

**IMPROVING THE ACTIVITIES OF INNOVATIVE BUSINESS INCUBATORS AT  
HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.**

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**Abstract:** *The article analyzes the issues of increasing the efficiency of innovative business incubators operating at higher educational institutions. The study examines the role of incubators in developing startup projects, creating innovative products, implementing scientific developments in practice, and increasing the potential of students and young entrepreneurs. It also highlights strategic directions for improving the activities of incubators, financial and institutional support mechanisms, opportunities for developing innovative infrastructure, and strengthening university-business integration. The results of the study will serve to ensure the effective operation of innovative business incubators, develop the startup ecosystem, and increase economic stability.*

**Keywords:** *Innovative business incubators, higher education institutions, startup projects, university-business integration, innovative development, implementation of scientific developments, young entrepreneurs, improvement of incubator activities, innovative products, financial and institutional support, innovative infrastructure.*

**Introduction**

In the modern economy, the development of innovations and startup projects is of great importance in ensuring the economic stability and competitiveness of the country. In this regard, higher education institutions play an important role not only as centers for the creation and dissemination of scientific knowledge, but also as a platform for supporting young entrepreneurs, creating innovative products and developing startup projects. Innovative business incubators are considered the main tool for ensuring integration between universities and young entrepreneurs. They accelerate the processes of developing startup projects, implementing scientific developments in practice, creating innovative products and services, and increasing economic efficiency.

Innovative business incubators at higher education institutions act as one of the key elements of the startup ecosystem. While universities provide scientific potential and research resources, incubators serve as an important tool in supporting young entrepreneurs and startup projects, organizing a mentoring system, creating a pilot base, and managing the commercialization process. At the same time, incubators strengthen university-business integration, stimulate the implementation of scientific developments in practice, and effectively organize the process of creating innovative products.

In the conditions of Uzbekistan, the role of innovative business incubators is relevant and is closely related to the country's economic strategies, in particular, programs for innovative development, support for startups and the development of young entrepreneurship. This process not only brings together universities and business entities, but also expands the opportunities for supporting young specialists, creating innovative products and implementing startup projects. At the same time, incubators increase the economic potential of students and young entrepreneurs, develop innovative thinking and are oriented towards creating products that meet market requirements.

Therefore, improving the activities of innovative business incubators at higher educational institutions, developing startup projects, implementing scientific developments into practice, and strengthening university-business integration are considered one of the most urgent scientific and practical issues of our time. This article analyzes the effective operation of innovative business incubators, their contribution to startup and innovation projects, and areas for improvement.

#### **Main part**

Innovative business incubators are considered the main platform for integration between higher education institutions and the startup ecosystem. Their main goal is to implement scientific developments in practice, create new products and services, develop startup projects, and increase the potential of young entrepreneurs. In this regard, incubators strengthen the integral connection between universities and business entities, combine scientific potential with economic efficiency, and accelerate the process of creating innovative products.

Innovative business incubators at higher educational institutions perform tasks such as supporting young entrepreneurs, financing startup projects, creating a mentoring system, and commercializing scientific developments. Scientific laboratories and experimental and testing grounds of universities are effectively used by incubators to develop startup projects. This accelerates the process of creating new products and services, increases the ability of enterprises to adapt to market requirements, and strengthens their competitiveness.

The effectiveness of innovative business incubators depends not only on the success of startup projects, but also on the implementation of scientific developments in practice. Therefore, incubators act as a mechanism for developing scientific and technical infrastructure, connecting universities and business entities, supporting startup projects and regulating the processes of creating innovative products. Through grants, acceleration programs and investment support mechanisms, incubators provide financial and institutional support to young entrepreneurs, help to quickly implement startup projects and stimulate the entry of innovative products into the market.

In the conditions of Uzbekistan, the role of innovative business incubators is relevant and is closely related to the country's economic strategies, in particular, innovative development, startup development and support programs for young entrepreneurship. This process expands the opportunities for increasing the potential of young specialists and students, implementing scientific developments in practice, developing startup projects and creating new jobs. At the same time, incubators serve as an important strategic tool for forming a startup ecosystem, creating products that meet market requirements and increasing the competitiveness of enterprises.

One of the important areas of improvement of innovative business incubators is to combine their activities with university-business integration. This process involves the involvement of scientific resources, laboratories, experimental bases and scientific personnel of universities in the activities of incubators. This allows startup projects to develop rapidly, scientific developments are put into practice, new technologies are created and introduced to the market, and the innovative potential of enterprises increases. At the same time, incubators provide mentoring, training, consulting and financial support services for young entrepreneurs and students, which significantly increases the success rate of startup projects.

In this regard, the effective operation of innovative business incubators at higher educational institutions serves not only to increase economic efficiency, but also to develop the country's innovative potential, implement startup and innovation projects, create new jobs, and produce competitive products in the global market. Therefore, improving the activities of incubators, developing the startup ecosystem, strengthening university-business integration, and stimulating the processes of creating innovative products are among the most urgent scientific and practical issues of our time.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, innovative business incubators at higher education institutions are of strategic importance in the country's innovative development and the formation of a startup ecosystem. Their activities allow integrating the scientific potential and research resources of universities with young entrepreneurs and startup projects, implementing scientific developments in practice, creating new products and services, and increasing economic efficiency. Thus, incubators play an important role not only in creating innovative products and developing startup projects, but also in increasing the potential of students and young entrepreneurs, developing a mentoring system, and creating new jobs.

The results of the study show that improving the efficiency of incubators is achieved through strategic directions, financial and institutional support mechanisms, development of innovative infrastructure and strengthening university-business integration. At the same time, the systematic support of incubators for the development of startup projects, the implementation of scientific developments and the creation of

innovative products provides an opportunity to increase the competitiveness of enterprises and strengthen the economic stability of the country.

In general, the effective operation of innovative business incubators at higher educational institutions serves not only to increase economic efficiency, but also to expand the country's innovative potential, implement startup and innovative projects, create new jobs, and produce competitive products in the global market. Therefore, improving the activities of incubators, developing the startup ecosystem, and strengthening university-business integration are among the most urgent scientific and practical tasks of today.

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