

Future Generations · Frontier Cohort

See where the future is built. Come home with your next move.

A hosted innovation week in China's Greater Bay Area, for postgraduates, young founders and gap year students. Inside the labs, factories and campuses making robots, driverless cars and passenger drones.

8 days on the ground

Small cohort

Easter & Summer 2027

Fully hosted

WHO IT'S FOR

Built for people deciding what to do next.

Adults aged 18 to 30 in the UK, Europe and the US. Three reasons to come, one method. You have plenty of information already. What you have not had is first-hand sight of where the work is heading.

POSTGRADUATES

Masters, MBA and PhD

A career direction and real contacts in robotics, AI and life sciences, from the people building and hiring.

Best for choosing a field or a first role.

YOUNG FOUNDERS

Founders in waiting

Suppliers, manufacturers and partners, and proof of what is possible before you commit money to it.

Best for building a product or testing an idea.

GAP YEAR

Before or after university

A structured, formative week among peers from around the world, and a story worth telling.

Best for a year out that points somewhere.

THE OUTPUT

Leaders leave with a decision. You leave with a first move.

Anyone can arrange a trip. Our value is the framing before you go and the translation after. Every person leaves with a Next Move Brief, one page, written for you within two weeks of coming home.

YOUR NEXT MOVE BRIEF

- What you saw that changes your plan
- Two or three concrete next steps, named
- The contacts worth following up
- A 30 minute debrief call to work it through
- A place in the cohort alumni group

TWO TRACKS, ONE WEEK

BUILD · FOR FOUNDERS AND MAKERS

Build something real

- + Manufacturers and suppliers who can make your product
- + A mentored make day in a Shenzhen makerspace
- + Founders and operators who did it here first
- + What a working prototype costs and how fast it moves

CAREER · FOR POSTGRADUATES AND STUDENTS

Find your direction

- + Hiring teams inside robotics, AI and life sciences
- + Researchers working at the edge of their field
- + Mentors from the companies you visit
- + A clear read on where the roles are going

A SAMPLE WEEK

Eight days in the Greater Bay Area.

Drawn from our July 2026 tour. Your running order is shaped around your cohort and track, so it shifts. The kind of access does not.

1

Land in Shenzhen

Meet the cohort and set the theme. An evening briefing on what to look for and why it matters.

2

Machines that walk and work

Humanoid robots on the factory floor, and service robots already working in restaurants and hospitals.

UBTECH · Pudu · DJI

3

The car that drives itself

Inside an electric vehicle maker, then a ride across the city in a driverless robotaxi.

XPENG · Pony.ai

4

The passenger drone

Stand under a pilotless aircraft built to carry people, and meet the low-altitude economy China is building first.

EHang

5

The falling cost of medicine

Inside genomics, where the cost of reading a genome fell faster than the cost of computing.

BGI

6

Build something real

A mentored day in a makerspace. Design, build and ship a small project of your own.

Bambu Lab · Insta360

7

Room for the unplanned

Time for the city, the culture and the people. On the July tour, a typhoon rewrote this day and it became the best one.

8

Come home with a direction

A debrief on what each person is taking home, then the journey back. The trip ends. What it started does not.

DEPARTURES

Pick a departure. We shape the rest.

SPRING · LAUNCH DEPARTURE

Easter 2027

3 to 10 April 2027 · 8 days

AI, life sciences and what comes next, with a hands-on build day. Our first open cohort for young adults. Cohort of 12 to 24, both tracks.

SUMMER · MAIN DEPARTURE

Summer 2027

Dates confirmed on enquiry · 8 days

After exams and results. The main departure for postgraduates and gap year students. Founders welcome on the Build track.

WHY NOW

A generation already betting on itself.

51%

UNITED STATES

of Gen Z adults aged 18 to 29 seriously considered starting a business in the past 12 months, against 27% of all adults.

Source: LendingTree, April 2026, survey of 2,000 US consumers.

36,925

UNITED KINGDOM

students deferred their university place in 2025-26, about 6.4% of offers. Most fund the time themselves.

Source: Teaching Abroad Direct, citing UCAS.

30 days

THE DOOR IS OPEN

Visa-free entry to China for UK and most EU passports, to 31 December 2026. US travellers get full visa support.

Source: China Briefing, updated July 2026.

HOW IT WORKS

Three steps, at your pace.

Step 1 · Register

Tell us who you are

Share your track, your departure and what you hope to take away. We follow up with a full outline and a guide price.

Step 2 · Talk

A short call

Twenty minutes with our team, and a chance to ask anything, including the questions you would not put in a form.

Step 3 · Hold

Reserve a place

Hold a place with a refundable deposit. Places are limited, and holding does not commit you to travel.

Hold a place for 2027.

Register at xcubed.world, or email info@xcubed.world. Registering does not commit you to travel.

[Register interest →](#)

Sources, current at 24 September 2026: LendingTree Gen Z startup study (lendingtree.com); Teaching Abroad Direct UK gap year statistics, citing UCAS (teachingabroaddirect.co.uk); China Briefing visa-free policy guide (china-briefing.com). Proof tour: Workforce 2035 Greater Bay Area Tech Tour, 25 July to 1 August 2026.

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