



**Enterprising
Students**
Changing your world with an idea



Enterprising Students Grant

The Ayrshire College Foundation will provide funding of grants up to £5000 for students of Ayrshire College who are interested in developing ideas to start up their own business.

Interested?

Sign up with Ayrshire College and Bridge 2 Business;

- ✓ Meet with Lynn Kelly Programme Executive, Bridge 2 Business – Ayrshire College
- ✓ Enrol in the Bridge 2 Business programme to develop enterprise skills and business plan
- ✓ Connect with local support partners and employers to share ideas and gain advice
- ✓ Access the FREE resources available to develop your business skills
- ✓ Access the £100 test grant to put ideas into practice
- ✓ Apply for the Enterprising Students Grant of up to £5,000 (No age limit)

In partnership with Bridge 2 Business, students who are interested in applying for this grant will benefit from the below support and resources.

Benefits;

- **Inspire;**
 - Free online assessment tool to generate your enterprise profile - <https://portal.talentstrengths.com/publicCampaign.htm?code=yes-mej>
 - Students will be mentored by the Bridge 2 Business programme executive to create a business development plan, and access the support and advice needed at the early stages of planning a business during regular one 2 one sessions on campus.
 - Students can select a Local Hero from the Bridge 2 Business programme as a mentor - <https://bridge2business.org.uk/heroes.php>
- **Connect;**
 - Bridge to Business have a wide variety of support partners that are available to advise and support the students - <https://bridge2business.org.uk/resources.php> These support partners can be invited to future events, and referrals can be arranged to connect with students.
 - Students can attend future annual YES Events to network and meet support companies

- Invite to all regional events will take place at Ayrshire College campuses.

- **Support;**
 - FREE online Digital Skills Training Courses offered by Accenture - (7 in total)
 - £100 “Test the market” – grant from Bridge 2 Business – available via application which takes 4-6 weeks to process.
 - FREE Market stalls to promote and sell business products and ideas to customers – in collaboration with our support partners, Royal Bank of Scotland branches and The Art Exchange at GOMA, Royal Exchange Square Glasgow.
 - Virgin Money Lifestart Challenge - Students sign up for challenges at <https://studentlifestart.com/>
What is LifeStart?
 - ✓ LifeStart has been developed by Virgin Money and Virgin StartUp to help students find their edge and achieve greater career and financial success.
 - ✓ LifeStart is a free service, that aims to help students learn critical enterprise and financial skills through participation in Challenges. It also offers students the chance to boost their CV and profile, gain recognition for their efforts and win great prizes from Virgin and their Lifestart partners.
 - ✓ The winning student will win a trip to the Virgin Galactic Space Centre in America.

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