

LEVERAGING AN ACADEMIC MAKERSPACE

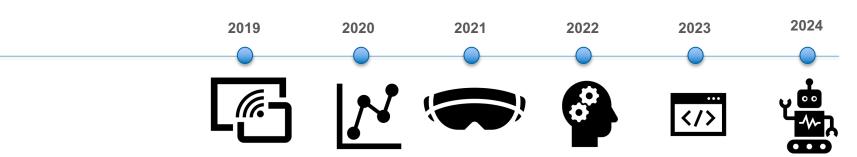
Rapid Responses to Address Effects Of Covid-19

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Innovation Spaces in Higher Education

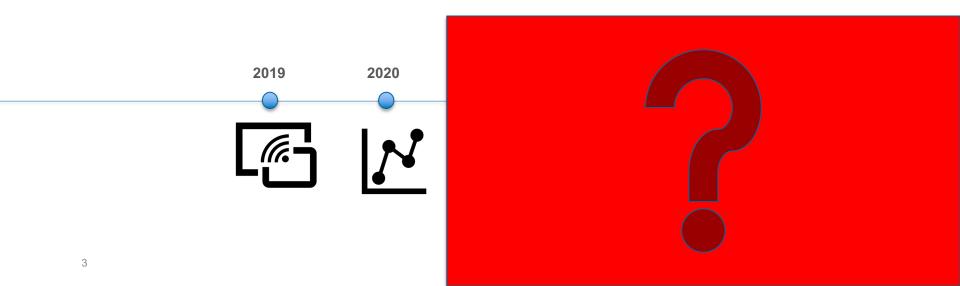
- Important developments in Technology for Higher Education where innovation is being stimulated through venture labs, incubators, and other businesses and partnerships
- Form part of introducing and leveraging technology adoption and application across several disciplines





Innovation Spaces in Higher Education

• COVID-19.....



AGILE Responses Through the Makerspace





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- UP Makerspace is based in the Library
- Associated with innovation
- Strong skills set
 - Disruptive technology
 - Strategy
 - Creativity
- Used as a strategic tool to:
 - Develop PPE for Medical workers
 - Support SME's and entrepreneurs with the EMS faculty
 - Focused on digital basis for servicing clients



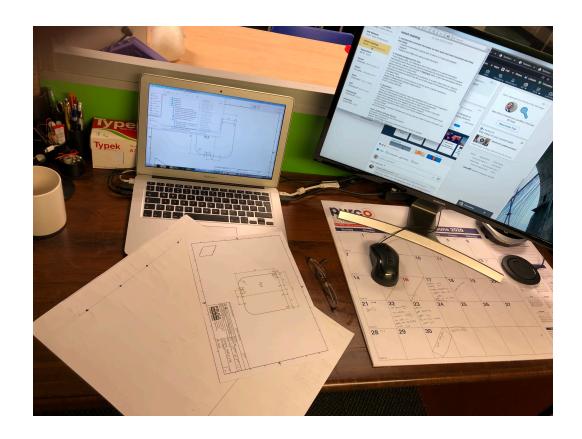
PPE Equipment

- Faculty of Health Sciences
- External Private Hospitals
- Open source design edited as required





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Makerspace's Role: Pre and Post COVID-19

- Collaboration and partnerships remain vital
- Access to rapid prototyping technology and effective application across disciplines
- We continue to offer our services, albeit through digital engagements
 - Expertise and consultation for research enablement
 - 3D printing and consultation (collection arranged where required)
 - Teaching and learning support



Conclusion

- Changing environments require an Agile approach
 - To address needs of our clients
 - And our communities
- The Makerspace is one of several units who managed this, as it is known as an innovation hub to
 - Channel resources and
 - Foster collaboration
 - With the right skill set





Thank you

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