

The SMART project – providing inspiration for innovative final year dissertations and projects

The Scottish Institute for Enterprise (SIE), in collaboration with three Innovation Centres (Digital Health and Care Institute, CENSIS and The Datalab), is running a series of pilot events aimed at students looking for an innovative topic for their final year (undergraduate) project or dissertation that will help them stand out from the crowd. The events will also be suitable for anyone planning to undertake a Masters degree who is looking for a topic for a postgraduate thesis. We want your project to have a life beyond graduation, and we're going to help make that happen!

The theme for the SMART project is 'Innovation and the Home' and will give you an opportunity to respond to changes to innovate around areas like smart care in the home, living well, community wellbeing and many more. Innovations could be technical, social or commercial, depending on your own interests and areas of study.

By participating in the SMART Project, you will have the opportunity to tackle real world challenges and make a difference while still working towards your degree.

The Innovation Centres will provide valuable insights into these areas and the potential opportunities for innovation, SIE will work closely with you to develop an outline for a potential final year project or dissertation topic. A big part of the project is ensuring that you are given the opportunity to explore the enterprise potential of your topic, and SIE advisors will be available to provide you with any ongoing support you need.

To register for your local event, please follow the eventbrite link below:

[Glasgow \(Glasgow School of Art\) - 28 March](#)

[Edinburgh \(CivTech at Codebase\) - 29 March](#)

[Dundee \(Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee\) - 30 March](#)

Each event runs from 10am – 1pm. The events are FREE but please note that places are strictly limited and we would encourage you to register ASAP. Once you are registered, a team member from SIE will be in touch with additional details.

Further Information

About the Innovation Centres

Backed by the Scottish Government with funding from the Scottish Funding Council and with support from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the Innovation Centre programme was first launched back in 2012. Since then, £120m (2013-18) has been invested in eight Innovation Centres across a range of key sectors.

The three Innovation Centres involved in this pilot are:

Digital Health and Care Institute (DHI) helps address modern health and care challenges through the development of new ideas for cutting-edge digital health technology and information services. They find smarter, more effective ways of managing and delivering health and care services and the advances in technology present huge opportunities to build more effective, fit-for-purpose, patient-centred health and care services.

CENSIS (Centre for Sensor and Imaging Systems) is a centre of excellence for Sensor and Imaging Systems (SIS) technologies. CENSIS enables leading industry innovators and world-class university researchers to collaborate at the forefront of market-focused SIS innovation, developing products and services for global markets.

The Data Lab enables industry, the public sector and world-class academics to innovate and develop new data science capabilities in a collaborative environment. The Data Labs core mission is to generate significant economic, social and scientific value from data for Scotland. Big data represents a huge growth opportunity with 90% of all the data in the world created in the past two years. Companies that use 'big data' are five times as likely to make decisions faster than market peers; and organisations using advanced data are twice as likely to be sector leaders.

<http://www.innovationcentres.scot>

About The Scottish Institute for Enterprise

The Scottish Institute for Enterprise (SIE) creates opportunities for students to be innovative. SIE works nationally to promote and support enterprise and entrepreneurship in Scotland's students.

We work with local institutions to champion enterprise education and help their students start new innovative businesses and social enterprises. SIE provides free one-to-one advice, enterprise workshops and national competitions.

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