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BECOME A MENTOR OF IMEC.ISTART.NL

Join our world-leading acceleration program as a mentor for our high-potential startups.

ABOUT IMEC.ISTART.NL

imec.istart.nl, imec's open accelerator program in the Netherlands, offers tech startups pre-seed funding and tailored support to succeed and grow globally. By partnering up with premier knowledge and tech institutes, we equip our ambitious pre-seed tech entrepreneurs with access to cutting-edge expertise and first-hand industrial knowledge - the cornerstones of a strong and sustainable business foundation.

imec.istart.nl may have recently launched, but the program can count on many years of experience from the well-established imec.istart acceleration program in Flanders and the valuable business support of Novel-T – the incubator of the number one entrepeneurial University of the Netherlands, University of Twente (or Utwente)

imec.istart.nl is supported by our fund partners and well renown investors such as imec, VDL Group, University of Twente, Oost NL, Cronos Group, Verhaert, Somerset Capital Partners, TNO, Simac and RVO (Netherlands Enterprise Agency).



Our personal imec.istart coach knew exactly what we needed and connected us to the right experts and workshops at the right time.



Thanks to imec.istart we have taken major steps towards being a mature international tech company. Also as founders, it was great to share this experience with other tech startups that have faced or are facing the same challenges.

COMBINING THE STRENGTH OF IMEC.ISTART AND NOVEL-T



ABOUT IMEC AND NOVEL-T

imec is an international research and development organization that specializes in nanoelectronics and digital technologies. Novel-T is a non-profit organization that offers tools, programs and direct support to help establish new companies and to help existing companies to innovate. imec.istart.nl, powered.nl by *imec.istart* and Novel-T, is a Is non-profit organization that offers tech startups preseed funding (between 100.000 and up to 250.000 EURO per startup) and tailored support to succeed and grow globally. As a national accelerator program, imec.istart.nl supports and partners with the most ambitious pre-seed startups - often as their first investor.

WHAT IS THE IMEC.ISTART.NL **MENTORSHIP ALL ABOUT?**

The imec.istart.nl mentorship brings together a group of leading industry and business professionals who are eager to share their experienced insights and advice with one or more founders.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF **IMEC.ISTART.NL MENTORS?**

The service is voluntary (unpaid, in either direction), and requires the mentor's commitment for a minimum of 10 hours of one-on-one sessions per year available for the startups throughout the course of a year. The decision regarding the level of interaction is happily entrusted to the founders and their mentors.

WHAT ARE YOUR BENEFITS **AS AN IMEC.ISTART.NL MENTOR?**

- You are a part of one of the world-leading accelerator programs for tech startups - the number one university-linked accelerator in the world, according to UBI Global;
- You get the unique opportunity to increase your footprint in the tech entrepreneurship ecosystem in the Netherlands;
- You are abreast of emerging trends and technologies;
- You will have a front row seat to exciting startups and ground-breaking innovations;
- You will get to expand your professional network;
- You will get invitations to exclusive events as an active member of the wider imec.istart
- community;
- You will get the opportunity to enhance your leadership skills;
- You will potentially become an investor or future team member of our program.

HOW TO BECOME AN IMEC.ISTART.NL MENTOR?

- You can start by completing the mentor profile form;
- Should you have any questions beforehand, feel free to sign up for our Mentorship info sessions or **contact us** to schedule a one-on-one informational chat;
- Once you have turned in your application, we will schedule a talk with our team to assess whether there is a good fit;
- If you receive a positive decision, you will be invited to an onboarding session, where you will get a chance to learn more about the ins-and-out of the mentorship program and the expectations of mentors and founders;
- You will be included in our mentorship pool and your profile will be published on our website, where startups will get a chance to learn about our expert mentors. Any mentorship requests and match-making are moderated by our team. We help identify a suitable match between mentor and mentee.
- Once a match has been made, it will be in both the mentor and startup team's discretion to reach an agreement on a communication arrangement - with the minimum requirements as underlying basis, and in line with our mentorship code of conduct.





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ARE YOU READY TO BECOME AN IMEC.ISTART.NL MENTOR?

Please complete your **mentor profile form** and we will be in touch with the next steps of the mentorship process.

APPLY AS MENTOR



APPLY TODAY AS IMEC.ISTART.NL MENTOR. MORE INFO OR QUESTIONS?

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