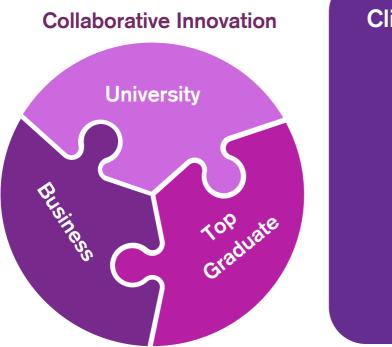


What is a Knowledge Transfer Partnership?

The Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) programme part-funds collaborations between a growth-oriented UK business and university; employing a recent graduate to work on an innovative R&D project to transfer and embed university expertise to deliver commercial business impact.

The KTP is a UK-wide innovation programme designed to boost business competitiveness by providing the essential pieces, such funding support and proven knowledge transfer methodology, to embed university generated new expertise required by the business to introduce new processes, products or services for competitive advantage. The knowledge is transferred and embedded into the business by a dedicated full-time associate employed by the university.



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The company partner benefit by acquiring business critical new knowledge, know-how, technology and strategic capabilities. The KTP programme is managed by Innovate UK, the UK's innovation agency, and supported by public-sector grant funding.

KTPs are open for all sectors, and large and SMEs and projects can be a minimum of one year or a maximum of three years.

Key Facts

- Up to 75% grant funding available via KTP's to embed innovation (75% for charities, 67% for SME's and 50% for Large business)
- The companies can reclaim their financial investment through R&D tax credits (government classifies KTPs as investment in research and development)
- Our KTP portfolio is worth over £1.4 Million
- DMU's success rate is above the national average at 100%
- One of our recent KTP's resulted in a turnover growth of 30% for the business partner

How KTP's work?

KTP programmes follow a successful tried and tested formula to increase UK business competitiveness through innovation. The formula uses 6 simple stages as illustrated below:

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Sharing knowledge to fill your

business' expertise gap

Step 1

Speak to KTP team at DMU to discuss your business need and identify relevant academic expertise

Step 3

Refine and strengthen the KTP proposal and submit application to one of the regular funding call deadlines

Step 5

Graduate Associate is recruited and collaborative project starts. The collaborative partners regularly meet and are supported by the KTP Advisor and DMU KTP Team.

Step 2

Work with DMU Academics and KTP Team to develop a compelling proposal to apply for funding via one of the Innovate UK funding calls

Step 4

Secure grant funding and together recruit a suitably qualified graduate Associate to lead and deliver the project based in the business.

Step 6

Deliver the project objectives successfully, continue engaging with DMU to access additional support to aid commercialisation and undertake new research collaborations.

Is a KTP right for my business?

To be eligible for innovation funding via KTP's you must have

- A need to introduce innovative solutions and capabilities in your business for growth, competitive advantage and profitability.
- A UK-based business or not-for-profit organisations of sufficient size to support the project (usually at least 6 employees)
- Have the financial capacity to fund the project costs and related commercialisation
- Trading for at least three years.

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