



SABAH SANDBOX ACCELERATOR 2026

WHAT IS SSA?

Sabah Sandbox Accelerator (SSA) is a structured innovation programme designed to help researchers, innovators, and startups advance their technologies from prototype stage to pilot-ready and market-oriented solutions through mentorship, validation, and industry collaboration.

THE PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF TWO PHASES:

2-months Incubation Programme (TRL 3–5)

Validation → MVP Development → Commercial Foundation

3-months Acceleration Programme (TRL 6–Above)

Sandbox Testing → Pilot Design → Investment Readiness

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN



Sandbox Testing Opportunities



Commercialisation Support



Industry & Ecosystem Networking



Industry Validation



Investor Readiness Development



Expert Mentorship



HOW THE PROGRAMME WORKS

PHASE 1
INCUBATION

July



Innovation Validation & Prototype Development

Business & Sandbox Readiness, Demo Day



August

September



Sandbox Onboarding & Pilot Readiness

Industry Validation & Investment Readiness



October

November



Demo Day, Investor Engagement & Commercialisation Readiness

PHASE 2
ACCELERATION





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Ready to turn your prototype into a market-ready solution? Join SSA 2026 and accelerate your innovation journey.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



Open to startups, researchers, innovators & techpreneurs

Minimum TRL 3 -5 (Incubation Phase) &
TRL 6 - above (Accelerator Phase)



Innovation and Technology-based solution

Committed to the full programme duration



Ready to scale and commercialise your innovation



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Join the SSA Incubation Programme to validate your innovation, strengthen your business foundation, and prepare for commercialization.



4 July - 16 August 2026



**Lvl 12, Digital IoT Sandbox,
KPSTI (Physical Programme)**



Register here!











SABAH SANDBOX ACCELERATOR 2026 (INCUBATION) TIMEFRAME

JULY

- Week 1
4 July (Sat) – Programme Orientation & Design Thinking 
5 July (Sun) – Customer Discovery & Problem Validation 
- Week 2
11 July (Sat) – Office Hours – Pitching Clinic 1 
12 July (Sun) – Stage-Gate 1: Problem Statement Review 
- Week 3
18 July (Sat) – Design Sprint & MVP Blueprint 
19 July (Sun) – IP Awareness & Regulatory Briefing 
- Week 4
25 July (Sat) – Office Hours – Technical Mentoring 
26 July (Sun) – e-Invoicing Readiness 

AUGUST

- Week 1
1 Aug (Sat) – Business Model Validation & Financial Basics 
2 Aug (Sun) – Stage-Gate 2: MVP Progress Review 
- Week 2
8 Aug (Sat) – Sandbox Readiness Day 
9 Aug (Sun) – Stage-Gate 3: Sandbox Readiness Assessment 
- Week 3
15 Aug (Sat) – Pre-Demo Day Final Coaching 
16 Aug (Sun) – IP Awareness & Regulatory Briefing 

 Virtual Programme

 Physical Programme



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WHO SHOULD APPLY?



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Innovations ready for validation, refinement, and market exploration