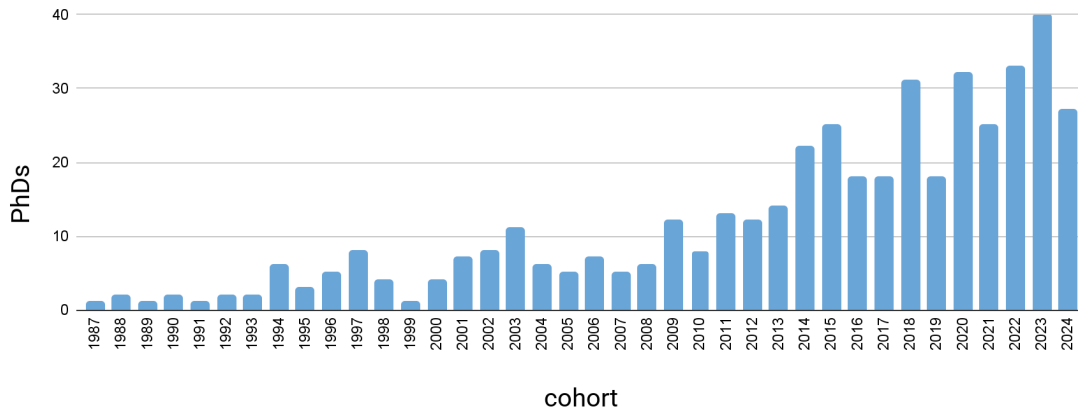


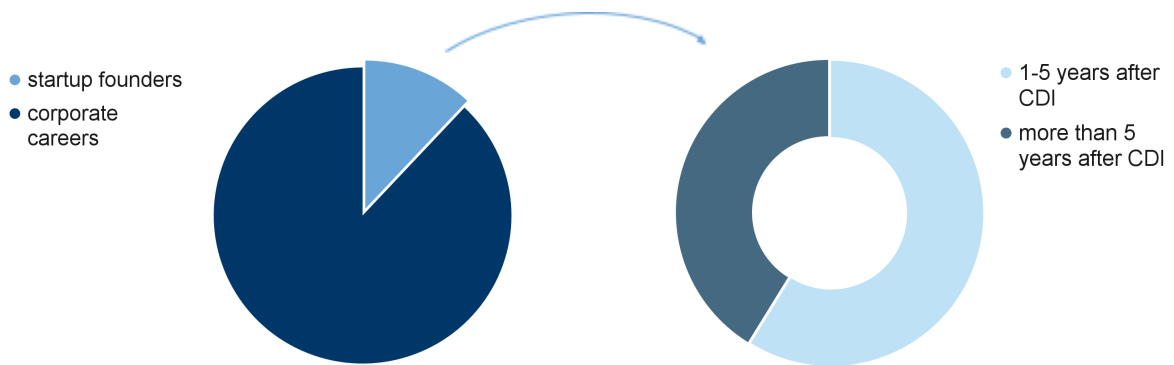
## STEM PhDs @ Collège des Ingénieurs A Reimagined Pathway Into Leadership & Entrepreneurship

**Collège des Ingénieurs: 458 STEM PhDs trained** in management and entrepreneurship

Since 1986, the Collège des Ingénieurs has prepared Europe’s most promising young scientists for careers as technology leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs. The Collège des Ingénieurs (CDI) has pioneered a transformative model at the intersection of advanced scientific training and high-impact management education.



### 12% of PhDs have founded tech startups



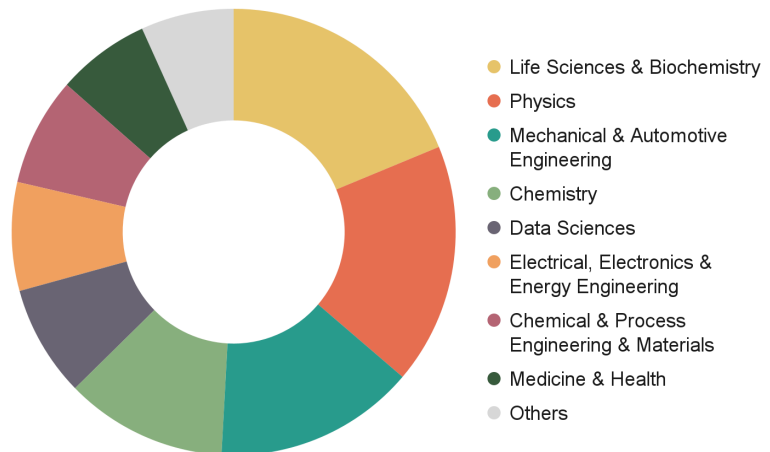
PhDs contribute to Europe’s innovation ecosystem by **founding tech startups** or within a **corporate career**.

59 % of PhD founders have built their startup **within 5 years after the CDI** programme.

PhDs come from **Europe's leading universities** and research institutions:

- EPF Lausanne
- ETH Zürich
- Institut Polytechnique de Paris
- Karlsruher Institut für Technologie (KIT)
- LMU München
- Politecnico di Milano
- Politecnico di Torino
- PSL Paris Sciences & Lettres
- RWTH Aachen
- Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa
- Sorbonne Université
- TU München
- Università degli Studi di Padova
- Università di Torino
- Universität Heidelberg
- Université Paris Cité
- Université Paris Saclay
- University of Cambridge
- University of Oxford
- *Other European Universities and Research Institutions*

PhDs from all major fields of **science and engineering**



PhDs in **Physics, Data Sciences, and Electrical Engineering** are 1.8x more likely to become founders than PhD graduates from all other disciplines.

*Figures as of Q4 2025*

## Impact Combined with Excellence @ Collège des Ingénieurs A variety of features that constitute a radical rethink

The Collège des Ingénieurs enables young engineers and scientists (STEM) to complete their PhD at university and start the MBA programme at CDI in parallel. Thus, PhD candidates will benefit from pursuing their research while gaining relevant management know-how and setting foot in the real business world.

### Highly Selective Admissions

Candidates are chosen for academic excellence and demonstrated managerial or entrepreneurial potential, ensuring a cohort capable of shaping future technology-driven industries.

### Impact-Driven Orientation

Participants explicitly want to transition into management, initiate entrepreneurial ventures, or take leadership roles within technology-intensive organisations.

### Cohort-Based Learning Community

The programme operates as a tight-knit, pan-European cohort, enabling peer reinforcement, collective ambition, and shared professional momentum.

### A Hybrid Financing Model Anchored in Industry

For every €1 of public support allocated to the PhD, €0.5 of industrial investment by CDI is directed specifically toward the participants' management and entrepreneurship training.

This structure ensures academic excellence, market connection, and real-world value creation.

### Action-Learning Pedagogy

The CDI educational model integrates:

- MBA-level seminars delivered by experienced faculty and practitioners
- Immersive company missions, where participants apply strategic, operational, and entrepreneurial concepts directly in real business environments

This dual approach develops leaders who are analytically rigorous and capable of navigating the complexities of modern technological innovation.

## Facts & Figures

### Collège des Ingénieurs

167

current fellows  
with 84 of them in  
»Science and Management«  
programme combining PhD and MBA

94

PhD and  
cand. PhD  
in current  
classrooms

15

nationalities  
in current  
classrooms

>90%

Fellows  
from European  
universities

1,400

candidates  
per year

>70

partner  
companies  
in Europe

10

months  
programme  
in fulltime

65%

of the MBA time  
spent in  
mission weeks  
(and 35% in  
seminar weeks)

2,985

Alumni  
Collège MBA  
programme

1,019

Alumni  
Copernic  
programme

>900

Alumni  
Corporate  
Executive  
programme

>300

startups  
founded by Alumni

5

unicorns  
launched by  
Alumni

2

CEOs in  
CAC40 & DAX  
have been  
Collège Alumni

18%

Alumni in  
C-level positions  
(25 years and more  
after the MBA)

7

statespeople  
4 ministers,  
1 former prime  
minister, and  
2 ambassadors

1986

year of  
foundation



## In a Nutshell

### Collège des Ingénieurs

We believe engineers and scientists should play a decisive role in shaping our world's future. The mission of Collège des Ingénieurs is to prepare carefully selected young graduate engineers and scientists to become impactful leaders.

Technology will play a big part in the future, but it won't drive change on its own. To be successful, one will need leadership and strategic thinking skills. The Collège des Ingénieurs is an independent multinational institution for post-graduate education founded in 1986 in partnership with leading corporations in Europe. It is based in Paris, Munich, and Turin. Being 100% financed by industry, the Collège offers a unique European learning environment with strong professional links to the business world.

#### **Learning Through Action – Qui Agit Intellegit**

Our educational philosophy is genuinely innovative. We believe some things can only be understood through action. This is especially true in management.

The management programme at Collège des Ingénieurs has been specially designed to take engineering and science graduates from the world's top universities or Grandes Écoles and prepare them for the most responsible positions in the business world – through practical and conceptual theory. It is based on the "Learning through Action" concept: MBA seminars at the Collège alternate with phases in a dedicated company mission.

#### **Impactful Leaders of Tomorrow**

Embedded in a European innovation ecosystem, we enable our MBA Fellows to work on a dedicated company mission, where they interact with senior management and develop an entrepreneurial mindset essential for success in leading corporations. Our tailored management programme presents the diverse perspectives of selected senior academics and practitioners with exceptional leadership backgrounds who mentor and challenge our MBA Fellows. To complete this unique learning experience, we build a peer group of top young European professionals as part of a lifelong community that will foster professional and personal growth.

Admission to the programme is merit-based. The Collège covers the tuition fees for the MBA programme and pays a stipend to all admitted Fellows.

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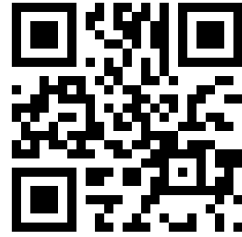
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