



**Be part of
Oxford's original
innovation story**





For over 35 years, we have been welcoming science and technology start-ups to our thriving innovation community, right here in Oxford. Our first innovation centre was set-up by our founders in 1985 and was the first innovation centre in Oxford and, in fact, the first in the UK.

We now own both the Wood Centre for Innovation in Headington and the Oxford Centre for Innovation in the city centre to support science and tech start-ups and spin-outs on their journey.

Our mission is simple: to encourage the pursuit of science.

We believe every science and tech start-up should have access to cost-effective and flexible space and business support to allow them to thrive right from the start – from virtual office space and co-working space, to small business space and fully-fledged business and R&D lab space.

In turn, we are proud that the income from our centres is reinvested into our STEM education and engagement programmes to inspire young people about the wonders of science and help create the next generation of scientists and entrepreneurs.

Read about how you can become part of one of Oxford's leading start-up communities where we give you the space to work, collaborate and grow.



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Steve Burgess
CEO, The Oxford Trust

Wood Centre for Innovation
in Headington



Wood Centre for Innovation

The Wood Centre for Innovation is located in Oxford's world-leading Health and Life Sciences District in Headington.

Set in 15 acres of woodland, the Centre is close to the University of Oxford's Old Road Campus, the NHS research and teaching hospitals and Oxford Brookes University.

The Centre offers you virtual offices, co-working space in Barclays Eagle Labs (see page 18), office space, technical workshops and R&D laboratories as well as a café and meeting and conference facilities for up to 100 people.



Oxford Centre for Innovation,
city centre

Oxford Centre for Innovation

The Oxford Centre for Innovation is right in the heart of Oxford, next to the Castle, and close to the train and bus station, shops, theatres, museums, galleries, restaurants and bars.

It is also a short walk from the Centre to many of the University of Oxford's science facilities, the Saïd Business School and social entrepreneurship centres.

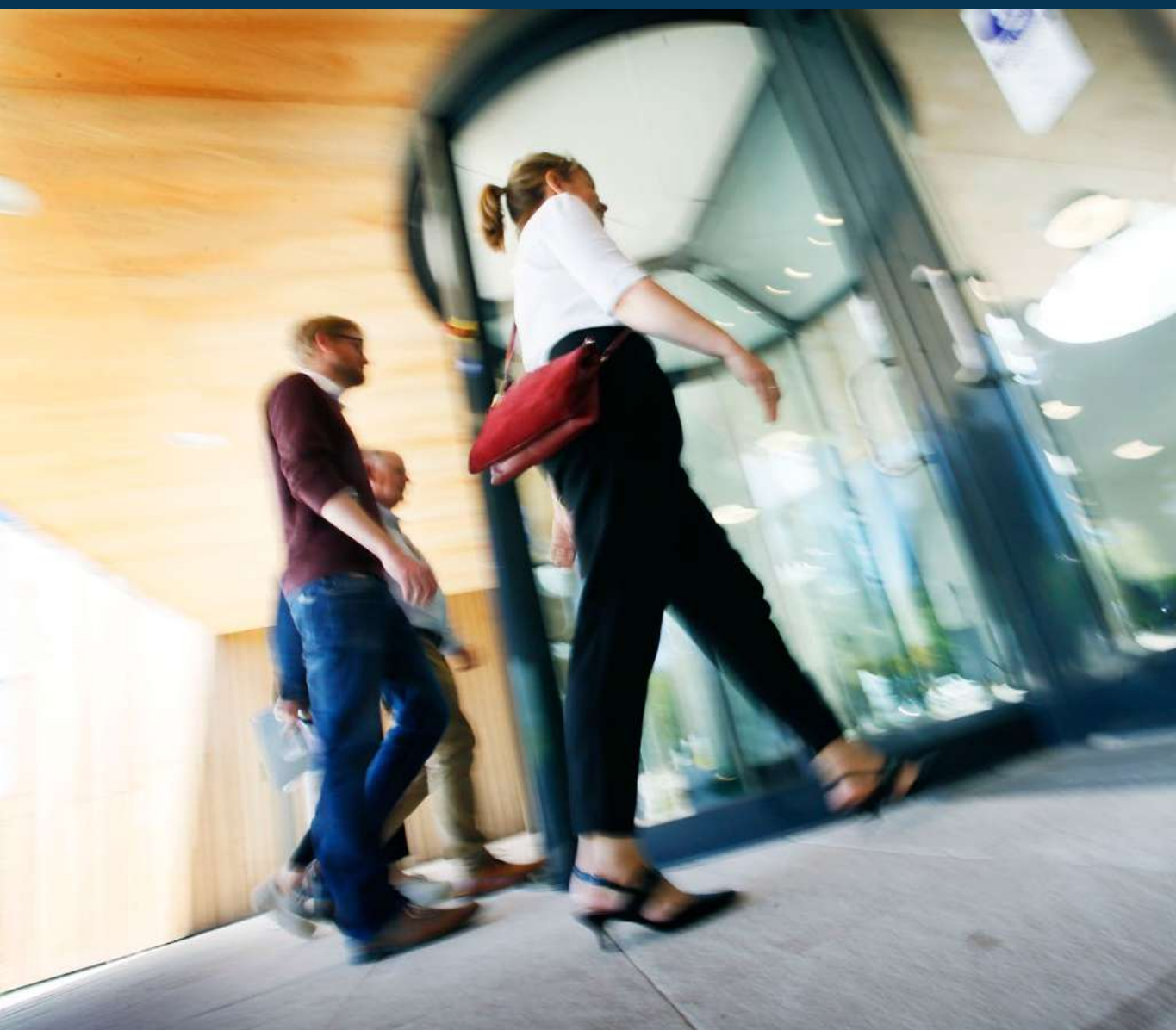
The Centre offers you virtual offices, co-working space in Barclays Eagle Labs (see *page 18*), office space, and technical workspace as well as meeting rooms.



What we provide

Whether you start small or need room to expand, we have a variety of spaces to meet your needs.

Both our innovation centres are managed by Oxford Innovation, a leader in running centres across the UK.



We offer you...

- Flexible licence agreements, with the option of three months' notice for office space
- Flexible spaces, with the option to move and grow within our centres
- Co-working space and business support in Barclays Eagle Labs
- Combination of office and lab/workshop space
- Administration support, reception service and customer experience assistants
- Business support from Oxford Innovation Space
- Events and networking
- Vibrant community of like-minded businesses.



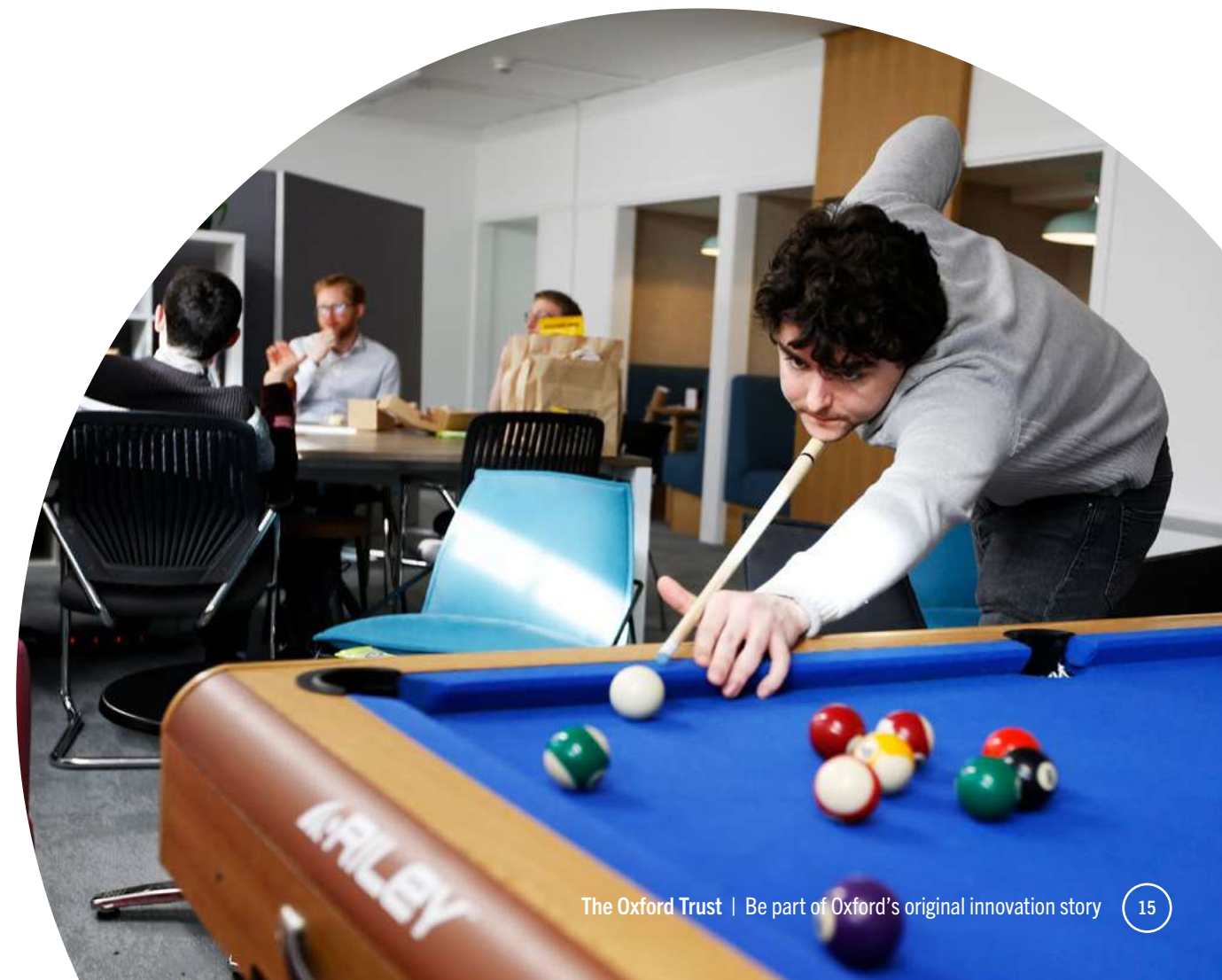
Our start-up community

More than 40 science and tech businesses and nearly 500 entrepreneurs work in our innovation centres.

We have companies that are working in a wide range of areas from quantum mechanics and healthtech to software and deep tech.

Our innovation community means you can mix with entrepreneurs and gain easy access to experts in specialist areas that benefit your business.

It's a community to help you build and grow.



Our founders

The Trust is an independent charitable trust established in 1985 by Oxford entrepreneurs the late Sir Martin and Lady Audrey Wood, founders of Oxford Instruments.

Their experience of setting-up a science and tech business enabled them to appreciate the challenges faced by young entrepreneurs. They saw how hard it was to get started, find suitable premises and get support.

That's why the Trust's two innovation centres are more than just office and lab spaces; we help companies thrive.

Over the last 37 years, the Trust has helped hundreds of science and tech companies to flourish including Mirada Medical, Perspectum Diagnostics, Navenio, Natural Motion and, more recently, Ultromics.



With you from the start

We work closely with Barclays Eagle Labs and Oxford Innovation Space to create a growth pathway for start-up science and tech businesses.

Based in both our centres, Barclays Eagle Labs offers fledgling companies an incubator environment with co-working space and business support.

Eagle Labs, Oxford is focused on science and tech start-ups aimed at supporting spinout scientists, university graduates and entrepreneurs.

There is co-working space for 40 entrepreneurs at the Wood Centre for Innovation and 12 people at the Oxford Centre for Innovation.

An Ecosystem Manager and a dedicated Lab Manager provide technical expertise, mentoring and connections to maximise the growth of early-stage start-ups.

Also, you will have access to the wider Eagle Lab support proposition and Barclays' local business banking teams with their specialist high-growth managers to provide you with banking support.

Companies that 'graduate' from the Eagle Labs can easily move on to space in our centres, whether it's office space or R&D labs, or a combination of both, and benefit from continued business support from Oxford Innovation Space.

We want to help companies that join us to grow and succeed.



Supporting your business

We understand what it takes to make a company successful, and we appreciate that you may need extra support and know-how to scale-up and grow.

That's why Oxford Innovation Space offers in-depth 1:1 business support for all the companies based in our centres.

We can help your business to thrive by supporting you with:

- Strategic business planning
- 1-2-1 business coaching
- Innovation planning
- Talent management
- Raising investment
- Marketing strategy
- Business growth workshops and masterclasses
- Financial planning
- Leadership and management
- Access to the Oxford Innovation network

Oxford Innovation Space has created some great business tools too, like GROWTHmapper to help teams measure progress and stay on track. We also have several strategic partnerships, for example:

- We are one of 160 official Amazon Web Service partners giving companies in our centres the ability to benefit from generous credits and free support
- We are partners with one of the largest corporate innovation market places, Leading Edge Only
- We have umbrella membership of Oxfordshire Bioscience Network, which gives lab-based companies free access to a raft of benefits including discounted purchasing power.

In addition to business support from Oxford Innovation Space, the Trust runs an Escalator Support Programme to help young technology-based businesses get started in Oxford.





Investing in all our futures

We are proud that the income from our innovation centres is reinvested into our enterprise programmes and STEM education and public engagement programmes, which are delivered by our Science Oxford team.

The strength of The Oxford Trust's charitable business model is that it is self-sustaining and supports both ends of the science spectrum, from inspiring young people about the wonders of science to helping science start-ups to develop and grow.



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