Need more information?

Please ask for our sheets on:

- Engaging with industry
- Licensing TCD intellectual property
- Filing patent applications
- Non-disclosure and materials transfer agreements

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**Definition:**

A **TCD Campus Company** is a company formed for the purposes of exploiting College IP.

- This is synonymous with the terms spin-out, spin-off or spin-in.
- TCD licences IP to Campus Companies under separate agreements.

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**Benefits to Staff** who form a Campus Company

TCD staff may:

- become directly involved in the commercial development of their research outputs
- benefit from shares in the company, as well as sharing in TCD revenue earned from licences granted to the company
- act as a personal consultant to the company for up to 20% of personal time
- conduct further research for the company within TCD, subject to conflict of interest considerations
- request leave of absence from TCD to work full-time with the company

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**Supports** for forming a Campus Company

- Free Entrepreneurship training courses
- Free hot desk space in Enterprise Centre
- Simplified procedure for TCD approval
- Introductions to potential business partners & consultants
- Provision of agreements as required pre-formation
- Advice from experienced TTO Case Managers
- TEN website: [www.trinityenterprisenetwork.com](http://www.trinityenterprisenetwork.com)

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**Steps involved** in receiving approval as a TCD Campus Company

**NB:** A simplified procedure* is currently in place under derogation from the TCD IP Policy.

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Contact your TTO Case Manager, who will advise on all steps below

- Build a team
- Submit a business plan
- Incorporate at the CRO
- Obtain the consent of your Head of School
- Undertake to provide TCD with 5% initial equity (which may be diluted)
- Send two letters to the Associate Director of TR&I for approval, and subsequent endorsement by the Dean of Research

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**Benefits** of TCD Campus Company status

- value of the TCD brand name for marketing & attracting investors
- access to TCD facilities and/or equipment at nominal rates
- reduced rates for rental of TCD incubation space
- appropriate licensing terms for rights to TCD IP
- inclusion in TTO marketing at internal and external events, in material and on website

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*Average number of TCD Campus Companies formed per annum:

**0.86** during the years 1986–2007

**6** during the years 2008-2010......

...under the simplified procedure.