

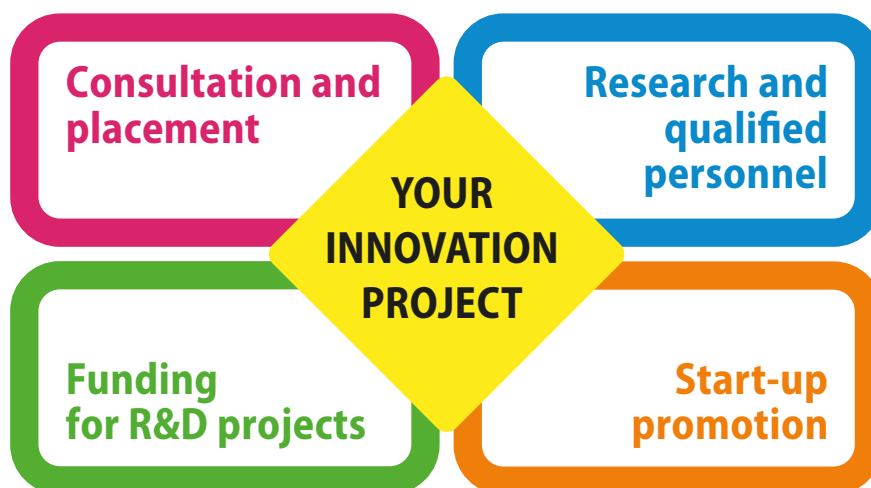
Promoting innovation – for your business

Getting ideas ready for the market



In the canton of Aargau, your company can take advantage of attractive conditions to promote innovation. The offerings provide comprehensive support for your innovative projects in various areas. Your innovative project is the focus.

Promoting innovation in various areas



On the following pages you will find an overview of the different offerings for innovation promotion in the canton of Aargau, divided into the areas described above.

Our offering: From innovation consulting to locating research and development partners (R&D), enabling access to funding, and coaching on establishing a company and developing a business. You too can take advantage of the various services, the network and the know-how in the canton of Aargau.

Consultation and placement

Successful innovation requires the right cooperation. In Aargau you will find excellent partners for tailor-made knowledge and technology transfer (KTT) with the most competent specialists.

Hightech Zentrum Aargau

Hightech Zentrum Aargau assists you with technology issues and innovation projects in an independent and practice-oriented manner.

- Clarification, consultation and support with innovation
- Provides contact with specialists in research and industry
- Finances feasibility studies
- Provides access to funding
- Organizes networking events
- Provides information on the patent system

www.hightechzentrum.ch

Technology Transfer at Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI)

The technology transfer office provides business with access to new research findings from PSI.

- Provides support with contractual and administrative matters
- Accompanies spin-off companies at PSI
- Provides support with questions concerning patent protection

www.psi.ch/industry/technology-transfer

Park innovaare

Park innovaare is an innovation center next to the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI).

- Supports companies in establishing R&D collaborations with PSI
- Supports the development of business cases and the search for the right funding instruments
- Provides premises and infrastructure in direct proximity to PSI

www.parkinnovaare.ch

FITT Technology Transfer Office

FITT gives you easy access to the competencies of the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW).

- Provides consultation on technical, economic and process-oriented issues
- Provides placement for student research papers as well as bachelor's and master's theses
- Performs projects in the field of applied research and development

www.fitt.ch

Start-up promotion

As an innovative start-up, you can take advantage of a comprehensive offering for start-ups in Aargau. Let us support and accompany you on your path to successful business.

Technopark® Aargau

Technopark® Aargau promotes the founding and development of innovative start-ups.

- Promotes innovative business ideas through coaching and continuing training
- Supports knowledge and technology transfer between universities and start-ups
- Provides infrastructure
- Connects start-ups within the Technopark® Alliance

www.technopark-aargau.ch

Swiss Startup Challenge

The Swiss Startup Challenge is a competition organized by FHNW to successfully develop business ideas in a competitive environment.

- The competition is for members of universities. It lasts nine months and is divided into three phases
 - The best ideas are awarded
 - Personal coaching and participation in continuing training at FHNW and networking events
- fhnw.ch/de/die-fhnw/swiss-challenge-wettbewerb

genisuisse Aargau

genisuisse Aargau offers innovative start-up companies a multi-year, free coaching program.

- Supports innovative and sustainable business ideas with comprehensive coaching over a maximum of three years

www.genisuisse-aargau.ch

Business Angels Club Aargau

The Business Angels Club Aargau connects start-ups seeking for risk capital with private investors.

- Provides access to seed capital, know-how and a network of business angels

www.businessangels-ag.ch

Aargau Services Economic Promotion

Aargau Services accompanies aspiring entrepreneurs on their path to successfully become self-employed.

- Advises in all questions concerning establishing a company
- Evaluates the business model, business plan and opportunities from a neutral perspective

- Organizes continuing training and networking events for prospective founders and start-ups
 - Helps networking with companies, business associations, research institutes and authorities
 - Advises about public funds in Aargau
- www.aargauservices.ch

Business Incubation Centre (BIC) of CERN

The Swiss BIC of CERN Technologies at Park innovaare is a two-year entrepreneurship program for start-ups leveraging on accelerator and related technologies to develop novel products and solutions.

- Supports one to two business ideas per year with seed money
 - Provides access to CERN's IP in the field of accelerator and related technologies
 - Offers technology and business coaching
- www.parkinnovaare.ch/cern-bic

KSB Health Innovation Hub

The Health Innovation Hub at the Cantonal hospital in Baden offers an ideal environment to start-ups in order to accelerate their innovative technologies, therapies, diagnostics and business models in medical fields.

- Provides infrastructure in a hospital environment
 - Supports with financial participation
 - Offers access to lifelike test settings, medical know-how and experience
 - Network of partners
- www.ksb.ch/innovation

Research and qualified personnel

Breakthrough solutions emerge when the spirit of research and entrepreneurship work together. Aargau offers renowned research partners with first-class infrastructure and highly qualified specialists.

Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI)

PSI is the largest research institute for natural and engineering sciences within Switzerland.

- Basic research and applied top-level research in the topics matter & material, human health and energy & environment
 - Unique research infrastructure, in particular large-scale research facilities
 - Apprenticeship, doctoral and postdoctoral training
- www.psi.ch

Swiss Nanoscience Institute (SNI)

SNI is a center of excellence for nanosciences and nanotechnology.

- Basic research and applied projects in the field of nanosciences/nanotechnology
 - Training for students (bachelor's and master's degrees in nanosciences) and doctoral students
 - Services for research and industry
 - Network with departments of the University of Basel, PSI, FHNW, CSEM Muttenz and D-BSSE at ETH
- www.nanoscience.ch

University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW)

FHNW is one of Switzerland's leading universities of applied sciences.

- Nine universities active in teaching, research and continuing training
 - Wide range of practice-oriented programs
 - Application-oriented and innovative research, development and services for third parties
- www.fhnw.ch

Plastics Training and Technology Center (KATZ)

KATZ is the leading plastics technology platform in Switzerland.

- The latest and practice-oriented plastics expertise and state-of-the-art infrastructure
 - Supports and advises companies and universities with innovative projects
- www.katz.ch

Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)

FiBL is a world-leading organic agriculture research organization.

- Interdisciplinary, practical research as well as joint innovations with farmers and the food industry
 - Solution-oriented development projects and rapid knowledge transfer
 - Tailored consultation and courses
- www.fibl.org

Funding for R&D projects

In Aargau, funds for applied research and development projects (R&D) for Aargau companies are available in cooperation with university partners. You will also receive support in applying for funding at the national and European level.

Forschungsfonds Aargau

Forschungsfonds Aargau supports applied R&D projects of companies in Aargau in cooperation with universities.

- Funding is provided for projects that are highly innovative and have economic benefits for partners
- The funding goes to the universities. The companies provide an equal amount of contributions

www.hightechzentrum.ch/forschungsfonds-aargau

Feasibility studies at Hightech Zentrum

Hightech Zentrum Aargau supports feasibility studies of Aargau companies in cooperation with universities.

- The studies allow for quick clarification of feasibility and technical implementation

- Hightech Zentrum's funding goes to the university partners. The companies contribute to the studies financially/with their own funding
www.hightechzentrum.ch

Nano Argovia program

SNI's Nano Argovia program supports R&D projects pairing industry and science with respect to nanotechnology.

- At least two partners from the SNI network (University of Basel, PSI, FHNW, CSEM Muttentz and D-BSSE) work together with at least one industry partner from northwestern Switzerland
- Argovia's funding goes to the academic partners. The industrial partners benefit from the other partners' know-how and technical equipment
www.nanoargovia.ch

Testimonials

InterAx Biotech

Drug research at the highest level

"Our company, a spin-off of the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI) and ETH Zurich, is located at Park innovaare. Being so close to PSI, its network and support, Park innovaare brings us in contact with interesting partners and potential customers. Park innovaare lives from successful companies, and we are glad to have its support – it's a win-win situation. At our location in Aargau, we are able to develop in a very deliberate manner."

Dr. Martin Ostermaier, CEO
www.interaxbiotech.com

Sintratec AG

Manufacturer of desktop-format sintering 3D printers

"In close proximity to the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW), Technopark® Aargau and Hightech Zentrum Aargau, we can develop ideally as a tech-oriented start-up. Aargau Services supports us by providing suitable contacts and platforms."

Dominik Solenicki, CEO
www.sintratec.com