

## Support for entrepreneurs

The University offers alumni two schemes for budding entrepreneurs. The schemes are supported through **[Entrepreneurship and Innovation](http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/ei)** (<http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/ei>).

### Social Enterprise UnLtd Awards

The Social Enterprise UnLtd Awards is an initiative to support recent graduates, students and staff to start a social venture. Funds are available for those who have an idea which will make a difference to community, people's lives or the environment in the local area.

Your idea can be big or small, all ideas are welcome – Awards of up to £15k are available for large long term enterprises and £500 funds are also offered for smaller projects or to test your idea.

### What support is available?

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The programme support includes:

- Award funding to start and develop your social project or enterprise
- Training to build our entrepreneurial skills and business knowledge to turn your idea into a viable social enterprise
- Office space in the dedicated Entrepreneurship & Innovation Incubator on campus

### Who is it for?

Graduates and students who are passionate about making a positive change in the local community and have an idea to make it happen.

Alumni applying must be a recent graduate (2011,2012). Individuals or groups up to 3 people can apply.

### Find out more

If you are interested in applying or you have any queries please contact the Entrepreneurship & Innovation team:

Email: [ei@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:ei@contacts.bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:ei@contacts.bham.ac.uk>)

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We can also talk to you about your idea prior to application, so please get in touch.

More information about eh Awards can be found on the **[website \(https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/ei/programmes/socent/socent-prog.aspx\)](https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/ei/programmes/socent/socent-prog.aspx)**. You can also find out more about Social Enterprise **[here \(https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/ei/programmes/socent/index.aspx\)](https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/ei/programmes/socent/index.aspx)**.

### B-SEEN programme

B-SEEN (Birmingham Skills for Enterprise and Employability Network) offers alumni and students the opportunity to start and run a business, after graduation or during university. Whether the intention is to work for an organisation or to be self-employed in the longer term, B-SEEN supports the development of transferable, all round enterprising skills and confidence to stand out and be successful in any career.

The programme is funded by The European Regional Development Fund and delivered by Aston University, Birmingham City University and the University of Birmingham.

### What support is available?

B-SEEN is a tried and tested 6 month start up programme which has supported over 100 new businesses so far (from 2010 – 2012).

The programme of support includes:

- Training to build your entrepreneurial skills and business knowledge to turn your idea into a viable venture
- Mentoring from experts
- Access to grant funding to grow your business
- Office space in the dedicated Entrepreneurship & Innovation Incubator on campus
- The opportunity to be a part of a growing network of like minded entrepreneurs

Find out when the next programme is recruiting by visiting the **[B-SEEN website \(https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/ei/programmes/bseen.aspx\)](https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/employability/ei/programmes/bseen.aspx)**.

### Who is it for?

Whether you have a great idea you would like to pursue, the ambition to be a founder of a successful company or you want to start up to gain experience and the competitive edge in the job market, B-SEEN is a highly regarded option for everyone.

Individuals who join B-SEEN must:

- Want to set up a business in Birmingham

- Be a current student or have graduated from the University of Birmingham

OR

- Be a graduate who lives in teh West Midlands (please contact us to check if you are not sure if your residence is covered)

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