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KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER PARTNERSHIP (KTP)

The Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme helps businesses in the UK to innovate and grow. It does this by linking them with an academic or research organisation and a graduate to undertake work of significant impact on the company.

Each KTP is a 3-way partnership between:

- a UK-based business of any size or a not-for-profit organisation
- an UK-based academic or research organisation. This could be a university, college or research and technology organisation
- a suitably-qualified graduate, with the capability to lead a strategic business project.

A KTP is part-funded by a grant. As an SME you will be expected to contribute 33% of all project costs. These costs include the salary of the Associate who works with your business and the cost of a supervisor who will oversee the scheme. Typically, this contribution equates to around £35,000 per year.

The scheme can last between 12 and 36 months, depending on the project details and the needs of the business.

Benefits for businesses

- A highly motivated graduate to spearhead new projects.
- Access to the University's expertise and facilities.
- Increase profits, knowledge and capability.
- Reduced project costs, through funding by Innovate UK.

KTP projects can be about

- Optimisation of business processes
- Introduction of new technologies
- Development of new products and new processes
- Entry into new markets.

How to apply?

There are 2 main routes to applying for a KTP as a business:

- Via the academic or research organisation in the locality
- Via a Knowledge Transfer Adviser covering the region.

To begin with – the discussions normally commence with the knowledge institution concerned. In Oxfordshire the main contacts are:

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Further information on the KTP scheme can be located at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/knowledge-transfer-partnerships-what-they-are-and-how-to-apply>