

Dream job as a startup founder



In the academic year 2021/22, 390 young people could be supported with an ETH scholarship.
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Riccardo Feingold has a clear goal in mind: to found his own startup. Thanks to an ETH scholarship, he is able to study mechanical engineering and build the skillset he needs.

“I am hugely motivated by the idea of solving a problem and simplifying everyone’s life through technology and creativity, and I want to make this vision come true with my own startup. I’m currently exploring various ideas in the fields of robotics, biomedicine and data protection and chose my studies with this objective in mind.

The mechanical engineering programme is wide and I can build my knowledge in many areas, from programming to materials science to quantum mechanics. I’m currently working on the basic framework for my startup idea and hope to have designed a prototype by the end of my Bachelor’s course. My scholarship is a stroke of luck and I’m very grateful that it enables me to study at ETH.

The university offers a great environment for my ambitions as a young entrepreneur. Lectures on innovation processes or efficient teamwork and events organised by the Entrepreneur Club provide me with valuable inputs that will help me realise my dream. One of my favourite places at ETH is the Student Project House; there I can hone prototypes, try out new technologies and network with students from other disciplines who also have ambitious aspirations.”

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“Bright individuals with ambitions also come from homes with limited financial resources. Society cannot afford to ignore this talent. We must do everything within our power to support them.”

Maurice Thornton

Managing director headcount AG

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