

Research Handbook on



Start-up Incubation Ecosystems

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Topic

New ventures do not emerge in a vacuum. They are embedded in a context which helps and/or hinders their development. Many initiatives to incubate and support start-ups have been implemented, which provide resources, networks and expertise. Previous studies often look at these incubation mechanisms in isolation, while their effectiveness depends on the context in which they operate. Hence, more knowledge is needed on how start-up incubation influences and depends on the context. The concept of entrepreneurial ecosystem is used to describe how the variety of individuals, organisations and institutions influence entrepreneurial activity in a particular context. A key function of ecosystems is to incubate start-ups.

This book seeks to conceptualise different types of start-up incubation ecosystems, defined as a set of interdependent actors and factors that interact as a system providing a nurturing environment for the creation and successful development of start-ups. A better understanding of start-up incubation ecosystems is vital for entrepreneurship policy, practice and research.

Call for chapters

We are seeking contributions to the Research Handbook of Start-up Incubation Ecosystems. A brief outline of the sections of the book and potential topics are listed below. Due to relatively tight deadlines, we anticipate that authors build on work in progress and data that has already been collected.

We plan to include chapters authored by a mix of senior and junior scholars. We will invite a number of highly respected authors from other institutions in Europe and the US to complement the works and perspectives of academics at Nord University.

For the first step, we ask potential Contributors to supply a tentative title, an abstract of up to 150 words and a list of up to 6 key words/terms for their intended chapter. The abstract should include the objectives of the chapter, the methods used, and the potential findings and implications of your work for research and practice. We anticipate the following timeline:

Abstract submission	April 3, 2018
Manuscript submission	August 15, 2018
1st review completed	October, 2018
Workshop at Nord University	Late November, 2018
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2nd review completed	February, 2019
Final version due	March, 2019

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Structure of the Book

- 1) INTRODUCTION
- 2) **CONTEXT** – Start-up Incubation Ecosystems (SUPIEs)
 - University SUPIEs*
 - Rural & regional SUPIEs*
 - Sustainable SUPIEs*
 - Virtual SUPIEs*
 - SUPIEs in special contexts (e.g. tourism, public sector)*
- 3) **ACTORS I. (Supply side)** – Entrepreneurship Support Organisations
 - Incubation and incubators*
 - Acceleration and accelerators*
 - Technology transfer and TTOs*
 - Government support initiatives*
 - University innovation labs*
- 3) **ACTORS II. (Demand side)** – Entrepreneurs in SUPIEs
 - Individuals*
 - Teams*
 - Start-ups*
- 4) **PROCESS & OUTCOMES** – Start-up Incubation Processes and Outcomes
 - Interactions and learning within SUPIEs*
 - Financing of SUPIEs*
 - Economic and social impacts of SUPIEs*
 - Research methods to analyse SUPIEs*

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