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**Are you an innovator in the NHS? Do you have an idea you wish to develop and scale for patient benefit? The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme might be for you!**

The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur programme will be open and welcoming applications from all healthcare professionals, from the 3rd October 2022.

Budding entrepreneurs can apply for this ground-breaking programme that is helping bring innovations into the NHS to improve patient care.

The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme, delivered by [Anglia Ruskin University](http://www.aru.ac.uk) and part of the [Accelerated Access Collaborative (AAC),](https://www.england.nhs.uk/aac/) is the biggest entrepreneurial workforce development programme of its kind. Open to all NHS staff; both clinical and non-clinical, it aims to provide NHS staff with the commercial skills, knowledge and experience needed to successfully develop and spread innovative solutions to the challenges facing the NHS.

*‘The CEP programme is a fantastic opportunity to learn in a wonderfully supportive environment. I have been given many opportunities to grow, gaining many new skills and colleagues along the way. To have a programme that truly values clinicians as innovators is priceless – don’t hesitate – apply now!’*

BERNADETTE PORTER –NHS CLINICAL ENTREPRENEUR, HONORARY CONSULTANT NURSE AND FOUNDER AND CEO OF [NEURORESPONSE](https://neuroresponse.com/)

The curriculum covers all aspects of setting up and running a small business, including attracting investors, applying for funding, communications, and legal and regulatory considerations. A dedicated programme in how to build a start-up – and how to operate in this highly-charged environment – is delivered as a series of educational events attended by industry mentors.

*‘’The programme has been invaluable in helping CardMedic become what it is today. We have been able to build an amazing network, create opportunities through strategic partnerships, build confidence with presenting, and had the opportunity to get in front of some really amazing people. There’s nothing quite like the scale of opportunity of this programme, and I’m forever grateful for the opportunities it has created’’*

RACHAEL GRIMALDI – NHS CLINICAL ENTREPRENEUR, ANAESTHETIC REGISTRAR, CO-FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE AT [CARDMEDIC](https://www.cardmedic.com/)

The programme aims to allow entrepreneurs to pursue their innovation without having to leave the health service, providing a wider benefit to economic growth through inward investment in the health, social care and life science sectors. As such, the programme currently offers mentoring, networking, bespoke commercial education, customer matching, resources and development tools.

We are encouraging innovators and creative thinkers with greats ideas from a diverse range of backgrounds to apply for this exceptional opportunity- could this be you or someone you know?

To find out more and to apply visit our website at **www.nhsecep.com.** Applications are open from the **3rd to 30th October 2022.**