**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

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**2. Is there a registration fee?**  
No. The application process is completely free of cost.

**3. Do I need to have a team to apply?**  
While teams are encouraged, solo founders with a strong idea are also welcome to apply.

**4. Can final-year projects (FYPs) be converted into startups?**  
Yes. If your FYP has commercial or social potential, it can be considered for incubation.

**5. What is the duration of the incubation program?**  
The program duration is approximately 6 months, including training, mentoring, and product development support.

**6. Will BIC provide funding to startups?**  
While BIC does not directly fund startups, it connects selected teams with funding platforms, angel investors, and grants.

**7. Will my idea be kept confidential?**  
Yes. All applicants are required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) during the selection process.

**8. How will I know if I am selected?**  
Selected applicants will be notified via email and phone. The list will also be published on the BIC MUET website.

**9. What support will I receive after selection?**  
Support includes access to mentors, co-working space, training sessions, legal/business services, and exposure to potential investors.

**10. Whom should I contact for help or inquiries?**  
You can contact Engr. Ahtasham Ahsan at bic@admin.muet.edu.pk or call +92 334 2563979.

**11. Do I need a registered business to apply?**  
No, you can apply with just an idea. BIC will support you in formalizing your startup.

**12. Is the program part-time or full-time?**  
It is designed to be flexible and part-time, so students and faculty can participate alongside their existing responsibilities.

**13. What industries or sectors are preferred?**  
There is no restriction—startups in all sectors (tech, energy, education, health, etc.) are welcome.

**14. What happens after the 6-month incubation?**  
Startups graduate and may receive post-incubation support, investor matchmaking, and alumni benefits.

**15. Is there a physical office space provided?**  
Yes, selected startups will have access to co-working space and meeting rooms at BIC MUET.

**16. Will training sessions be in-person or virtual?**  
A hybrid model will be followed, combining physical workshops and online sessions.

**17. What is the evaluation process during selection?**  
Startups go through shortlisting, document verification, pitch presentation, and interviews before final selection.

**18. Will my academic performance affect selection?**  
No, selection is based on the strength of your idea and entrepreneurial potential—not grades or GPA.

**19. Can I work on my startup idea alongside my academic or job responsibilities?**  
Yes, the program is designed to be flexible. Many participants manage their startups while continuing their studies or jobs.

**20. Can non-technical students apply if their idea is business-related?**  
Yes. Whether your idea is technical, social, or commercial, as long as it’s innovative and scalable, you’re encouraged to apply.  
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