

Four key tasks are defined by the Innovation Hub's mission: Inspire, Build, Empower, and Nurture. In addition, the Hub focuses on structure-building innovation initiatives in research-driven topics with

high innovation potential, connects stakeholders within and beyond the university, and actively promotes the exchange between science, society, and industry.

Inspiring with an entrepreneurial spirit

We provide access to the field of innovation and entrepreneurship, motivating students and researchers to explore new topics, acquire key competencies for their future and actively engage with innovators and entrepreneurs. This approach opens new perspectives on the work in their studies and research, enabling them to identify and implement innovative ideas.

Building entrepreneurial skills

Developing marketable solutions, refining them, and driving them forward is a challenging and sometimes long-term process. That is why fostering competencies, practical skills, and methodological know-how through our training courses is a central component of our portfolio.

Empowering to create successful ventures

Innovation truly unfolds its impact when research-based ideas are translated into market-ready products, services, and applications, for example, through founding a company. For early career researchers, taking the step from research into entrepreneurship requires courage. We therefore support them in this early development phase not only with funding but through coaching, advice, and hands-on guidance.

Nurturing the innovation ecosystem

The power of networks is essential for the emergence of innovation. We provide access to a diverse ecosystem, consisting of experts at UZH, and in the startup community – valuable not only for aspiring innovators and entrepreneurs, but also for potential future collaborators from industry and business. At the same time, strategically supported structural innovation initiatives strengthen the innovation ecosystem at UZH, across the city of Zurich, and within the broader Zurich economic region.