

The University of Osaka

Revitalising the Osaka Economy by Working with Industry to Promote the Support of Startups in the Kansai Region

■ The University of Osaka (UO) Initiatives

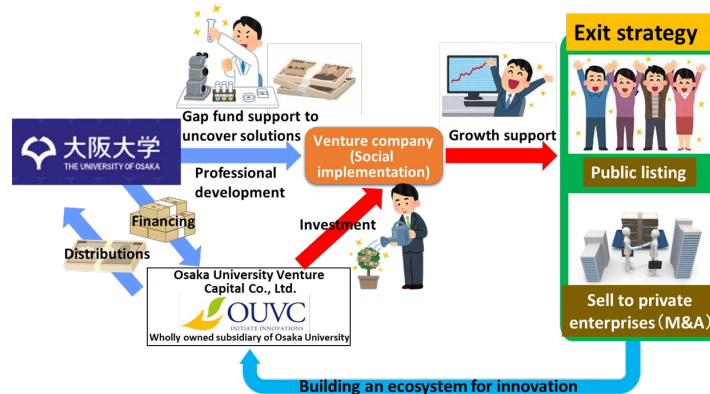
- UO promotes pre-incubation activities for establishing academic startups and supports entrepreneurial activities that utilize research solutions through its Gap Fund.
- At UO, which promotes government-sponsored projects, Osaka University Venture Capital Co., Ltd. (OUVC), a wholly owned subsidiary, has provided support and investment to more than 30 startups over the past five years and has become a deep tech startup base.
- As a core program for developing innovative professionals, UO coordinates the Osaka University Innovators' Club, which supports student entrepreneurship activities and promotes entrepreneurship education.
- In collaboration with 21 private venture capital firms, the University has built a support network for pre-incubation activities.
- In cooperation with external organizations, such as NEDO and JETRO, UO promotes support for entrepreneurs and the overseas expansion of startups.

■ Facilities and Other Amenities Provided

- UO provides use of its on-campus incubation facilities (Office for Industry-University Co-Creation, TechnoAlliance Complex, etc.) to university-initiated startups and teachers, researchers, and students interested in launching a startup. Here, various forms of support for entrepreneurs, such as enabling head office registration, are implemented.

■ Strategies for the Future

- UO and OUVC provide the support know-how for establishing startups to other universities and research institutions in the Kansai region.
- UO and OUVC contribute to the enhancement of corporate value through transfer of the University's technological solutions via joint research and other efforts with startups in the Kansai region.
- Hold business contests and pitch competitions independently in cooperation with other organizations to help foster entrepreneurship in the Kansai region.
- Contribute to the establishment of an organic network with various institutions, including overseas research institutions, VBs, and VCs, by providing them with professional science communicators and coordinators.



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Commercializing UO's research results to create an innovation ecosystem that further advances UO's research based on the feedback received from society