

Oxford Saïd was recently ranked #1 in Europe for Entrepreneurship*,

and each year a growing number of our students go on to start or scale up new ventures all over the world. Here are just a few of them.



<p>Alok Mathur</p> <p>MBA 2007</p> <p>Alok founded Soul Tree Wine along with classmate Melvin D'Souza in 2009 with the intention of putting Indian wine on the map. Soul Tree is now on the way to becoming a global brand with sales not just in the UK, but in the USA, Germany, and a growing number of countries.</p> <p>Birmingham, UK</p>	<p>Andrew Hunt</p> <p>MBA 2008</p> <p>Andrew co-founded Aduna, an Africa-inspired health and beauty brand and social business whose mission is to create demand for under-utilised natural products from small producers in Africa - starting with the extraordinary baobab fruit.</p> <p>London, UK</p>	<p>Carlos Silva</p> <p>MBA 2008</p> <p>Carlos Silva is President, COO and co-founder of Seedrs, Europe's leading equity crowdfunding platform. He is also a co-founder of Beta-1, a Portuguese non-profit organisation that promotes entrepreneurship and innovation, is a mentor at several acceleration programmes and serves as an advisor to multiple innovative startups.</p> <p>London, UK</p>	<p>Candice Motran</p> <p>MBA 2008</p> <p>Candice is an Investment Director at Big Society Capital, the world's first social investment bank with a mission to grow the UK social investment market. By growing this market, BSC aims to increase the social impact being delivered by hundreds of thousands of brilliant charities and social enterprises.</p> <p>London, UK</p>	<p>Vinay Nagaraju</p> <p>MBA 2008</p> <p>Vinay is COO and acting CFO at Riders for Health, a social enterprise which addresses the problems of access in the last-mile of healthcare delivery in eight Sub-Saharan African countries, through innovative and sustainable transport logistics solutions, reaching over 21 million people.</p> <p>Northampton, UK</p>
<p>Husayn Kassai</p> <p>Economics & Management 2008</p> <p>Husayn is Co-Founder and CEO of Onfido, a background checking company that carries out automated background checks via API. They are the only holiday background checking company using AI and Machine Learning to reduce identity fraud and service over 1,000 clients globally.</p> <p>London, UK</p>	<p>Elizabeth Fillipouli</p> <p>MBA 2010</p> <p>An international journalist turned entrepreneur, Elizabeth is now the Founder & CEO of a leadership & business development firm Global Thinkers and also Global Thinkers Forum, a think tank with international operations that aims to create better leaders and positive social change.</p> <p>London, UK</p>	<p>Michael Thornton</p> <p>MBA & Skoll Scholar 2010</p> <p>Michael is the Co-Founder and CEO of Carbon Analytics, bringing automated, accounting based impact measurement and management to environmentally friendly companies.</p> <p>London, UK</p>	<p>Will Digby</p> <p>MBA 2012</p> <p>Will is the founder of private equity firm DCE Partners, which has analysed, helped and invested in many businesses spanning the width and breadth of sub-Saharan Africa.</p> <p>London, UK</p>	<p>Greg FitzGerald</p> <p>MBA 2012</p> <p>Greg is the Co-Founder of Carbon Analytics, which offers a scalable software solution for small businesses to easily measure and improve their environmental impacts. This is helping companies all over the world to share their green credentials, and is creating greater exposure and demand for responsible business.</p> <p>London, UK</p>
<p>Srinivas Madipalli</p> <p>MBA 2012</p> <p>Srin is co-founder / lead developer of Accomable, an 'AirBnB' style web portal that helps disabled and elderly people with limited mobility to find accessible short-let or holiday accommodation around the world.</p> <p>London, UK</p>	<p>Matthew Richie</p> <p>MBA 2013</p> <p>Matt is Director of BioCarbon Engineering, an early stage venture begun while at Oxford Saïd, with the mission of planting 1 billion trees per year using emerging unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) and remote sensing technologies.</p> <p>Oxford, UK</p>	<p>Steven Renwick</p> <p>MBA 2010</p> <p>Steven is the founder of Satago, a payment and credit management system which aims to change the culture of late payments on invoices so that businesses get paid on time.</p> <p>Berlin, Germany</p>	<p>Keely Stevenson</p> <p>MBA & Skoll Scholar 2004</p> <p>Keely is the CEO and Co-Founder of Weal Life, a digital health company focused on using mobile technology to help people care for each other in times of crisis, illness and ageing.</p> <p>San Francisco, USA</p>	<p>Tara Roth</p> <p>MBA & Skoll Scholar 2004</p> <p>Tara is the President of the Goldhirsh Foundation where she funds and supports social innovation in Los Angeles.</p> <p>Los Angeles, USA</p>
<p>Yanev Suissa</p> <p>MBA 2004</p> <p>Yanev is in venture capital - he invests alongside some of the top firms in the industry, and his work links Silicon Valley with DC to accelerate company growth and impact areas like national security, government efficiency, education, health and financial services.</p> <p>Washington DC, USA</p>	<p>Ruthe Farmer</p> <p>MBA 2007</p> <p>Ruth is the Chief Strategy & Growth Officer at the National Center for Women & IT, a change leader network transforming the face of the technology workforce through research-based change programmes and initiatives.</p> <p>Boulder, Colorado, USA</p>	<p>Sean Murphy</p> <p>MBA 2004</p> <p>Sean is Founder of Insight Signals, a service which analyzes the entire corporate email system to understand how employees are interacting with key prospects and current customers, and to get a clear view of how everyone in the company is connected to external organizations.</p> <p>Washington DC, USA</p>	<p>Ville Lehtonen</p> <p>MBA 2008</p> <p>Ville founded Lab Minds, a robotics company, with people from the Biochemistry and Computer Science departments at the University of Oxford.</p> <p>Boston, USA</p>	<p>Jimmy Jia</p> <p>MBA 2008</p> <p>Jimmy is Founder and CEO of Distributed Energy Management, which has a financial platform and a service that enables a "Chief Utility Officer" to work with the CFOs of energy companies, enabling confident decision-making around utility operational and capital purchases.</p> <p>Seattle, USA</p>
<p>Louis Dorval</p> <p>MBA & Skoll Scholar 2009</p> <p>Louis co-founded VOTO Mobile, a mobile engagement social enterprise based in Ghana which offers a platform to reach the 3 billion people who don't have internet access.</p> <p>Boulder, Colorado, USA</p>	<p>Brendan Baker</p> <p>MBA 2009</p> <p>Brendan has worked with Greylock Partners (a Silicon Valley venture firm that has invested in Facebook, Airbnb, and LinkedIn), and AngelList, a platform that connects startups and investors.</p> <p>San Francisco, USA</p>	<p>Barbara Verardo</p> <p>EMBA 2012</p> <p>Barbara is Founder and CEO of Village Invest, which provides fair, affordable and sustainable financing to the unbanked poor of India and Sri Lanka through its online lending platform.</p> <p>Washington DC, USA</p>	<p>Santiago Alvarez</p> <p>MBA 2009</p> <p>Santiago is an Investment Manager with Bamboo Finance, focusing on Financial Inclusion and Access to Energy in Latin America and is responsible for sourcing, structuring and executing transactions. Santiago is also responsible for monitoring portfolio companies and is Director of the Board of Banco Popular Honduras and CFE Panama.</p> <p>Bogota, Colombia</p>	<p>Ruchika Singhal</p> <p>MBA 2005</p> <p>Founding Director at SAM & SARA home, a lifestyle furniture & decorative accessories firm focused on working with artisans & craftsmen and celebrating traditional skills - in turn empowering them by confluence of hand craft skills and edge modern design.</p> <p>India</p>
<p>Dhruv Lakra</p> <p>MBA & Skoll Scholar 2007</p> <p>Dhruv founded Mirakle Couriers to provide employment and skills for deaf employees. He has since been awarded the National Award from the President of India.</p> <p>Mumbai, India</p>	<p>Karan Rai</p> <p>MBA 2008</p> <p>Karan is the founder of Red Panda Innovation Labs, a software product incubator in Mumbai, co-creating technology products in partnership with industry leaders.</p> <p>Mumbai, India</p>	<p>Jyot Chadha</p> <p>MBA 2011</p> <p>Jyot joined the World Resources Institute as a Shell Foundation fellow. She now works full time with the organization, where she has set up an innovation initiative within WRI Cities to support entrepreneurs who are addressing issues of urbanization, such as mobility.</p> <p>Mumbai, India</p>	<p>Grace Sai</p> <p>MBA & Skoll Scholar 2009</p> <p>Grace is the CEO and Co-Founder of The Hub Singapore, a collaborative platform for entrepreneurs in Singapore. She has helped build entrepreneurial ecosystems in Singapore and around Asia through co-working spaces, incubation, corporate and governmental partnerships.</p> <p>Singapore</p>	<p>Jesse Moore</p> <p>MBA & Skoll Scholar 2006</p> <p>Jesse co-founded M-KOPA which provides affordable energy to Kenyan citizens and is currently serving over 150,000 homes with 500 more being added daily.</p> <p>Kenya</p>
<p>Emma Caddy</p> <p>MBA & Skoll Scholar 2006</p> <p>Emma has directed the Low Carbon Enterprise Fund and launched her own social enterprise, Tiny Tots Daycares Kenya, to support centres in deprived areas of Kenya.</p> <p>Kenya</p>	<p>Mike Quinn</p> <p>MBA & Skoll Scholar 2007</p> <p>Mike is CEO of ZoonA, a leading African mobile money operator that helps people send and receive money when they need to most so that communities can thrive.</p> <p>Kenya</p>	<p>Daniel Leston</p> <p>MBA 2009</p> <p>Daniel co-founded the African Youth Guild (AYG), a youth empowerment association with a Pan-Africanist ethos aimed at training and developing young leaders with technical, artistic and entrepreneurial skills.</p> <p>Accra, Ghana</p>	<p>Leanne Viviers</p> <p>MBA 2009</p> <p>Leanne is the CEO and Co-founder of Mintor, a task-based micro-internships platform that connects students with businesses to efficiently collaborate on high impact projects. This empowers tertiary students with far more opportunities to build market-relevant skills and credibility, and businesses to affordably tackle growth tasks while vetting students as potential future hires.</p> <p>Cape Town, South Africa</p>	<p>Erica Mackey</p> <p>MBA 2010</p> <p>Erica is Co-Founder and COO of Off-Grid.Electric, which has now raised over \$30M million in venture financing to light Africa within the next decade. Before this, she was the Executive Director for a rural health service provider in East Africa.</p> <p>Anusha, Tanzania</p>
<p>Elizabeth Szymanski</p> <p>MBA 2010</p> <p>Elizabeth was Co-founder of Tower59, a financial services company for early stage enterprises; and currently CFO of TENA Recycling, a company based in Tanzania with a mission to change the perception of waste and to provide the opportunity for people to earn a sustainable living above the poverty line from the recycling of waste materials.</p> <p>Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</p>	<p>Aunnie Patton</p> <p>MBA 2011</p> <p>Aunnie is the Innovative Finance Lead at the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University of Cape Town and an Associate Fellow at Oxford Saïd. She drives the Bertha Centre's Innovative Financing initiative, which includes projects on Social Impact Bonds / Development Impact Bonds, impact Investing and sustainable philanthropy.</p> <p>Cape Town, South Africa</p>	<p>Sara Leedom</p> <p>MBA 2012</p> <p>Sara is the co-founder of African Entrepreneur Collective (AEC), which works to provide young entrepreneurs the skills and resources needed to create jobs through their own enterprises. AEC is an umbrella organization that owns or operates a network of business accelerators -- all with the same impact of creating sustainable social change through private enterprise.</p> <p>Kigali, Rwanda</p>	<p>Meagan Sutton-Bonwit</p> <p>MBA 2013</p> <p>Served as a Kiva Fellow and now is Manager of Product Development at Living Goods, a social enterprise that innovates on last mile distribution of health- and wealth-promoting products to the base of the pyramid in Kenya and Uganda.</p> <p>Nairobi, Kenya</p>	<p>Holden Bonwit</p> <p>MBA 2013</p> <p>Holden is a Project Leader for Open Capital Advisors, providing financial and management consulting to East African SMEs, investors, and market innovators to help grow businesses, deploy capital, and increase value chain efficiency.</p> <p>Nairobi, Kenya</p>

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