

BBSRC CRITERIA FOR SUPPORT OF Knowledge Transfer Partnership PROJECTS

Objectives and Eligibility

- BBSRC wishes to support projects embedding knowledge and ideas generated by the high quality research it previously supported, into relevant businesses to enable their growth and to ensure the UK society achieves maximum benefit. Relevant businesses are likely to include the agricultural, food, chemical, healthcare, pharmaceutical, industrial biotechnology and bioenergy sectors.
- In addition to the added value for the company, benefit for the Associate should be clearly demonstrated.
- Partnerships should demonstrate follow-on from, or connectivity to, BBSRC-funded research. Consequently, BBSRC will only sponsor partnerships that involve Higher Education Institutions eligible for BBSRC funding or BBSRC-sponsored Institutes as the Knowledge Base Partner.

Priorities

- BBSRC will support Knowledge Transfer Partnerships in the biosciences (excluding clinically focussed projects) that address company needs and fall within at least one of BBSRC priority area highlighted in our Strategic Plan (for details see www.bbsrc.ac.uk/science/strategic-overview.aspx).
- These include the Grand Challenges of Food Security, Bioenergy and Industrial Biotechnology and Fundamental Bioscience Enhancing Lives and Improving Wellbeing.
- In addition, Partnerships exploiting New Ways of Working such as new tools and technologies will be welcome.

Projects and Associates

- BBSRC wishes to support projects throughout the whole of the UK between one to three years in length as deemed to be appropriate by the Partnership, and supported by the Partnership Approvals Group (PAG).
- BBSRC would welcome projects that intend to recruit post-doctoral researchers as KTP Associates, notably but not exclusively, following on from CASE studentships or Research and Technology Club projects.
- BBSRC would welcome projects that intend to work across disciplines and sectors making use of new and emerging technologies and facilities.
- As part of its commitment to work in partnership with other sponsors, BBSRC will only consider shared funding of KTP Projects.

Size of Company

- BBSRC is prepared to support projects involving small or large enterprises, but would particularly encourage involvement of SMEs.