



The Activator, the largest scientist-led biotech accelerator.

Supporting academic scientists in launching biotech ventures that address challenges in human and planetary health.



WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Inventors – Academic trainees or recent grads with a scientific idea, technology, or innovation they want to commercialize through a startup, in both human and planetary health.
- Contributors – Technical, business, or clinical trainees excited to join a founding team and gain hands-on experience in biotech venture creation.

* Individuals and pre-formed teams welcome

WHY JOIN?

- No fees, no equity—built for life science founders
- Meet potential co-founders and build your team
- Get expert feedback to sharpen your pitch; connect with top investors and mentors
- Join a global network of biotech innovators
- Celebrate your progress with awards and prizes

Key Program Components



TEAM FORMATION

Align scientists, business trainees, and early professionals interested in building a venture. Facilitate mutual matching.



STRATEGY SUPPORT

Get long-term guidance from industry mentors, legal experts, and clinical partners to shape your venture, protect your IP, and address real-world needs.



FALL

WINTER

SPRING

SUMMER



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Private global seminars with top KOLs. Enable networking with faculty, biotech executives, first-time founders, and investors.



HANDS ON WORKSHOPS

Iterate on science-first business theses; deep-dive workshops with industry experts.



DEMO DAY / THE FORUM

Teams connect with an audience comprising program mentors, renowned science entrepreneurs, industry veterans, and top-tier investors.

Applications open now. Apply at apply.nucleate.org. Rolling admission until **October 20, 2025**. Learn more about Nucleate [here](#).