

UQ Founders Pledge

Pledging to pay it forward

The UQ Founders Pledge enables you to partner with UQ to create a meaningful and lasting impact on society.

The Pledge is simple; as a founder you make a non-binding commitment to support a philanthropic cause at the University, at a time that is right for you, such as after the sale of your venture or an IPO.

There is no minimum amount, no formal contract, and you can give to whichever cause you choose at the time of your donation.

The UQ Founders Pledge is open to anyone who wishes to participate. UQ will provide new and emerging entrepreneurs with networks and support to accelerate their aspirations. Established entrepreneurs will have first access to the next big ideas from up-and-comers, as mentors, pitch night judges or investors. By pledging, I am signalling my intention to financially support an area of need such as scholarships for deserving kids when I am financially able to do so. I hope to inspire other founders to do the same.

> Sally McPherson BBusMan, BA UQ Founders Pledge member and iseekplant founder and CEO

Register your interest at **founders-pledge.uq.edu.au**.





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UQ founders pitch big things

At The University of Queensland's 2019 Accelerator Pitch Night, Business and IT graduate turned cleantech entrepreneur, Ashley Baxter (pictured) took out the top prize for her startup, EarthOffset.

Ashley won the Shane Chidgzey Young Entrepreneurs Prize - which includes a \$5000 bonus to get the winning startup off the ground - for her business concept that makes composting easier and more efficient.

"The ilab Accelerator program has been a truly amazing experience," Ashley said.

"My world has opened up now and I can contribute to making sustainability possible for more people in the future." Throughout my time at UQ, the startup ecosystem has helped me grow significantly.

I hope in the future that I can have a similar positive impact on my training grounds.

Josh Tambunan Chief Student Entrepreneur 2019

Member benefits



EXCLUSIVE NETWORKING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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