

Graduate Program for

Photonics, Quantum, and Deep Tech Start-ups in Berlin and Brandenburg

Participants: PhD students, PhDs and Post Docs in research institutes with interest to start a business in Photonics, quantum technologies, sensor tech, micro systems

Aim of the program:

Berlin is THE start-up capital in Germany and a start-up hot spot in Europe. Photonics quantum tech and other Deep Technologies are strong in Berlin but starting a company in such a high-tech field still remains challenging. With the start-up program we want to inform PhD students, PhDs and Post Docs in Photonics, QT and other deep tech from Berlin that starting a company is possible and can be fun too. The start-up ecosystem in Berlin nowadays is highly professionalized and holds ample opportunities for those who dare... We invite start-ups, established companies, Business Angels and VCs as well as law firms and university support structures to the seminar to present their cases, challenges and lessons learned and to indicate support opportunities.

Organizers:

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Date: Winter 2023, Thursday, 16:00 - 17:30

Venue: Webinar format mixed with in-presence sessions with changing locations

Registration: **until 23rd December 2022:**

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

	Date	Topic	Speaker
1	12.1. Q-Space ADL	Introduction & Photonics in Berlin & High-Tech Start-ups	Mike Richardson (OpTecBB) & Frank Lerch (EPIGAP OSA) & Volker Hofmann (HI)
2	19.1. online	My journey from the ivory tower to the entrepreneurship jungle: 5 key takeaways	International founder/ecosystem Arne Leinse (Lionix)
3	26.1. online	Start-up – Story from Germany: Breathing life into optical and QT systems	Dr. Kevin Füchsel (Quantum Optics Jena GmbH)
4	09.02 online	Financing High-Tech Start-ups	Gernot Berger (High-Tech Gründerfonds Management GmbH)
5	16.02. BPWT Holzmarkt	Supporting Start-ups within the Cluster Optics and Photonics Berlin Brandenburg	Gerrit Rössler, Silvia Bensel, Philip Scherer (Berlin Partner für Wirtschaft und Technologie)
6	23.02. Uni P. tbc by mid Nov.	Business Model Canvas and a short Pitch Clinic	Johannes Zier/ Anita Knappe (Potsdam Transfer, Uni Potsdam)
7	02.03. BOSCH Tempelhof	Investing into quantum tech	Katrin Kobe (Bosch QT)
8	09.03. online	Shedding light on the future - Building a scalable business model by investing in detector tech	Marek Kotelnicki (VIGO Ventures)
9	16.03. Vossius	IP Management for start-ups	Dr. Christian Sandweg (VOSSIUS & Partner)
10	23.03. IBB (Investing into deep tech in Berlin	Stephan Schulze (IBB Beteiligungsgesellschaft)
11	20.04. MOCK	Legal issues in incorporating a company, (Gesellschaftsvertrag, etc.)	Prof. Dr. Walter Rust (MOCK Rechtsanwälte)
12	04.05. XXX	My journey from Former TU Berlin Start-up u2t later FINISAR, then AUCCEPT and XXX	Andreas Umbach (AUCCEPT GmbH)
13	11.05.	Corporate Venturing for bright ideas Competition: pitches of ideas 1500,00 Euro price for the winner	Ann-Sophie Mönch (Hella) Participants & Jury