

Financing Strategies for health and life science pre-incubator and incubator

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Abstract

Global and regional challenges in healthcare, such as the ageing population and the financial efficiency pressures to deliver adequate health services, create the need to develop new innovations and socially impactful business in the healthcare and life sciences. Business incubators play a key role in promoting innovation and new business by offering support to early-stage entrepreneurs and startups. However, the success and continuity of incubators are strongly dependent on adequate and sustainable financing mechanisms. The purpose of this study is to explore successful financing strategies for health and life science business incubator activities and programs. This qualitative study, which is based on a literature review, interviews, and public archives, provides insight into sustainable funding strategies in health and life science incubators. Based on findings, traditional sources of funding, such as state grants, regional public funding, and corporate sponsorship, are often the basic pillars of business incubator funding.

Strategic partnerships with universities, research institutes, and public and private actors in the health sector can significantly contribute to obtaining funding. Impact investing and social entrepreneurship have gained attention in the health and life science sector, which may create new opportunities for business incubator funding. Business incubators in the field of health and life science that conform to these matters can utilize impact-focused funds and networks, strengthening their social impact and

sustainability. The results of this study help to develop effective financing strategies, which are vital to the success and scalability of business incubator programs. Incubators can develop a favorable environment for innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable economic development by utilizing various financing mechanisms.

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