

# Swiss Biotech Success Stories award winner 2020

## Venture Kick, >>venture>>, Venturelab

### VENTURE KICK



Venture Kick was launched in 2007 as a three-stage philanthropic funding model with the vision to double the number of spin-off companies from Swiss universities, to accelerate their go-to market, and to raise their attractiveness among professional investors and industry.

To date, Venture Kick has supported 700 startup projects with CHF 30 million in seed capital. Eighty new projects will receive CHF 5 million in funding in 2020.

Startups can receive up to CHF 150,000 in cash. In addition, promising entrepreneurs are offered professional guidance in developing their business through Kickers Camps and exposure to an incredible network of investors and industry experts.

According to Crunchbase, Venture Kick was the second most active seed investor in Europe in 2019. Overall, supported startups have raised CHF 3.5 billion in total and created more than 7,000 jobs. In 2020, Venture Kick has launched a dedicated Life Sciences Track to further increase the support for biotech and medtech startups.

### >>venture>>



Since 1997, >>venture>> has been the leading competition for early-stage startups in Switzerland.

A joint initiative of ETH Zurich, McKinsey & Company, Knecht Holding, Innosuisse, and EPFL and organized in the >>venture>> foundation, perks of the competition include mentoring by >>venture's>> extensive industry expert network, a McKinsey business consulting package, as well as visibility among the company's high-profile Advisory Board and media partners.

With the added incentive of over CHF 500,000 in non-dilutive prize money, the competition has attracted and awarded many successful Swiss biotech startups such as Glycart, Molecular Partners, Covagen, and SOPHiA GENETICS.

### VENTURELAB



Launched in 2004 as a national training program for high-tech startups, Venturelab supports the best Swiss start-up talents in closing financing rounds and accelerating business development with customized support modules.

World-class startups, Swiss made: In the last 15 years, Venturelab has trained more than 50,000 founders, including promising biotech startups like Amal Therapeutics, Bioversys, Cellestia Biotech, Cutiss, InSphero, Lunaphore, Polyneuron Pharmaceuticals, SOPHiA GENETICS, Versantis, etc.

The best startups are presented within the Venture Leaders investor roadshows around the globe. The so-called "Swiss National Startup Teams" are traveling to Silicon Valley, Boston, New York, Shanghai, Beijing, and Hong Kong. For 10 years now, Venturelab also presents the TOP 100 Swiss Startup Awards and invites global investors to Switzerland.