SCIENCE & STARTUPS ECOSYSTEM REPORT 2026

The entrepreneurial power of Berlin's universities

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WE ARE BERLIN'S DEEP TECH POWERHOUSE

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EUROPE'S LEADING **START-UP HUBS** 2026

SCIENCE STARTUPS **RANK 1 IN BERLIN**

SCIENCE STARTUPS **TOP 2** UNIVERSITY STARTUP HUB IN GERMANY

SCIENCE STARTUPS **TOP 12 IN EUROPE**

Science & Startups is the startup center of Berlin's major universities: Technische Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin, in partnership with Charité. Ranked among Germany's top two university startup hubs, we turn research into scalable ventures from deep tech to impact innovation.

Our universities in numbers*

118k students	43k staff
541 degree programmes	€700m external funding

* Performance Reports of Berlin's Universities 2024

KEY FIGURES

3,337 alumni-founded startups & companies*

3,129 active

1,738 based in Berlin

745 spin-outs

706 female-led

198 with patents

* Startups linked to the three partner universities through education, research, employment, or startup support. Aggregated university data. Eldest Company has been founded in 1992.

€110bn estimated enterprise value

€26bn estimated funding raised

146k estimated jobs

158 new ventures (2025)

ENTERPRISE VALUE BY SECTOR

Enterprise software, health and security lead the way



SELECTED UNIVERSITY ALUMNI SCALE-UPS

From university expertise to globally scalable deep tech

Biotechnology, AI

Inceptive

- Developing AI foundation models for RNA-based drug discovery
- Jakob Uszkoreit | Co-Founder and CEO
  Master's degree in Computer Science and Mathematics, Technische Universität Berlin, 2007

€533m valuation

€107m funding raised

inceptive.com

Legal Tech, AI

Noxtua

- Developing a European AI platform for legal research and document analysis
- Dr. Leif-Nissen Lundbæk | Co-Founder and CEO
  Bachelor Economics, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 2014

€587m valuation

€187m funding raised

noxtua.com

Health, Drug Discovery

Odyssey Therapeutics

- Developing innovative medicines for inflammatory diseases and cancer
- Prof. Dr. Eicke Latz | Co-Founder
  Ph.D. Medicine Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 2001; Medicine Freie Universität Berlin, 1998
- Felix Meißner | Co-Founder
  Diploma in Biochemistry, Freie Universität Berlin, 2003

€836m valuation

€705m funding raised

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