

## UNIL-HEC Accelerator: FAQ 2019

The purpose of the accelerator is to stimulate, facilitate and accelerate the creation of innovative and job-creating businesses by transforming a project into a business and helping the candidate to become an entrepreneur. This structure aims to encourage all types of projects for which technological innovation is not central. It is open to all students, doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows of the UNIL Campus for the duration of their studies or term of office.

The goals are to:

- Select projects with high development potential;
- Accompany and support selected candidates;
- Monitor projects and candidates to increase the potential for success;

### **Q: Team composition?**

A: The project leader must be a student, doctoral student (registered with UNIL until the end of the acceleration period or a member of the Alumni). For post-doctoral fellows, until the end of their term. The other team members may come from other structures.

### **Q: Project selection?**

A: The projects selected will be those with the greatest potential for development, in terms of market or job creation. Projects that take sustainability issues into account will be welcome. The members of the jury include professors from UNIL and members of the Ecosystem.

### **Q: Progress of the project?**

A: The step regarding the customer value proposition must have already been done. The company must not have been created yet.

### **Q: Use of funds?**

A: The available line of credit will make it possible to develop a possible prototype, to participate in trade shows, to mandate an external expert outside the coaches or mentors available. The request will be validated by the program manager. It should not be used to pay salaries.

### **Q: Obligation towards the Institution?**

A: The selected team must participate in the activities of the accelerator, return documents requested by the program manager, coaches or mentors on time. Attendance at training and weekly coaching are mandatory for the duration of the Acceleration Program. It must be transparent in the problems encountered during the development of the project with the Program Manager.

### **Q: Use of the workspace?**

A: The workspace is shared with the other selected teams. It is open 7 days a week and 24 hours a day. Meeting rooms (upon prior reservation) will be available. If specific equipment is required during the project, it will be discussed with the program manager to find the most appropriate solution for its use.

The maintenance of the workspace is the responsibility of each team, including the common space.

### **Q: Follow-up, support?**

A: After the analysis of the specific needs of each project, a schedule will be established, including: a weekly meeting with the project manager, the courses and conferences planned during the program, as well as the documents to be submitted at the different stages. Appointments with coaches and mentors will be scheduled between the team and the project manager.