

Science + Business

Innovation

At IQS Tech Factory, we believe in empowering our entrepreneurs through "a little help from our friends" time and tools to enable them to explore the incredible journey of entrepreneurship.

We know that our offer is much more than just launching startups as we seek to inspire and support our entire community based on experience within our network and beyond.

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More startups



It's in our DNA

Since 1910, IQS has been a leading university centre, and the creation of new companies has always been a constant among our students.

A study we conducted on related assets shows that we have information on and have helped to launch over 350 companies.

We have determined that each IQS entrepreneur has created 1.8 companies on average, and some have even created up to seven companies (Carles Ferrer-Salat, for example). A small, yet significant, number of our entrepreneurs have even started businesses before graduating.

Our study also indicates that, nowadays, our entrepreneurs spend less and less time between graduating and creating their first company. Nearly 40% of the initiatives launched in the 21st century were created between the entrepreneur's graduation year and the five following years, with the average time dropping from twelve to ten years.

The size of the companies has also grown recently, with 46% of businesses having more than 50 employees and an average of 15 employees per company.

The average earnings per company is 2.3 million euros.

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Fully focused on success

We can't forget that we form part of IQS, a university that boasts two schools, the School of Engineering and the School of Management, offers 25 degree programmes, and is home to over 15 research groups that produce hundreds of papers every year. Our vast intellectual property track record has been the starting point for countless technologically-based new companies and corporate licensing rights.

Our open innovation programmes enable us to be at the cutting edge of market demands through our partnerships with more than one hundred leading companies.

Knowledge transfer as an activator of 110 years of IQS entrepreneurship.

2024 in a nutshell

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Focused units
for innovation

45%

Initiatives with
Tech Transfer

15

Research
groups

182

IQS entrepreneurial
initiatives since 2015

+17,5

YoY Research
contracts

118

Ongoing
competitive
projects