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Modern universities have found ways to unleash ingenuity by placing entrepreneurialism at the centre of the curriculum.

They support students in creating businesses, social enterprises and charities well before they have graduated. This provides them with enriched expertise and experience which benefits them whether they become employers or employees.





BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES



In 2021–22, modern universities provided services¹ to:

21,201 SMEs (small and medium enterprises).

2,696 non-SMEs.



10,624 non-commercial organisations.

SPIN-OFFS AND START UP COMPANIES

The most recent KEF data shows strong modern university performance in the area of graduate startups, scoring 65.4% (3.27 out of 5), indicating a vibrant entrepreneurial culture among students.



Graduate start-ups linked to modern universities are estimated to have generated **£834 million** in turnover.

Graduate start-ups linked to modern universities are estimated to have employed 19,472 people.



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The most recent KFF data shows that modern universities are investing in the area of CPD and graduate startups, scoring **66.8%** (3.34 out of 5).

Indicating a strong commitment to continuing professional development and continuing education in the workforce, modern universities scored 62.2% (3.11 out of 5) in the latest KFF in the area of of HF-BCI CPD/CE Income, normalised by HEI income.



Graduate start-ups linked to modern universities are estimated to have generated £42 million in external investment

