**Call for Applications - Insight Academy 2023!**

We are glad to announce that our call for applications is open now! If you are an academic or non-academic staff from scientific organizations (universities or research institutes) and interested in spinning off innovative companies, take this opportunity and apply to Insight Academy now!

**Insight Academy** is an **advisory** and **capability-building** program and consists of two programs:

In the first program (start-up/spin-off support program), it helps scientific organisations’ early-stage start-up and spin-off companies relevant to contemporary agrifood and health systems by offering support services such as scale-up and consultancy on e.g. access to project funding opportunities, product development, etc.

In the second program (Insight Academy), it offers to scientific organisations' academic and non-academic staff interested in spinning off innovative companies insights into the complexity of food and health systems, state-of-the-art technologies and innovations, actual needs of industries and customers, sectorial regulations, and funding and capital market for innovative start-ups by professionals working in the field of food and health innovations from industry, academia and European institutions. Participants will gain insights into emerging food and health technologies and research trends, becoming equipped with knowledge needed to contribute and better develop their innovation eco-systems through the creation and operation of more sustainable and competitive start-up and spin-off companies related to food and health sectors.

Insight Academy is part of the [**InterHEI**](https://www.interhei.eu) project, a pan-European consortium realizing the Interdisciplinary HEI Entrepreneurship Fostering Program. The InterHEI, under the leadership of the University of Warsaw, brings together consortium partners from Greece, Italy, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, and Ukraine, providing high-quality knowledge and best practices in the food and health area.

**Who can apply**

The Insight Academy is focused on supporting **academic and non-academic staff** interested in spinning off innovative companies. The start-up/spin-off idea must fall under one of the EIT Food innovation focus areas (please see the list [HERE](https://www.eitfood.eu/projects/eit-food-call-for-proposals-2022/focus-areas)) or be related to innovation in health sector such as dietary supplements, nutraceuticals, food safety.

**How it works**

The Insight Academy is comprised of **3 days** of **online workshops** followed by a project assignment spread across two weeks in June, orgnised by the **TÜBİTAK Marmara Research Center (TÜBİTAK MAM)**, and delivered by educators, researchers and experts in agrifood/health research and innovation management from TÜBİTAK MAM and invited speakers from across Europe. It is highly interactive and features various learning methods (e.g., lectures, presentations, Q&A).

Participant **do not pay tuition fee**.

For more information, please download the Insight Academy’s start-up/spin-off support program [Brochure](https://app.box.com/s/02ewemg309et9vdnkoajczkz7f4q01vw) featuring some of aspects of the Academy.

**Timeline**

The Insight Academy will be held online on the **13th, 14th and 15th of June 2023**.

**Apply today!**

Applications are open from **8th May** till the **22th of May** for applicants. For more information on how to apply, please contact Emel Önder Fırat ([emel.onder@tubitak.gov.tr](mailto:aytunga.kibar@tubitak.gov.tr)) and İrem Abacı ([irem.abaci@tubitak.gov.tr](mailto:irem.abaci@tubitak.gov.tr))