

Development of Innovative Solutions at the University of Tokyo -University Entrepreneurship and Innovation Ecosystem -

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In the early 2000s government policymakers acknowledged the importance of innovation in restarting the economy and identified the national universities as a driver for increasing entrepreneurship and innovation. The universities were made independent from the national government and given the mandate to disseminate and utilize their research for the benefit of society. The University of Tokyo provides an example of how these goals have been implemented over the last twelve years through entrepreneurship education, university-industry collaborations, start-up support, and seed funding.