

**Request for Proposals:
Startup Accelerator Support Program
Uruguay Innovation Hub
Closing Report**

1. Background

On July 17, 2023, through Decree 216/023, the implementation of the Uruguay Innovation Hub program was approved. This is a national public-private and interinstitutional initiative aimed at promoting projects in the fields of science, technology, and innovation. The goal is to propel the country towards a knowledge-based economy and society, establishing itself as a world-class innovation center that attracts international investments. The program aims to increase the country's potential economic growth rate and generate quality employment opportunities for its residents.

The Program operates within ANII, which is responsible for its administrative management. The Program has its own governance and management structure. The political and strategic direction of the program is entrusted to a four-member Steering Committee, composed of a representative from the Ministry of Industry, Energy, and Mining (who will chair it), a representative from the Ministry of Education and Culture, a representative from the Ministry of Economy and Finance, and a representative from the Office of Planning and Budget.

In accordance with Decree 216/023, one of the instruments through which it will be developed is the Acceleration Program. For this purpose, the "Startup Accelerator Support Program" instrument was designed to create conditions for the launch of an acceleration program in Uruguay focused on early-stage innovative ventures. This program aims to facilitate growth through methodologies, mentoring, networking, and financing.

Next Steps after the Call Closure:

The Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (CES) was convened on January 30 and 31 to technically evaluate the proposals and recommend the approval of one to the Steering Committee of Uruguay Innovation Hub. The latter will be responsible for selecting the organization that will implement the acceleration program.

The selected organization will receive up to USD 300,000 annually for three years to support its operations in Uruguay, representing 60% of the total project cost. The organization is required to contribute the remaining 40% with its own funds.

2. Request for Proposals

The call remained open from Wednesday 20th September at 2pm to Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 2pm.

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3. Request for Proposal's Results

At the close of the call, a total of 14 proposals were submitted, as detailed below:

Proposal Code	Project Title	Applicant Organization	Country	Other Participating Institutions
ACE_X_2023_1_179061	Uruguay Accelerator	Our Crowd	Israel	Universidad ORT Uruguay / Centro de Innovación y Emprendimientos Laboratorio Tecnológico del Uruguay Ingenio Mana - Tech Pablo Salomon
ACE_X_2023_1_179141	Draper Accelerator	Draper Latam LLC	EEUU	Amalgama Lawi Serviços Para Startups Ltda Integra Negocios S.A Draper University
ACE_X_2023_1_179362	Plug and Play Acceleration Program	Plug and Play, LLC	EEUU	-
ACE_X_2023_1_179374	Impulsando innovadores: acelerando ideas, invirtiendo en el futuro	Seedstars	Suiza	-

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ACE_X_2023_1_179460	Incutex Startups accelerate . Uruguay	Incutex	Argentina	Fundación GEN E
ACE_X_2023_1_179476	SPEED UP UY	DMZ accelerator (Ryerson University)	Canada	Thales Lab Tokai Ventures
ACE_X_2023_1_179507	Uruguay Acceleration Institute by MIU	Mexican Innovation University	México	-
ACE_X_2023_1_179556	Creating a launchpad for early-stage Uruguayan/regional startups to scale rapidly through the combined global expertise and local insight from the partnering organisations, Startup Wise Guys and KOI Ventures	Startup Wise Guys	Estonia/España	Koi Ventures
ACE_X_2023_1_179618	VENTIUR UY - THE HUB FOR LATAM STARTUPS INTERNATIONALIZATION	VENTIUR Investimentos em Novos Negócios S.A.	Brasil	-
ACE_X_2023_1_179635	mentorDay Uruguay	mentorDay	España	-
ACE_X_2023_1_179688	South Atlantic Innovation Launchpad: Accelerating	Universidad de Montevideo / Universidad de Montevideo -	Uruguay	MITdesignX EBITAL S.A

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	Innovation-Driven Entrepreneurship from Uruguay to the World	Facultad de Ingeniería / INITIUM - Entrepreneurial Center		
ACE_X_2023_1_179693	We Partner, Boost UP Program - UY	We Partner	Argentina	Universidad Nacional de Córdoba - Aceleradora UNC Redwood Ventures Antom
ACE_X_2023_1_179699	Uruguay Innovation Hub - Barrabés Accelerator Program	INNOVA NEXT SL - BARRABÉS BIZ	España	FE THINK STUDIO
ACE_X_2023_1_179721	Propuesta técnica para el programa de apoyo a aceleración de emprendimientos presentada por Garra VC	Pantera Makers	Colombia	EF Aceleradora