

BUSINESS

Financial	<p>If you need more funds to build your business there are a couple of options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Savings. Do you have your own savings which you could use to invest? This is an important step as further investors will be very reluctant to invest in your idea if you have not invested in it yourself. - Relatives. Do your parents have money they could give you or do you have an uncle or aunt who could help you out and invest in you. These people often know you best and thus are more willing to invest in you because they trust you. - Crowdfunding. Use this website to find out which crowdfunding website will suit your business best. - Bank. Ask your bank for a small loan. Some banks have special package deals for entrepreneurs but keep in mind that the interest might be fairly high as there is a bigger risk involved. - ASIF. Amsterdam Student Investment Fund, is a venture capital fund especially for student entrepreneurs and is also run by students. But note that although a venture capital fund may ask less interest, they will ask equity in return. And equity is the most powerful thing a founder has. - Government. The Dutch state offers many subsidies to entrepreneurs to stimulate entrepreneurship and innovation. Take a look at this site to find an overview of what the government has to offer.
Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is your desk at home not sufficient enough for your business? Then take a look at this website to find an overview of all the coworking spaces Amsterdam has to offer. Working in an environment full of other entrepreneurs and professionals can be stimulating and it expands your network. - Do you want a place near the VU-campus then sign-up on this website: http://www.ix.nl/en/home.html . IXA has an incubator and offers other spaces to student entrepreneurs, like for example the Demonstrator Lab. You can sign up through their website but you will have to be selected to actually get a spot.
Knowledge	<p>Workshops are useful to develop yourself as an entrepreneur. Take a look at the sites below to find a course or workshop to expand your knowledge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VU Summer School - Startup school Amsterdam - Social Grow Sessions for social entrepreneurs - Startup Academy offer many workshops.
Network	<p>Having a broad network is important as it can open many doors. Below we list a view steps you can take to broaden your network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can find like minded people in this facebook group: Young Creators Group. If you look for help or want to know how others approached certain situations you can just post a message and others will give you an advice. - Go to specific events related to your field and meet new people with the same intentions. Check out MeetUp to find such events.

If you have any other questions, please send an e-mail: cfe@vu.nl. We are here to help you.