

Cyprus Seeds — Nicosia's Equity-Free Grant Pipeline for University Spin-Offs

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Nicosia non-profit Cyprus Seeds has run an 18-month equity-free grant programme since 2018, funding 24 academic teams across 11 Cypriot institutions; the cohort has produced 5-6 spin-offs, 9 patent filings and accelerator placements for 71% of teams.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-25

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