

Annex: Startups in the August 2026 BIG Cohort

BIG August 2026 Cohort at a glance

Startups	36
SMU student-led startups (Singapore and overseas)	7 (including 1 incorporated in India)
SMU alumni-led startups	12
SMU faculty-led startups	3
Founders from other universities in Singapore and startups incorporated overseas	14 (including 5 incorporated in China, Malaysia and the United States)

Industry breakdown

Industry category	Startups	Share
a) Smart Nation & Digital Economy	19	53%
b) Health & Human Potential	6	17%
c) Urban Solutions & Sustainability	8	22%
d) Manufacturing, Trade & Connectivity	3	8%

Full cohort directory

Startup name	Startup information	Description	Current funding level
a) Smart Nation & Digital Economy			
Aethryx	Founded by Dr. Brindha Jeyaraman (SMU Doctor of Engineering). Incorporated in Singapore in 2026.	Aethryx helps regulated enterprises deploy trusted AI agents safely. Its runtime governance capabilities translate policies into enforceable controls, provide human oversight and end-to-end decision traceability, and generate audit-ready evidence. Its platform also provides a sandbox for architecting agentic AI systems using governance-by-design principles, enabling enterprises to move safely and rapidly into production.	Seed / Pre-A
AgentSure	Founded by Yonghu Li (Tiger) and Asst Prof Xiaofei Xie (SMU Assistant Professor of Computer Science). Incorporated in Singapore in 2026.	AgentSure provides an AI resilience and risk-measurement platform for autonomous AI agents. Its Janus system tests agent behaviour, audits code and helps enterprises quantify, govern and insure AI-related risks.	Angel / Pre-Seed

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Auryon Innovations	Founded by Anucampa Singh (SMU Master of Business Administration). Incorporated in Singapore in 2025.	Auryon Innovations develops Savyre, an engineering intelligence platform designed for the AI era. Savyre helps organisations evaluate real-world engineering capabilities and adopt AI-assisted software development responsibly through structured, evidence-based workflows. Its solutions support technical hiring, developer productivity, and workforce upskilling by making engineering ability visible, measurable, and trusted.	Founder-Funded
Campaign Canvas	Founded by Joel Lim, Clement Ong, Jemyn Yeo and Amirul Hakim.	Campaign Canvas is an AI marketing-intelligence platform that turns real-time customer signals into campaign recommendations and ready-to-publish content. It helps businesses apply data-driven marketing strategies more efficiently.	Founder-Funded
CostObserver	Founded by Gourav Das (SMU Masters of IT in Business), Devina Nayak and R Ghosh.	CostObserver is an AI-powered SecFinOps platform that unifies cloud cost, resource and security data. It helps organisations identify spending risks, prioritise corrective actions and govern cloud operations from the outset.	Founder-Funded
DeepStore AI	Founded by A. Lakshminarayanan (Lux) and Shyam Maniyedath. Incorporated in the United States in 2026.	DeepStore AI helps organisations keep AI applications running as models, prices and access conditions change. Its platform evaluates alternative models on customer tasks and deploys the selected solution securely in the customer's cloud environment.	Founder-Funded
Eazy AI	Founded by Ravi Shankar Mishra and Himani Ravi Mishra. Incorporated in Singapore in 2025.	Eazy AI is an agentic commerce infrastructure platform for enterprises, including retail, to sell their products and services using AI via WhatsApp, own stores, or third-party marketplaces. It transforms basic product catalogues into rich, structured data for AI-powered shopping and recommendations.	Angel / Pre-Seed
EDVION TECHNOLOGIES	Founded by Hari Chandan, Pradeep Kumar and Winston	EDVION provides an AI-native admissions-engagement platform for international higher education. Its agentic AI engages prospective	Founder-Funded

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	Wee. Incorporated in Singapore in 2026.	students across languages and channels, assesses eligibility and supports them through to enrolment.	
Gwenth	Founded by Lye Jia Jun (SMU Bachelor of Science (Information Systems)). Incorporated in Singapore.	Gwenth is an AI-powered sales platform for B2B companies. It helps businesses identify prospects, automate personalised outreach, manage leads and schedule qualified sales meetings across email, LinkedIn and WhatsApp.	Founder-Funded
I Sarathy	Founded by Aashmiin Kaur (Bachelor of Accountancy). Incorporated in India in 2026.	I Sarathy is a personalised financial companion for students managing daily expenses in Singapore. It automatically captures expenses, provides personalised guidance and helps users budget and save.	Founder-Funded
Imaji AI	Founded by Vincent Tatan (SMU Bachelor of Science (Information Systems)) and Claudia Jasmine. Incorporated in Singapore in 2026.	Imaji AI is building an AI brain for retail and groceries — agents inside orders, warehouse ops, and shopper intelligence for smarter procurement and loyalty.	Founder-Funded
Ketchup AI	Founded by Ting Yan, Elva Qi and Palances Liao. Incorporated in Singapore in 2025.	Ketchup AI helps retail financial advisers identify more sales opportunities in client conversations while reducing their compliance burden. The platform is designed to improve conversion rates while supporting mis-selling prevention requirements in banking and insurance.	Seed / Pre-A
Kurtosis Labs	Founded by Kai Ze Tam (SMU Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)). Incorporated in Singapore in 2026.	Kurtosis is building the world's first non-black-box infrastructure for systematic fixed-income investing in DeFi. Our Ratings system makes the risks behind each fixed-income position explainable, while Horizon vaults use those ratings to deploy live capital through strategies tailored to each investor's mandate.	Founder-Funded
Nexsoss	Founded by Akash Vibhute and Zeng Shujuan. Incorporated in Singapore in 2026.	Nexsoss is a vendor-agnostic orchestration platform that creates robot-friendly buildings. By binding diverse robot fleets, lifts, doors, and	Founder-Funded

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		operational systems into a single interoperability layer, Nexsoss transforms your existing infrastructure into one seamlessly coordinated workforce.	
Open Borders AI Multimodal	Founded by Jagwinder Singh (SMU Affiliate Faculty), Tang Soo See, Roy Fung and Chakravarthy Yadav. Incorporated in Singapore in 2026.	Open Borders AI Multimodal operates an AI-driven marketplace for cross-border freight in Southeast Asia. Its platform streamlines booking, customs processing and emissions tracking for multimodal shipments.	Founder-Funded
Phaseshift	Founded by Rezlind Bushati and Rohit Shawarikar. Incorporated in the United States in 2025.	Phaseshift develops flat, AI-designed optical chips that replace bulky lens systems. Its technology is intended for applications including quantum computing, defence, autonomous vehicles and medical devices.	Seed / Pre-A
Podsee	Founded by Marcus Toh Jun Fong (SMU Bachelor of Economics), Delson Kim Ding Jie (SMU Bachelor of Science (Economics)) and Lee Bing En Ryan (SMU Bachelor of Science (Information Systems)). Incorporated in Singapore in 2026.	Podsee is a marketplace for tuition and enrichment services in Singapore. It helps parents discover, compare and book classes offered by academic and enrichment centres.	Founder-Funded
Revuify	Founded by Raphael Gommès (SMU Master of Science in Entrepreneurship and Innovation) .	Revuify is an AI-powered reputation-management assistant for restaurants. It helps businesses generate customer reviews, automate reputation workflows and improve their online visibility.	Founder-Funded
Typespaces AI	Founded by Aravind R.	Typespaces AI helps publishers scale content production and manage their operations. Its platform supports publishers as they expand their teams, workflows and businesses in the AI era.	Founder-Funded

b) Health & Human Potential			
Arkkus Health	Founded by Ryanne Uy (SMU Master of Science in Management).	Arkkus Health helps North American patients access specialist treatment at accredited hospitals in Singapore. It coordinates medical matching, travel and post-operative care to provide faster and more affordable treatment pathways.	Founder-Funded
Cura	Founded by Avisenna Gusta (SMU Master of IT in Business).	Cura is an AI operating system for social-care organisations. It transforms an organisation's knowledge and staff expertise into practical tools for planning personalised care and demonstrating outcomes to funders.	Angel / Pre-Seed
Curve Labs	Founded by Jeremy Soo. Incorporated in Singapore in 2026.	Curve Labs is a neo-lab developing human-like artificial intelligence via research on simulated emotions, model alignment and human-computer interaction.	Founder-Funded
Horaion.AI	Founded by Henry Lum, Moses Lee, Prof. Lau Hoong Chuin (SMU Professor of Computer Science), Vernon Koh and Lau Zhen Guo. Incorporated in Singapore in 2026.	Horaion is an AI-powered workforce-scheduling platform for complex, high-volume operations. It balances demand, labour rules, employee preferences, operational constraints and manpower-compliance requirements.	Founder-Funded
Odyssea AI	Founded by Tetiana Kodliuk and Romain Choukroun. Incorporated in Singapore in 2023.	Odyssea AI is a wellbeing platform focused on helping people understand hidden emotional patterns. Its technology supports users in identifying the underlying causes of mental struggles and pursuing longer-term personal transformation.	Founder-Funded
Pixelence	Founded by Raheel Zubairi and Dr. Amr Muhammed. Incorporated in Malaysia in 2025.	Pixelence is a software as a medical device which uses AI ML to eliminate the use of Gadolinium from brain medical imaging by using non contrast sequences from brain MRI to generate synthetic GCBA level contrast images - while being non-invasive, way safer, faster, affordable and accessible.	Angel / Pre-Seed

c) Urban Solutions & Sustainability			
Amplicity	Founded by Stephane Leyo and Gabriel Schiano. Incorporated in Singapore in 2025.	Amplicity transforms battery systems in data centres, industrial facilities and critical infrastructure into actively optimised energy assets. Its technology helps businesses reduce energy costs, generate new revenue and provide grid flexibility, while preserving the batteries' primary resilience and backup functions and supporting decarbonisation.	Seed / Pre-A
Arculus Solutions	Incorporated in the United States in 2022.	Arculus Solutions develops advanced coatings for oil-and-gas pipelines. Its SputteredPipe™ technology is designed to increase throughput, prevent corrosion and enable the repurposing of pipelines for carbon dioxide and hydrogen transport.	Seed / Pre-A
EXPISCORE	Founded by Dr. Marigold Kimura (SMU Bachelor of Business Management) and Peter Holland. Incorporated in Singapore in 2025.	EXPIScore is a human-centric building-rating system that measures customer experience across real-estate developments. It provides scores, star ratings and practical recommendations to help developers and owners improve building performance and quality of life.	Founder-Funded
Jiangtou (Tianjin) Technology Development Co., Ltd.	Founded by Li Mingyu. Incorporated in China in 2024.	Jiangtou develops industrial-design and manufacturing solutions for the new-energy sector. Its work includes photovoltaic and wind-turbine maintenance, concentrated solar power systems and smart urban operations.	Founder-Funded
Kelvix	Founded by Annamalai Ramanathan and Nivashini Kasivisvanathan.	Kelvix develops autonomous cooling intelligence for tropical buildings. Its closed-loop AI adjusts chiller-plant settings in real time to reduce cooling energy use, with performance measured against recognised energy-efficiency standards.	Founder-Funded
Oystera	Founded by Anita Brand. Incorporated in Singapore in 2025.	Oystera develops a smart water-purification bottle for urban consumers. Its portable system combines advanced purification and smart usage tracking to reduce	Founder-Funded

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		contaminants and reliance on single-use plastic bottles.	
Weav8	Founded by Dr. Nataliya Mykhaylova. Incorporated in Singapore in 2025.	Weav8 uses proprietary orbital AI and climate-risk data to predict failures in renewable-energy assets. Its technology supports automated parametric-insurance payouts and more data-driven underwriting.	Seed / Pre-A
Zhejiang Polar Code Technology	Founded by Zhang Xuan Ming, Wang Zhu, Dong Zhaoyu and Hou Jin.	Zhejiang Polar Code Technology develops intelligent terminal systems for smart-grid applications. Its AI-enabled solutions support renewable-energy integration through equipment identification, optimisation and voltage-frequency stability control.	Founder-Funded
d) Manufacturing, Trade & Connectivity			
Alpha Y Omega	Founded by Joelyn Carmen Chong (SMU Bachelor of Social Science) and Joel Low (SMU Bachelor of Business Administration). Incorporated in Singapore in 2026.	Alpha Y Omega is developing plug-and-play electric-vehicle mobility infrastructure for Southeast Asia's motorcycle market. The company is initially focused on supporting small businesses and motorcycle riders in Indonesia.	Founder-Funded
ReRootSG	Founded by Tan Jun-En Javier and Terry Phua. Incorporated in Singapore in 2025.	ReRootSG converts food waste such as banana peels, eggshells, SCOBY and coffee grounds into organic plant fertiliser. It also runs educational programmes on sustainability and ethical plant keeping for schools, urban farmers, gardeners and communities.	Angel / Pre-Seed
XForge Mobile	Incorporated in 2021.	XForge Mobile is a travel technology company building smarter ways for people to stay connected and travel. Its products include Atli, an AI travel companion that helps travellers discover, purchase and manage eSIM data across 200+ countries through WhatsApp, Telegram and mobile apps, and NOMAD, a 100W GaN universal travel charger designed for international travellers. Together, they	Seed / Pre-A

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		form a broader travel connectivity ecosystem for modern travellers.	
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