

> Three new start-ups supported with honor loans

Despite the health situation, the members of the IMT Digital Fund, IMT, Fondation Mines-Télécom and IGEU (Graduate Schools and Universities Initiative), have decided to maintain the Fund's activity to support entrepreneurs in these unprecedented times. The committee met remotely on 18 June. At this time, three start-ups were selected to benefit from this support, through 6 honor loans for a total of €130,000.

Every year, the honor loan program awards 30 loans to entrepreneurs from incubators at IMT graduate schools. They are interest-free loans without a personal guarantee. Over 100 start-ups have been supported since 2012. These loans play a key role in the development of start-ups that seek to expand rapidly, both in France and internationally. They lend legitimacy to the project, are accompanied by the technical expertise provided by the incubators and help leverage funding for start-up costs.

Three start-ups, developed through incubators at IMT Atlantique, Mines Saint-Etienne, Institut Mines-Télécom Business School and Télécom SudParis, obtained six honor loans.

Studymapper (IMT Starter, the Télécom SudParis and IMT-BS incubator) connects students to schools and businesses throughout the world in just one click, in order to better inform them, inspire them and provide academic and career guidance.

<https://www.studymapper.fr/>

two €20,000 honor loans

Agrove (Mines Saint-Etienne incubator) is using new technologies to democratize urban farming and helping our cities go green.

<https://agrove.fr/>

two honor loans: one for €32,000 and one for €8,000

LiveStep (IMT Atlantique incubator) helps care facilities ensure the safety of their fragile residents while preserving individual and collective freedom.

<https://www.livestep.io/>

two €25,000 honor loans

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A propos de la Fondation Mines-Télécom www.fondation-mines-telecom.org

Fondation Mines-Télécom, a foundation recognized as being of public utility, supports the development of Institut Mines-Télécom and its eight schools in their missions of training, research and innovation. It brings together more than 90 corporate sponsors and 2,000 individual donors who are committed to supporting concrete projects with a strong technological, industrial and societal impact, focusing on digital technology, energy and Industry of the Future, as well as solidarity initiatives to help students. Fondation Mines-Télécom, with the support of companies including its founding partners (BNP Paribas, Nokia and Orange), graduates and parents of students, finances some ten programs in the areas of training (scholarships, open-innovation program for students, MOOCs), research (theses, excellence awards, Franco-German Academy and teaching-research chairs),

innovation (honor loans for start-ups and support for incubation) and foresight (Intelligence booklets) as well as initiatives to support the development of IMT schools (grants, social diversity, state-of-the-art equipment, support for international mobility).

About IMT www.imt.fr

Institut Mines-Télécom is a French public higher education institution under the aegis of the Ministry for the Economy, Industry and Digital Sector. It includes 8 engineering schools, 2 subsidiary schools and a network of strategic affiliated partners. Its activities in the fields of engineering and digital technology contribute to training engineers and managers, developing research partnerships, promoting innovation and supporting economic development. Always attentive to the economic world, IMT combines strong academic and scientific legitimacy, close corporate relations and strategic positioning in the key transformations of the 21st century: digital technology, industry, energy and ecology, and education. IMT is a founding member of the Alliance for the Industry of the Future and co-founder of the Franco-German Academy for the Industry of the Future with Technische Universität München (TUM). It is recognized by 2 Carnot Institute certifications for the quality of its partner-based research. Each year, IMT trains over 1,200 students, concludes nearly 70 million research contracts, and hosts some 100 start-ups in its incubators.

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