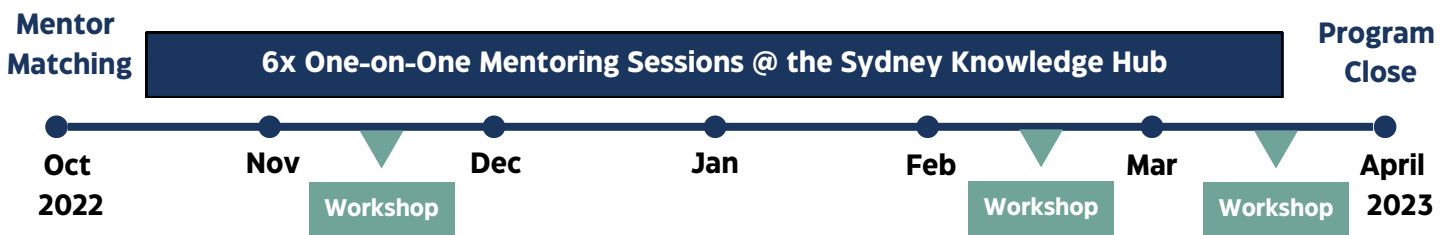




The Inventor Mentoring Program was for researchers that want to see their findings come to life in the real world but have may have no experience in commercialisation.

The pilot, run by the Sydney Knowledge Hub, brought together 11 researchers and 11 mentors for in person mentoring sessions, and three half-day workshops from October 2022 – April 2023.



**100% of MENTEES**  
say they are more confident on the next steps they need to take for their commercial endeavour as a result of this program



**100% of MENTORS**  
Would 'absolutely' be willing to participate as a mentor in the next cohort

*This program provided the human factor need for the translation of research. - Mentee*

*An exceptionally well-facilitated program and very useful for early-stage entrepreneurs. - Mentor*

# The Mentees

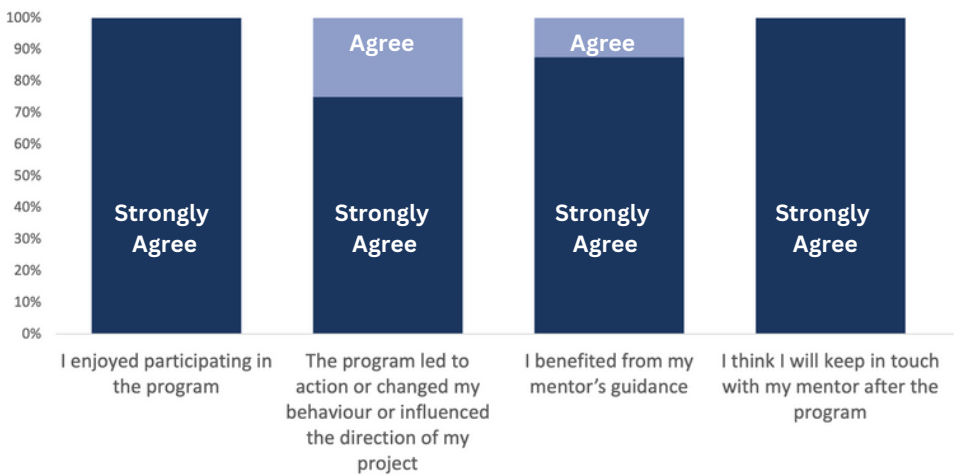
Four higher degree research students and seven academic staff members participated in the program. 55% of the participants were women. Areas represented:

**Computer Science | Medical Science | Physics | Biomedical Engineering | SOLES | Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering | Chemistry | Pharmacy | Matilda Centre**

*This program is an incredible opportunity for researchers who want to see their research ideas come to life in the real world but have little or no experience with commercialisation.*

*It's a friendly and safe environment where you can build confidence in commercial understanding with additional workshops to help facilitate this.*

-Mentee



## Mentees' Next steps:

- I have started serious discussions for incorporation of a company
- We are capital raising and about to do a simulated clinical trial
- I am starting an internship with a medtech company that's aligned with my research area... for hands-on experience
- ...And many other say they are now hunting for industry partners

# The Mentors

*An exceptionally well facilitated program and very useful for early-stage entrepreneurs. I look forward to the program being re-implemented in the future and being involved wherever possible. Thank you!*

-Mentor



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## Learnings:

We received feedback throughout the program. Iterations for next cohort:

- More networking opportunities between mentors and mentees
- No '10 minute teachings' in the beginning of mentor sessions