

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR DEEP-TECH STARTUPS: ROLE OF ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITIES"



Date: 20th to 22th May 2026

Venue: JN TATA Auditorium, IISc, Bangalore, Karnataka, INDIA - 560012

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The widespread emergence and exit of tech startups have been a distinctive phenomenon of the global economy in the 21st century. While thousands emerge, only a few hundred survive and a few tens scale up. In this startup landscape, though deep-tech startups (which provide radical solutions to diverse socio-economic. problems) account for a negligible fraction, their relative share seems to increase during the later stages of the startup life cycle, implying a higher rate of survival, success during scaling up. However, a critical success factor for these deep-tech startups is a strong base of research & innovation and engineering, which takes place in some of the higher education institutions globally. Such institutions, which consciously encourage the blossoming of entrepreneurship, in addition to teaching and research, are termed "Entrepreneurial Universities". There is a need to progressively encourage "Entrepreneurial Universities" to promote and support deep-tech startups. It is to discuss and arrive at a comprehensive understanding of how to promote entrepreneurial universities to support innovation and entrepreneurship, particularly in the deep-tech space, that we propose to hold this International Conference involving experts and stakeholders from diverse fields of startup ecosystems.

## We propose to conduct the Conference with two broad platforms as follows:

- 1. Start-up Platform: Start-Up Founders, Angels, VCs, Private Equities, Chiefs of Accelerators / Incubators / Co-Working Spaces, Heads of Entrepreneurship Cells at Higher Education Institutions, Business Mentors, Technology Mentors, Large Companies which Nurture Start-Ups, Smart SMEs and Government Officials
- 2. Researchers' Platform: Faculty Members, Research Scholars, Research Associates, Project Assistants and PG Students

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**Inaugural Session** 20 May 2026 | 9:30 am to 11:30 am

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Valedictory Session 22 May 2026 | 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

## **Registration Fees**

**Early Bird Fee Regular Fee** (upto 28 Feb. 2026) (upto 30 Apr. 2026) Students\*, Research Scholars\*, Startups\*\* ₹4,000 ₹6,000 Industry Delegates, VCs, Incubators, ₹6,000 ₹8,000 Practitioners, Faculty Members International Delegates \$ 200 \$ 250 International Students\* **\$**100 **\$** 150

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Social Entrepreneurship

 Entrepreneurial Education Science Commercialization

Entrepreneurial Economics

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- · Domestic Entrepreneurship
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- Financing of Startups and MSMEs Entrepreneurial University and Education
- Technology Transfer and Commercialization
- Entrepreneurial Innovations and Technology

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## We invite:

- 1. Entrepreneurship Researchers to submit full papers/abstracts
- 2. Academic Institutions to join us as co-hosts
- 3. Organizations / Companies to join us as sponsors
- 4. Startups to setup stalls

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For Abstracts / Full Paper / Pitch Deck / Poster submission, please scan the QR code



## **Important Dates:**

16 Jul. 2025: Submission Opens 31 Oct. 2025: Submission Closes

31 Dec. 2025: Final Decision

28 Feb. 2026: Submission of Camera Ready Papers

30 Apr. 2026: Presentation Submission For queries, please email to:

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