

## **Student Business Incubator as the Area of Integration of Regional Problem-Induced Projects**

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**Abstract:** Modern realities of the development of society and economy require the search for new ways, mechanisms and tools to solve long-identified problems in the face of increasing uncertainties and risks. In Russia for several decades, the problem of transition to an innovative development path has been acute. However, the problem is still not fully resolved. Taking into account the place and role of higher educational institutions in the formation of the national innovation system, one of the most promising areas for solving these problems is the transformation of universities into innovative, entrepreneurial ones. The highest success and results in this direction are achieved by the major universities. To achieve the expected effect, entrepreneurial universities should build their own effectively functioning innovation infrastructure, one of the productive elements of which is the student business incubator. One example would be a student business incubator that took on the role of an infrastructure platform for integrating regional problem-induced projects as the main element of the development strategy of a supporting university for technological entrepreneurship - Youth Business Incubator of Lipetsk State Technical University. The goal of the project is focused on the development of a “full cycle” business incubator within the framework of the university’s innovation infrastructure for engaging the youth community in innovation activities, relying on personnel donations, exchanging technological ideas and projects, and developing entrepreneurial competencies. The main directions of the project implementation have an impact on both the development of the university and the socio-economic development of the region (macro-region), forming a sustainable and efficient innovation system.