location in a wider ecosystem, its flexibility in providing space as we grew, its excellent support, for access to the network of investors, and for its 100% commitment to diversity, equality and inclusion."

— **Carla Ottersen,**  
**Silent Sensors**



Working at Future Space has accelerated our business and given us the space and freedom to experiment. The team are friendly, approachable and really want to understand the business so they can support your growth."

— **Hannah Van Den Bergh,**  
**NPK Recovery**



My internship through Future Space launched my career."

— **Thryschia Marasigan,**  
**Uplift360**



It's great!  
Lab space +  
community +  
support = magic."

— **Dan Hardy,**  
**Microsol**



Fantastic ecosystem, lots of funding support and great connections with the wider university."

— **Zeke Steer,**  
**MilBOTix**

## Start where you are — grow where you need.

- Book a **Tour** or sign up for your free **Experience Day**.
- Choose your workspace or membership options.
- Plug into business support, university R&D and talent.

Let's talk about your growth.

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