

Welcome to Accelerate

Accelerate is a pioneering collaboration between Welsh universities and the Life Science Hub Wales. Helping to translate innovative ideas into new products and services to improve the health and wellbeing of those living in Wales.

The Accelerate programme offers enterprises, bespoke research, development and innovation expertise to refine and validate health care solutions and speed up adoption into the health sector in Wales for economic benefit.

Who can work with Accelerate?

We collaborate with innovators to help turn ideas into new products, services and processes. We want to hear from you if you're an entrepreneur or if you work in industry, the NHS, academia or the third sector and you're developing healthcare innovations that will benefit people, improve NHS Wales, and boost the Welsh economy.

Who is involved in Accelerate?

Accelerate is a partnership between four organisations, each of which brings a unique expertise. Our partners can help you tackle a wide range of research, development and innovation challenges.

- **The Life Sciences Hub Wales** – has a strategic oversight role. It has extensive knowledge of the challenges and needs of health and care services in Wales and provides links with the broader Welsh life sciences ecosystem.
- **Cardiff University's Clinical Innovation Accelerator** – based at the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, CIA has many connections within the hospital, to doctors, patients, and clinical researchers. It can help innovators access, and work with, these resources and with researchers from across Cardiff University.
- **University of Wales Trinity Saint David's Assistive Technologies Innovation Centre** – has extensive expertise and experience in user-centred design, user-experience evaluation and behavioural analysis, 3D data and motion capture, as well as prototyping in a range of materials.
- **Swansea University's Health Technology Centre** – has dedicated research capabilities, from cell biology to nanotechnology to data science, and strong links throughout Swansea University.

Can Accelerate fund my project?

Accelerate does not offer funding or grants. Instead, the programme focuses on supporting collaborative research, development, and innovation, aided by a team of specialist colleagues.

Accelerate offers access to the academic expertise, in-depth understanding of the life sciences eco-system, and cutting-edge facilities to help get ideas off the ground.

How can Accelerate help me

Our four partner organisations have the depth and breadth of expertise to help you develop your innovation. We can support you in the way that suits you best, and we're flexible with our approach. You might benefit from:

- ✓ Expertise – the opportunity to work with experts in research and development, user experience, clinical engagement and technology transfer
- ✓ Help identifying potential collaborators – including industry, academic, or clinical partners
- ✓ Clinical input – working with NHS Wales to enhance your research and development
- ✓ Advice and guidance – access to a multidisciplinary team of experts in a range of spheres
- ✓ Access – to leading Welsh Universities, University Health Boards and Trusts, patients, facilities, personnel, and wider connections across the life sciences sector
- ✓ Help navigate the life sciences support ecosystem.

How do I apply for Accelerate?

The first step in applying for Accelerate is to contact us by email accelerate@lshubwales.com. We'll arrange to talk with you in person to understand your needs and how Accelerate might be able to help.

To find out more, visit: lshubwales.com/accelerate