We are the Home of Innovation
What is Cardiff Innovations @sbarc?

Cardiff Innovations @sbarc sits inside the biggest Innovation centre of its kind in Wales. We are building a community driven by expertise, creativity, curiosity and entrepreneurship, providing flexible office spaces, co-working spaces and laboratories at the heart of the University’s £300m Innovation Campus.

Whether you want to scale up your business, create a new product or improve an existing one, Cardiff Innovations @sbarc can help you access leading expertise, R&D and facilities to help your organisation develop and grow.

Backed by a dedicated business support team this is the ideal place to set up or grow your enterprise in a community of like-minded people.

Comprising 17,500 sq.ft of dedicated space spread across 4 floors, Cardiff Innovations @sbarc will be equipped with lettable office space from 226sq.ft to 1163 sq.ft, formal and informal meeting areas, high-end conference facilities, 4240sq.ft of wet lab space and joint exhibition/presentation areas including conference space for up to 200 people.

In addition to these market-leading onsite facilities, there will be a dedicated café, a central reception service and Ultrafast internet connectivity (speeds up to 500 Mbps) sbarc | spark will house RemakerSpace - a first-of-its-kind facility that supports and promote re-manufacturing and the circular economy in Wales.

by providing businesses with the skills, equipment, and awareness to rethink the design of products and business models and engage with the local community.

Cardiff Innovations @sbarc will be the University’s ‘front-door for business’, working hand-in-hand with start-ups through to established companies across all sectors with flexible tenancy options. The building will be home to c.800 people, of which approximately half will be from external organisations.

World-leading academics, student and graduate entrepreneurs and business-facing professional services will be based here, offering access to expertise from across the University and from industry as well as professional business advisors.

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At a glance

17,500 sq.ft of lettable office space, with options from 226sq.ft to 1163 sq.ft.

4800 sq.ft of co-working space. Hot desking and co-working areas.

4240 sq.ft of wet lab space (incl. individual and shared fume cupboards).

Ultrafast internet connectivity (speeds up to 500 Mbps) and telephony with 24/7 support from external provider.

Dedicated co-working space for student/graduate entrepreneurs.

Conference/event space for up to 200 people. Joint exhibition/presentation areas.

Access to dedicated Business Support Team.

Access at competitive rates to University services and facilities.

Formal and informal meeting rooms featuring high-end conference facilities.

Central reception & Cafe

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co-working space
Access to expertise from across the University
Market-leading onsite facilities

Our competitively priced offices are available in sizes from 226sq.ft to 1163 sq.ft with corresponding, flexible capacities of three persons to a maximum of 18 persons. They will be fully furnished with desks, chairs and storage to suit the occupancy level selected.

The service charge will include cleaning, security, and reception services, along with 24/7 key card access.

Ultrafast internet connectivity (speeds up to 500 Mbps), telephony services and 24-hour support will be provided by an external company.

Onsite parking will be available at an additional cost and dependent on availability.

A series of bookable and non-bookable meeting rooms will be available, with a variety of easy-access IT/AV facilities in each. A multitude of informal break-out spaces which do not require booking will also be available. The larger event spaces will be open to conference booking for up to 190 people.

Each floor will have a dedicated tea point kitchen area with tea and coffee included as well as an onsite café from a local independent provider.
Cardiff Innovations@sbarc will also offer Wet Lab access with fitted labs available from 215sq.ft to 678sq.ft

Laboratories will feature:

- Separate write-up areas.
- Chemical resistant fume cupboards.
- Drainage sinks.
- For smaller units, tenants can keep costs to a minimum with access to a shared fume cupboard.
- Providing ideal space to support biotech and scientific research organisations.
Cardiff Innovations@sbarc is on the Innovation Campus at Maindy Park, Cathays, close to the main University buildings, with well-established public transport, cycling and road links.

We are a short walk from Cathays train station, which is just seven minutes from Cardiff Central and nationwide transport links.

We are also a short walk from Cardiff University’s Centre for Student Life and coach stop which offers daily services to and from London and Bristol.

Cardiff is a cycling-friendly city with over 50 miles of cycle ways and onsite bicycle parking will be available as well as a bike sharing station from popular provider Nextbike.

If you do have to drive, then Cardiff Innovations@sbarc is close to the M4 and around three hours from London and 50 minutes from Bristol. Parking availability will incur a small monthly charge and forms part of the tenancy agreement.

Residents can take advantage of amenities including a local supermarket, award-winning Bute Park and plenty of options for lunch, including the onsite café as well as nearby eateries.
SPARK

Cardiff Innovations@sbarc sits alongside SPARK (the world’s first Social Science Research Park) where 400 experts will develop partnerships with private, public and Third Sector partners. Co-location brings opportunities to connect, collaborate and create solutions to pressing societal problems.

SPARK brings together Cardiff University’s internationally leading social science research centres and institutes alongside a wide range of research partners under one roof to create a community driven by creativity, curiosity and entrepreneurship, all focused on tackling some of the world’s most complex challenges.

Covid-19 has impacted public services, society, and the economy. The need for more interdisciplinary, complex, and social science-led research to help society recover from the pandemic is vital.

SPARK centres have been swift to respond to current societal challenges. Our researchers are helping young people with mental health and wellbeing, identifying the contribution of civil society to the recovery, and using innovative data sets to provide ‘live’ analyses of the impact of the pandemic. They are analysing how place-based approaches can aide the recovery, understanding how the pandemic might change our work habits or environmental decision-making and providing much-needed analysis and ideas for sustainable economic recovery.

All of this is central to the work of SPARK – where social science research is solution-orientated and curiosity-driven.
new, exciting, and creative social science research—solution-orientated and curiosity-driven.
Cardiff Innovations@sbarc is scheduled to complete construction in Autumn of 2021. Space will be available from early 2022. We are currently accepting enquiries and would be happy to help with any further information.

Come and join us.

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In uncertain times, it makes sense to connect, collaborate and create

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