

TECHBRIDGE + PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS

You want to support economic development and sustainability with outsized, additive impact.

Fraunhofer TechBridge shares that vision, and we are realizing it through a unique approach to startup acceleration.

Energy innovators need TechBridge because:

- **The energy sector is challenging, but critical for economic growth.** To realize their visions for a sustainable future, startups in energy need help breaking into this especially challenging industry.
- **Hands-on technical support for commercialization is a critical resource for the innovation ecosystem.** Unlike typical accelerators and incubators, we give startups access to a team of industry-savvy engineers to test, validate, and design their product to attract follow-on funding, partnerships, and customers.
- **There is a fundamental rift between industry needs and startup readiness.** We span this rift by creating meaningful channels for industry leaders and innovators to communicate and by helping startups develop their products with an industry focus.

We apply our unique technology- and industry-focused approach to address a critical yet underserved problem facing cleantech entrepreneurs – the need to technically validate and demonstrate new innovations with limited funds. Our program uses domain experts to select the highest potential innovators, and then leverages lab facilities and staff at Fraunhofer to systematically accelerate startups through their technical validation barriers. This highly targeted project work is designed by technical and industry experts with industry input in order to generate investor buy-in and first customers.

The capabilities and expertise at Fraunhofer are typically out of reach for startup companies. However, through partnership with sponsors, this help comes at no or minimal cost to the startup. Because we leverage existing applied R&D labs, the program minimizes cost while maximizing economic benefit.

The result is a high-impact, low-cost avenue to success for both startups and the energy industry. To learn about previous TechBridge-led programs and their impact on economic growth and sustainability, please visit our [impact page](#).

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Learn how you can support this unique, high impact innovation model.

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