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ATU Innovation & Entrepreneurship Summer Camps



Atlantic Technological University (ATU) is delighted to announce the return of its HEA-funded Entrepreneurship Summer Camps for 2025, taking place across different ATU campuses from June to September.

With a track record of engaging and inspiring hundreds of second-level students from schools across our region, these camps are set to be even bigger and bolder this summer—offering hands-on learning, entrepreneurial thinking, and real-world impact.

With twelve camps in the calendar, from architecture and design to sustainability, fashion, tech innovation, science, and engineering, ATU's summer camps are carefully crafted to ignite creativity, foster problem-solving skills, and introduce students to the power of entrepreneurship.

Whether students dream of reshaping skylines, building businesses, or designing eco-conscious futures, there's a camp to match their passion.



Camp Summary 2025

ATU Sligo

- Girls in Engineering and Construction Camp (16th-19th June)

ATU Galway City

- GÓ - Gaelfhiontraithe Óga (Running twice, 23rd-27th June and 21st-25th July)
- What's your Future – Entrepreneurial Skills for Life! (16th-18th June)
- The Young Foodpreneurs Hub (16th-19th June)

ATU Mayo

- YEP – Young Enterprise Programme (16th-20th June)

ATU Donegal

- Chemistry In Action – Exploring Science through Innovation (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th September)
- Animation Summer Camp (9th-13th June)
- Experience Science: A Practical Lab Journey Across Disciplines (9th-11th September)
- From Vision to Innovation: Engineering a Better Future (16th-19th June)
- Sustainable Fashion Design Summer Camp (9th-12th June)
- Generation Innovation (Early September)

It will be the responsibility of the participant/guardian to ensure safe travel to and from the campus each day.

A light lunch will be provided. (You may wish to take snacks and water)

Complete the form to express your interest and be considered for a place.

[Click here for registration form](#)

ATU Sligo

Girls in Engineering & Construction

An immersive experience of Built Environment Careers

Find out how you could change our future world with a career in the Built Environment. Experience a snippet of the world of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Quantity Surveying and Construction Project Management through interactive and fun experiences. Visit the Extended Reality, Woodwork and Engineering Laboratories at ATU Sligo. Meet real world Female Role-Models working in the Built Environment industry.

Location: ATU Sligo

Dates: 16th-19th June

Girls Aged 12 - 14

For further information please email: lisa.brennan@atu.ie



ATU Galway City

GÓ - Gaelfhiontraithe Óga

Identify specific opportunities and challenges faced by Gaeltacht entrepreneurs and take a creative and collaborative approach to addressing the current issues of developing a business within the Irish-speaking community.

- Entrepreneurship in context: Opportunity or Challenge?
- Who wants to be an entrepreneur?
- The impact of language & culture: Identify your strength, your USP
- More than just a story: Storytelling and communication.
- The value of links: Community relationships & partnerships
- Idea generation: Creating collaborative and creative solutions.
- AI & Marketing Workshop
- Vision to reality: How do we fund & sustain our ideas?
- Showcase: Business idea & presentation, confidence-building & pitching.

Location: ATU Galway City, Dublin Road campus

First GÓ Camp: 23rd - 27th June

Second GÓ Camp: 21st - 25th July

Ages 15 - 17

For further information, please email: kevin.quinn@atu.ie

OTA Gaillimh

GÓ - Gaelfhiontraithe Óga

Oibrigh go cruthaitheach agus i gcomhar le gaelfhiontraithe óga eile chun deiseanna nua a aithint agus chun réiteach a fháil ar na dúshláin reatha atá ag fiontraithe lonnaithe sa Ghaeltacht.

- o Fiontraíocht i gcomhthéacs: Deis nó Dúshlán?
- o Cé a bheadh ag iarraidh a bheith ina fhiontraí?
- o Tionchar teanga agus cultúir: Céard é do láidreacht, nó do USP?
- o Níos mó ná scéal amháin: Scéalaíocht agus cumarsáid.
- o Luach na naisc: Caidrimh phobail agus comhpháirtíocht.
- o Giniúint smaointe: Réitigh Chomhoibritheacha agus Cruthaitheacha a aimsiú.
- o Ceardlann IS & Margaíochta
- o Ón bhFís go dtí an Réaltacht: Conas a Mhaoinímid agus Cothaíonn muid ár Smaointe?
- o Taispeántas: Smaoineamh gnó agus pitseanna.

OTA Gaillimh

Campa 1: 23ú Meitheamh go dtí an 27ú Meitheamh.

Campa 2: 21ú Iúil go dtí an 25ú Iúil

Aois: 15 - 17

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ATU Galway City

What's your Future – Entrepreneurial Skills for Life!

Hands-on activities focused on self discovery, recognising your skills and future planning, developing entrepreneurial skills for life.

- Getting to know Yourself
- Developing/recognising entrepreneurial skills for your career
- Recognising your skill set and planning how to develop them with third level study
- Choosing a third level programme/ degree to support your entrepreneurial skills

Location: ATU Galway City, Dublin Road campus

Dates: 16th - 18th June

Ages: 14-17

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ATU Galway City

The Young Foodpreneurs Hub

The food entrepreneurship camp offers an interactive, industry-engaged learning experience for young learners interested in the food sector. The connection to the food community and sector across this region and beyond is authentic and long established.

This camp incorporates theory and practical learning delivered by Galway International Hotel School (GIHS) faculty and industry partners. Theory and practical skills will be supported by practical examples with plenty of opportunity for students to get stuck in.

Location: ATU Galway City, Dublin Road campus

Dates: 16th - 19th June

TY & 5th Year students only

For further information please email: cait.noone@atu.ie





ATU Mayo

YEP! Young Enterprise Programme

YEP! will introduce young people to entrepreneurship, accountings, marketing and digital skills.

Working in teams, students will research, conceptualise and create a fun enterprise idea utilising the modern facilities at ATU.

Location: ATU Mayo campus, Castlebar

Dates: 16th - 20th June

Ages: 14-17

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ATU Donegal

Chemistry In Action – Exploring Science through Innovation

This camp gives Senior Cycle Chemistry students the chance to complete eight of the Leaving Cert mandatory experiments while exploring how each one connects to real-world challenges and innovative applications in science, technology, and industry.

- Hands-on lab experience in a third-level chemistry lab
- Eight core experiments from the Leaving Cert syllabus
- Discussion on potential uses, applications, and innovations linked to each

Location: ATU Donegal, Letterkenny campus

Dates: Fridays – September 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th (Students attend all dates)

Ages 5th Year and Leaving Cert Chemistry students only

For further information please email: christopher.mceleney@atu.ie



ATU Donegal

Animation Summer Camp

Using your creativity, storytelling, design and critical thinking skills, you'll develop a story, create characters and design the set before bringing your story to life using industry-standard software and production techniques.

Working in small teams, participants will develop a story, design and create characters and set and using stop-motion animation techniques, produce their own animated film. The finished films will be screened on Friday 13th June.

Location: ATU Donegal, Letterkenny Campus

Dates: 9th - 13th June

Ages: 14 - 17

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ATU Donegal

Experience Science: A Practical Lab Journey Across Disciplines

Over the course of this dynamic camp, students participate in hands-on lab sessions in microbiology, molecular biology, analytical chemistry, and food science. Students will develop hypotheses, carry out experiments, and dive into active discussions, gaining insight into scientific thinking and problem-solving. This event is for Transition Year students with an interest in science and a curiosity about studying it at university.

Location: ATU Donegal

Dates: 9th - 11th September

Ages: Transition Year Students

For further information please email:

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ATU Donegal

From Vision to Innovation: Engineering a Better Future

A project based Electronic and Mechanical Engineering camp with loads of engagement and insights into what engineers do, all in a fun and interactive environment. The camp finishes with an exciting Robotics Football competition. The camp focuses on design, manufacturing processes, prototyping, automation, robotics and the creation of AI models and the exploration of Machine Learning. Lunch is provided each day, but you may also want to bring a small snack and a drink.

Location: ATU Donegal, Letterkenny campus

Dates: 16th - 19th of June

Ages: 13-17

For further information please email: paul.ferry@atu.ie

ATU Donegal

Sustainable Fashion Design

Join our FREE four-day summer programme designed for young creatives! Learn how to upcycle a shirt from scratch while gaining hands-on experience with a sewing machine. You'll explore ways to redesign and personalise an existing garment, including creating your own unique print. Work as part of a small team to style a photoshoot using curated charity shop finds, and get a behind-the-scenes look at the entrepreneurial side of the fashion world.

Location: ATU Donegal, Letterkenny campus

Dates: 9th - 12th June

Ages 14 - 17 year olds

For further information please email: sharon.maxwell@atu.ie



ATU Donegal

Generation Innovation

Energising the imaginations and aspirations of young people by increasing their knowledge of 21st-century skills and awareness of future careers in technology and innovation. You will learn a foundational, Design Thinking skillset for future careers. This camp has a focus on sustainability and community.

Teams will meet local communities and business owners building a picture of the issues they are facing. Teams will research and develop a solution using storytelling, presentations.

Location: ATU Donegal, Letterkenny & Killybegs campus

Dates: Early September

Ages: 15-17

For further information please email: grace.latham@atu.ie

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