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The first steps in becoming a biotech entrepreneur; why it's easier and more cost efficient than you think?

SOSV is a cork-based global bio accelerator initiative, which is dedicated to funding and building start-ups for aiding humanity and having founded the world's first life sciences accelerator in Cork in 2014. SOSV now operates two accelerator programs, IndieBio based in San Francisco and RebelBio again based in Cork. These accelerators are responsible for establishing many synthetic biology start-ups around the world including Perfect Day Foods, Memphis Meats, Microsynbiotix and the German based Saphium Biotech. We provide the mechanism by which young scientists, entrepreneurs and tinkerers can shape their own destiny and make something that matters. RebelBio provides seed funding and mentorship to drive the transition of science to a business in only four months, before launching its graduate companies into the world of biotechnology to make their fortune, buffered by the company's many alumni, partners and partner investors.

Biography

John B Carrigan has completed his PhD in 2005 at University College Dublin and carried out Postdoctoral studies both in Dublin and in Copenhagen. He has been involved with several start-ups, most recently bio-based advanced materials company and Cellulac Ltd. He is the CSO in SOSV responsible for scientific due diligence, recruitment, product development analysis in addition to other work. He has published several papers in protein engineering, enzymology, metabolomics and cellulosic biofuels.

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