

IFAC Industry Connect Webinar

Making the Leap from Academia to Entrepreneurship

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Making the leap from academia to entrepreneurship is a transformative journey that requires a significant shift in mindset and skill set. Academics are accustomed to a structured environment with a clear hierarchy, focused on research and theoretical knowledge. In contrast, entrepreneurship demands agility, risk-taking, and practical problem-solving. Academics need to transition from a risk-averse culture to one that embraces uncertainty. This shift can be daunting but is essential for turning innovative ideas into viable businesses. By leveraging their deep expertise and analytical skills, academics can create unique value propositions in the marketplace.

In this IndustryConnect Webinar we talk with the founders of two companies that started from academia and turned into successful businesses.

Control Station (controlstation.com) was founded on the campus of the University of Connecticut in 1988. For over thirty years the company has harnessed the creative energies of its surroundings, producing an array of best-in-class technologies for improving production efficiency and throughput. **Dennis Nash** and **Bob Rice**, the co-founders of Control Station, will share their story and experiences.

ANT-X (antx.it) is a spin-off company of Politecnico di Milano. Its mission is to bridge the gap between academic research and the needs of the drone industry. **Simone Panza**, a co-founder of ANT-X, will recount his journey and challenges.

Moderator: Atanas Serbezov

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