

University of Zimbabwe Innovation Hub — From Lab IP to Commercial Start-Ups

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Opened in 2019, the University of Zimbabwe's Innovation Hub has moved 40 enrolled researcher-innovators into 21 graduate start-ups and 15 registered business units, part of a national push to convert university IP into commercial products across six state universities.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

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