

Our aims at D-Center

Introducing D-Center for entrepreneurs and startups

Deep Tech Serial Innovation Center, Nagoya University



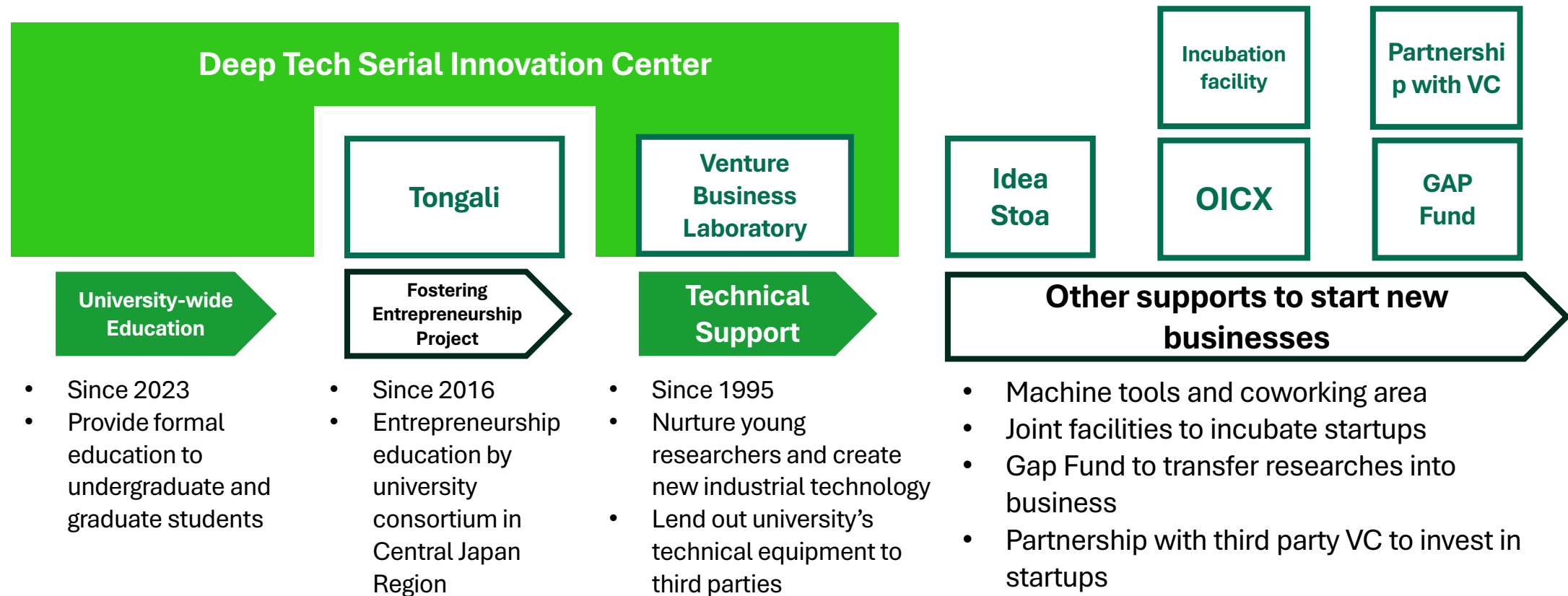
Goals of D-Center

- 1 To tackle the changes in awareness regarding “Entrepreneurship Education”**
- 2 To provide Entrepreneurship Education to every student**
- 3 To build an environment that encourages the incubation of innovations from Deep Tech**

We will keep challenging with entrepreneurship.

What is Deep Tech Serial Innovation Center?

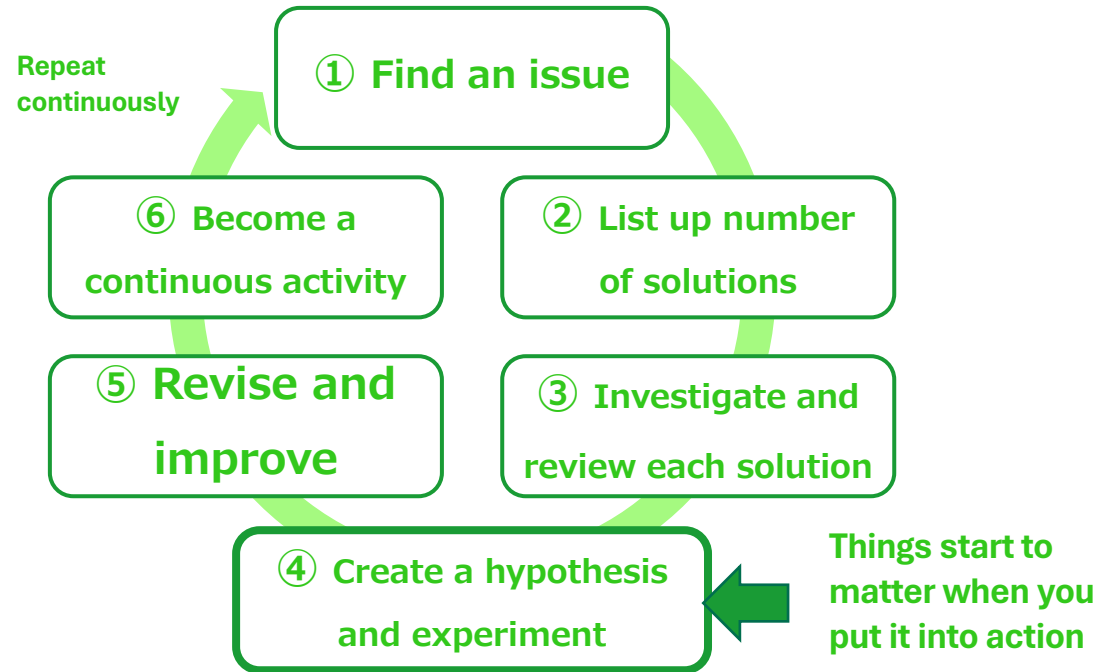
Deep Tech Serial Innovation Center (D-Center) was established in 2023 to provide university-wide entrepreneurship education.



D-Center Idea of Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship = Ability to adapt to abrupt changes in social structure, and to take action to create new values

What we need in order to 「create new values」



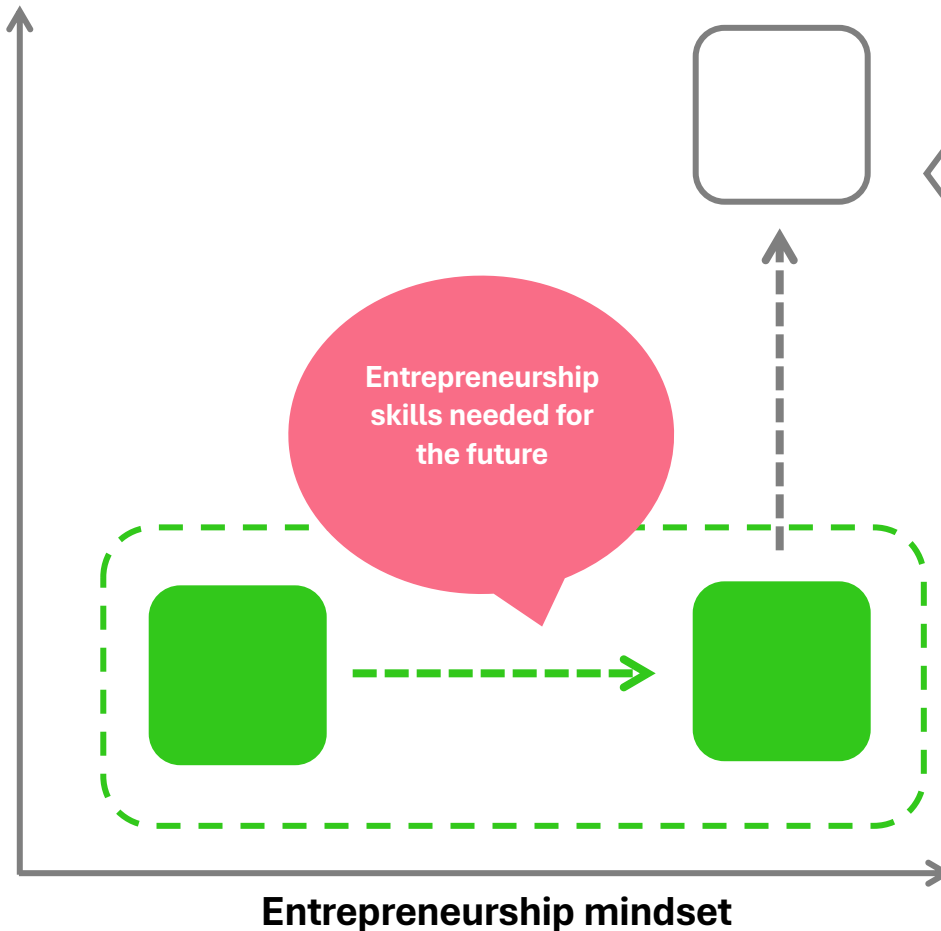
In conclusion

- It is important not only to find solutions to problems, but to have a ‘mindset’ to initiate actions by yourself.
- If you face with problems that you cannot solve by yourself, you should find partners and collaborate with organizations that already exist.

D-Center’s mission is to educate and to establish the mindset to initiate actions in students.

Goals of D-Center's Entrepreneurship Education

Start a new business



Traditional entrepreneurship education

Focus on people with entrepreneurship mindset and nurture them to be entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneurship education by D-Center

Education for leaders of the next generation to gain “ability to adapt to abrupt changes in social structure, and to take action to create new values”.

Our entrepreneurship education aims not only to nurture students to be entrepreneurs, it is also important to students who do not choose the path of entrepreneur. That is why we decide to make it a university-wide curriculum.

Subjects of Entrepreneurship Education by D-Center

	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd – 4 th Year	Graduate Students
Spring	◎ 「Education in the University」 Basic Theory (Compulsory・On-demand)	★ Social Issues and Entrepreneurship (Selective・On-demand)	☆ Cross-faculty seminar (Multiple courses)	◎ Theory of Venture Business I (Selective・Online)
Autumn	☆ Elementary Entrepreneurship Education (Trial in 2024 academic year) (From 2025 academic year: Compulsory・On-demand)	★ Foundation of Innovation (Selective・On-demand) ★ Serial Innovation (Selective・Face-to-face)	☆ Cross-faculty seminar (Multiple courses)	◎ Theory of Venture Business II (Selective・Face-to-face) ☆ Product Development Practical Training (Selective・Face-to-face) ☆ Entrepreneurship Experiment Project (Selective・Face-to-face)

From 2024 academic year, we started compulsory subjects to all 1st Year students.
We planned to increase compulsory and selective subjects in the near future.

- ◎ Existing subjects
- ★ Subjects started from 2024 academic year
- ☆ Subjects to be started from 2025 academic year

Office Hour · Mentor System · Innovation Salon

Office Hour

Started from April 2024



Office hour means time slots that allow students to communicate with professors. Students can visit professors' offices during designated time to ask questions regarding the subjects or to discuss on other matters.

Mentor System

To be started from October 2024



We are arranging to set up mentor system to support students taking entrepreneurship courses by D-Center. We will recruit staff from corporates to act as mentors.

Innovation Salon

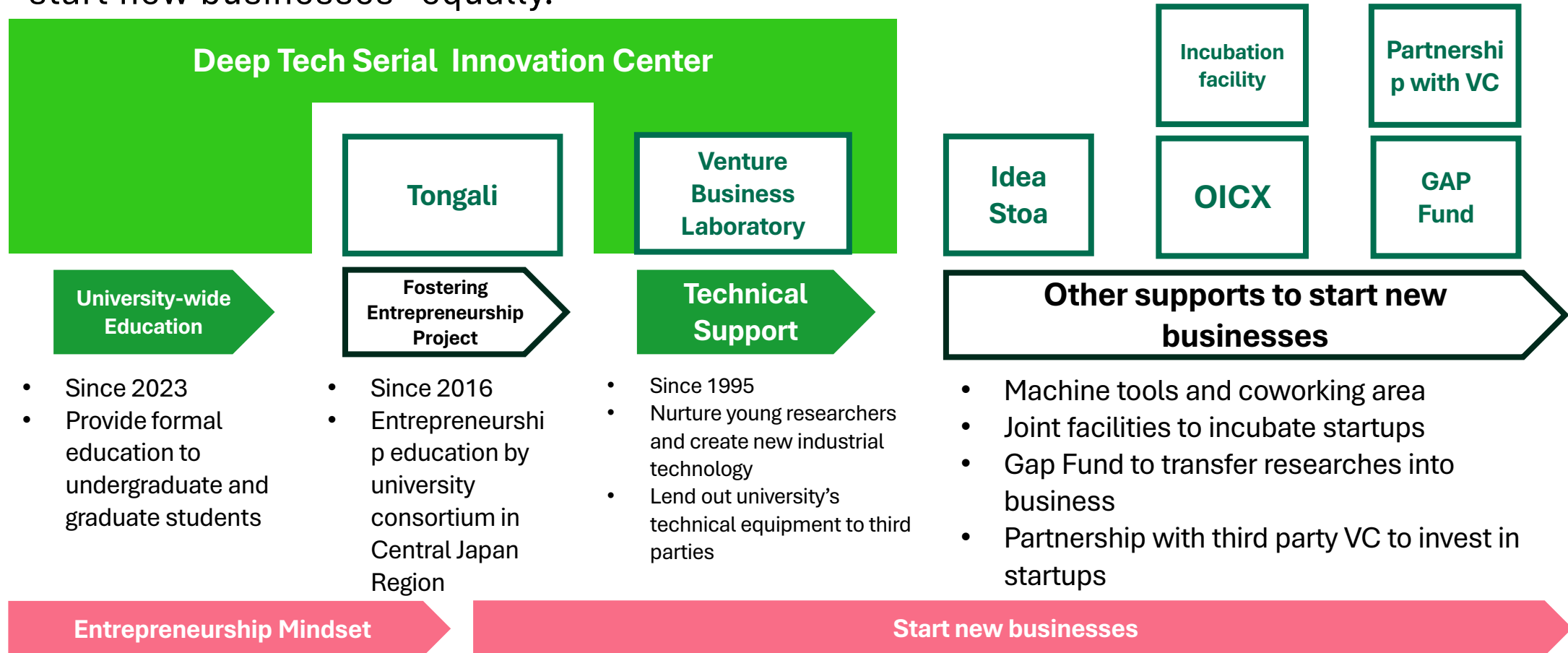
Plan to open after autumn 2024



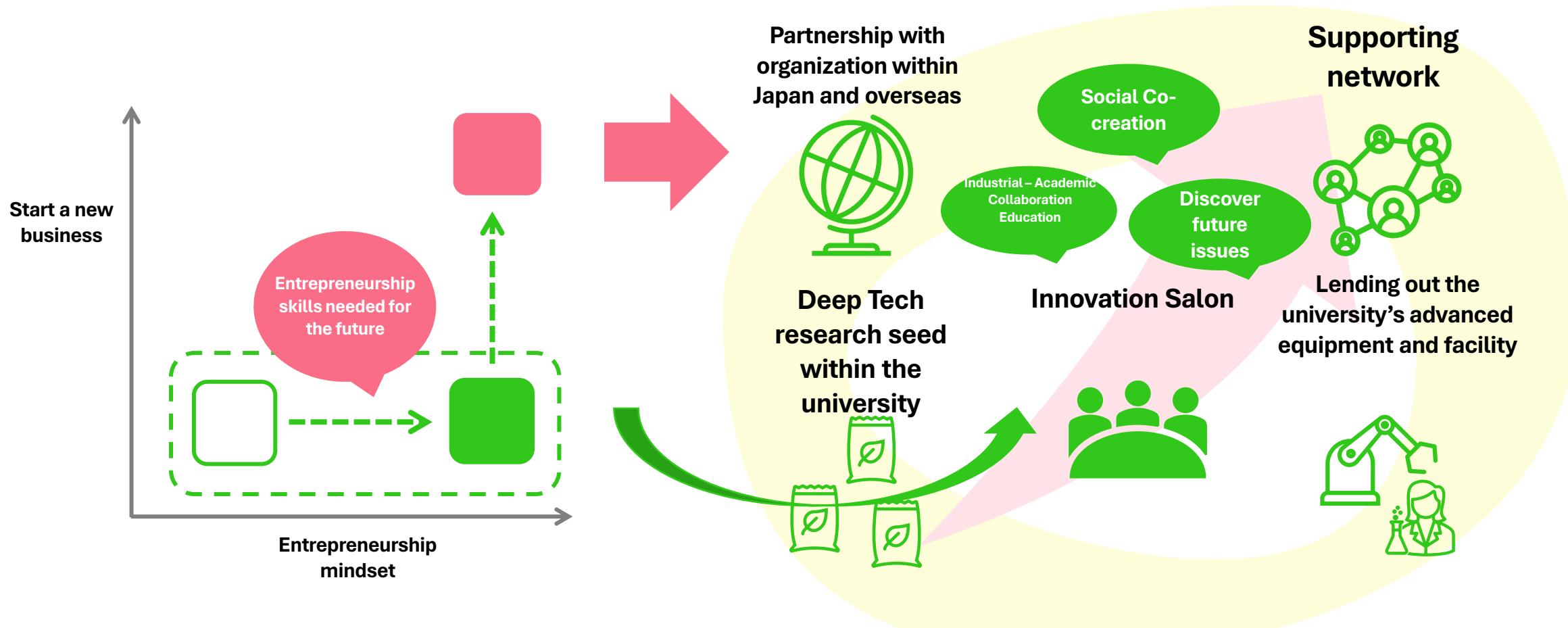
We plan to set up Innovation Salon within D-Center facility. It will become a space for lectures as well as an open space for students to do their extracurricular activities in hope that it will become a space that encourages students to think and create new innovations.

Positions of support to start a business

Nagoya University aims both to cultivate “entrepreneurship mindset” and to support to “start new businesses” equally.



Innovation supports that only Nagoya University can provide



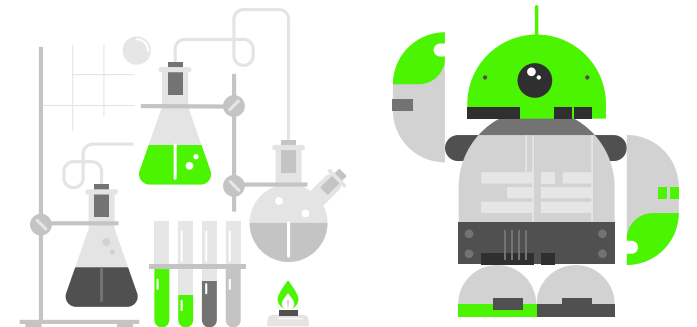
With technical supports that are only available at the university, along with partnership with other organizations, we will increase numbers of Deep Tech startups and will continue supporting them until they become successful.

Deep Tech Startups support

There are already several organizations that provide supports to startups. Deep Tech startups can also receive the same support.

However, Deep Tech startups have challenges that differentiate them from usual startups, such as the process to nurture researchers to become entrepreneurs, and the process to transform technology seeds into business. As a result, there are many issues that existing support for startups cannot solve.

In the future, D-Center plans to establish “support program”. In this initial stage, we will select 3 – 5 companies as target groups to provide support. By helping them with particular issues, we will find the know-how needed in establishing support system to start new businesses.



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