



OIST INNOVATION SQUARE STARTUP ACCELERATOR (I2@OIST)

プログラム参加者の声 / TESTIMONIAL

«It is rare to find an accelerator in the world that provides stable support for up to 12 months. Throughout the I2@OIST Accelerator program, OIST assisted us every step of the way, from matching us with investors to helping us close the deal. They have been a key partner to the establishment and expansion of our business.»



Mr. Narayan Garjar
Founder and CEO
EF Polymer

- FY 2019 - I2@OIST Accelerator
- March 2021 - Seed round of 40 million yen
- March 2022 - Minister's Prize for Environmental Startups at Japan's 2021 Green Startup Pitch

研究概要 / SUMMARY

Launched in FY2018, the I2@OIST Accelerator is Okinawa's first global startup accelerator program.

Each year, we select promising technology focused entrepreneurs from anywhere in the world to participate in a fixed-term 10 to 12 month in-residency program at OIST, where they receive the funding (up to 10 million yen per team), mentoring, access to facilities and community, and partnership building support required to launch their technology ventures in Okinawa.

The funding come from donors, such as the Okinawa Prefectural Government, and is used by/for the teams (salaries, R&D costs); it does not cover costs incurred by OIST in supporting the teams/managing the program.

寄附金の使途 / USE OF DONATIONS

- Team funding awards

寄附金の特典 / BENEFITS

- Sponsorship opportunity
- Support the innovation ecosystem in Okinawa and around OIST
- Contribute to the self-sustaining economic development of the region