FAQ

Is the mentor post funded?
No, funding is provided for mentors. The RCGP will reimburse travel, subsistence and accommodation for specified activities during the mentors time on the programme.

Is the GP entrepreneur post funded?
No, funding is provided for mentees. The RCGP will reimburse travel, subsistence and accommodation for specified activities during the mentees time on the programme.

What is the benefit of being a mentor?
This programme is an opportunity for you to use your skills and experience to support peers in developing new innovations that improve general practice and patient care. The RCGP will provide training for you to be an effective mentor. There will also be other opportunities through RCGP Innovation for you to contribute and help to shape innovation in general practice across the UK. There will be opportunities to network with innovators, showcase your innovation on a national stage and continued profile raising through RCGP communications channels.

What is the benefit of being a GP entrepreneur?
IMP will provide mentoring to support you in the development of your innovation helping to accelerate the development and reduce the risks. The programme will also provide training to diversify the non-clinical skills that will continue to support you after you finish IMP. There will be opportunities to network with innovators, showcase your innovation on a national stage and continued profile raising through RCGP communications channels.

What’s the duration of the mentor involvement?
While mentoring is provided to all successful applicants for the duration of the programme a single mentor may not be involved for this duration. The College will facilitate matching mentees with their mentors and it is envisaged that this will be a relationship which continues for at least 3 months. There will be regular reviews to ensure the most appropriate mentor is matched to the mentee depending upon the needs of the mentee and their innovation.

What’s the duration of the programme?
GP entrepreneurs are on the programme for 2 years during which they receive mentoring. For 12 months of the programme there will be additional training provided.

Will the College take a share of my IP, revenue or equity in my business?
No, participation on the programme will not involve the College taking any ownership in IP, revenue or equity.

How will GP entrepreneurs and Mentors be matched together?
Following a successful interview the details of the GP entrepreneur and innovation will be shared with our mentors who will indicate which GP
entrepreneurs they are interested in supporting. The first event will be a networking event where you will have the chance to meet your fellow entrepreneurs on the programme and the shortlisted mentors. After this we will ask GP entrepreneurs and mentors to inform us of their preference and this will help us to make the best matches.

How do mentors or GP entrepreneurs raise a complaint?
Complaints should be raised with the Innovation Project Manager via email (imp@rcgp.org.uk). The Project Manager will contact you within 2 weeks to capture more details and understand the full nature of the complaint. If the complaint can be resolved by the project manager they will provide you with the approach that will be undertaken and advise you of the progress. If the complaint is not able to be resolved by the project manager the matter will be escalated to a more senior member of staff as appropriate.

Will there be regular assessments?
While there will be no regular assessment we will review the mentor-GP entrepreneur relationships on a regular basis to ensure that both are contributing to the relationship. The review will also help to ascertain is the matching is still effective or if a new matching is required to continue to provide the most effective support.