Utilising space technology can offer ambitious entrepreneurs the opportunity to gain a competitive advantage within their sector. Each year the ESA BIC UK accepts start-up companies on a one- to two-year programme from a multitude of sectors including agriculture, digital technology, energy and healthcare.

As part of a wider network of ESA BICs across Europe, the ESA BIC UK has already supported over 70 companies that have raised over £48 million in equity investment.

"Having access to state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, for rates which a start-up would never have been able to afford, makes ESA BIC UK hugely ideal for launching successful tech start-ups."

Rafael Jordá Siquier, CEO, Open Cosmos

"We have learnt so much about space having come from outside the sector. The STFC team are very prompt in providing information and always ensure we network with the right people."

Sushma Shankar, Co-founder, Deep Planet

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Run on behalf of ESA, the programme is managed and co-funded by the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), one of the largest multi-disciplinary research organisations in the world, and is located at three sites across the UK at Harwell Campus, Sci-Tech Daresbury and the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh.

Start-ups utilising space technology in any way at all can take part - from robots that weigh chickens using GPS, to insect proteins grown using life support technology from space stations!

We are looking for start-up companies with innovative ideas for:

- **Downstream applications** of space technology or satellite applications in a non-space environment
- **The development of upstream technologies** for use in space

Unsure if your start-up qualifies? Get in touch and we'll gladly advise you.

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