



The Innovation Exchange Amsterdam ([IXA](#)) is the joint knowledge transfer office of the HvA, UvA, and Amsterdam UMC and acts as the expert interface between Amsterdam-based universities and parties interested in their research findings and knowledge, such as companies, educational institutions, investors, health care providers, entrepreneurs, government bodies and societal organizations. IXA deploys its expertise in both directions: assisting researchers in generating societal and economic impact from their work and assisting external parties in navigating the academic landscape to find a solution or spot an opportunity.

Do you have an idea that could benefit people, companies, other organizations or society as a whole? IXA can help you identify the best valorization strategy for your particular idea, invention, product, service, technology or material. IXA has various facilities to offer:

1. **Physical space in Demonstrator Lab.** [Demonstrator Lab](#) is the entrepreneurship laboratory where you can transform your ideas into a tangible product or service. Its goal is to foster an entrepreneurial culture in the higher education ecosystem of the city and to boost research driven innovation by giving its members the opportunity to get their feet wet at no cost. For an entire year, students and researchers can work out their ideas, without additional financial risks, with a workstation and under the guidance of director David lanuzzi and IXA business developers and in cooperation with other students/researchers who are also all working on their ideas.
2. **Funding.** At some point in developing your idea you might need it: money. IXA offers researchers from all University's research fields, from engineering, maths and life sciences to the arts, humanities and social sciences access to a variety of [funding and grants](#).
3. **Training programs.** The VU and Amsterdam UMC recently started to participate in the training programs of [ACE Incubator](#) (again). All entrepreneurship programs are available for APH researchers. Twice a year, an incubator program is organized around spring and autumn in which excellent guidance is provided for when you would like to start your own company. There are also 2-days inspire programs, aimed at the different scientific domains.
4. **One-on-one consultation** with business development is also always an option. Whenever you are excited about an idea, an innovation or (the possibility of) an invention, the first step to take is to [consult](#) one of the IXA business developers