

Knowledge Transfer Collaboration

The Centre for Knowledge Transfer at London South Bank University has developed over many years, an impressive Knowledge Transfer (KT) portfolio and has collaborated with over 100 companies and organisations of all sizes, including charities and the public sector, helping them to harness the latest research, development and technologies expertise and embed it in their respective organisations. The Centre for Knowledge Transfer has a dedicated resource to manage the process, the paperwork and the financial administration, providing a seamless and business friendly integration with the University. Today LSBU is the leading KT Knowledge base partner in London and ranks among the leaders UK wide. Our academic team work in applied R & D at the interface between academia and business, maintaining strong links with employers, professional bodies and public and private sector enterprises making them ideal for these partnerships.

What is a Knowledge Transfer Collaboration?

It is a partnership between the University and an external company or organisation, which gives access to our wealth of expertise and is designed to help you improve your competitiveness and productivity through applying the knowledge, technology and skills available within the University. The collaboration centres around a research and development programme identified by the partner organisation. The partnership identifies a high quality, motivated graduate or postgraduate Associate who will undertake this agreed programme of research and development relevant to your priorities and objectives.

The Benefits

Your company or organisation gets:

- A suitably qualified and experienced person (the Associate) undertaking a programme of research and development for a flexible period up to 4 years
- They are typically based in your organisation for the duration
- Specialist expertise and technical advice from LSBU experts
- Qualified LSBU academics work closely with the person
- Access to training and development courses including higher degree opportunities

The Associate gets:

- To undertake a relevant programme of research and development leading to a higher degree
- To base this on a live operational environment, focussed on achieving organisational objectives
- Specialist support and advice from LSBU academics
- Tuition fees paid and a generous bursary to assist with living costs

Your Priorities and Objectives

At the heart of every Knowledge Transfer Collaboration is a research and development programme with specific strategic or tactical objectives. The Associate, supported by the academic expertise at LSBU, will undertake this research programme under the joint supervision of both the organisation and the academics, designed to achieve your objectives. The aim is then to apply the results within the organisation where appropriate to deliver tangible results.

Am I Eligible?

Small, medium and large companies are all eligible to apply, as well as Charities, not-for-profit organisations, Social Enterprises, and public sector organisations. An application can be made providing you are an established business, able to afford your share of the costs.

Types of Research & Development

These are infinitely variable and designed to produce research and development which is of benefit to your organisation. There are a number of case studies on our website www.ktp-lsbu.co.uk. Examples of projects include;

- Improving existing or developing new products or technology
- Developing the company expertise base
- Introducing new technology or developing new services
- Researching aspects of the market, impacts, value or organisational development
- Investigating social and economic impacts and developing metrics
- Behavioural studies and research
- Research into health, well being and social care elements

What are the costs?

The costs depend on the type and extent of the project, but typically costs are approx £15k pa basic plus a tax free bursary of between £8k minimum and £18k maximum pa for the Associate to be decided by you. This includes the specialist expertise input, project management, tuition fees and bursary for the Associate. If you are eligible for corporation tax and the project qualifies it is possible to claim R&D tax credits which will reduce your costs considerably.

Interested?

We work with organisations spanning across all industry, charity and social enterprise areas and plug in academic expertise from a wide range of disciplines. If you have a project in mind for your company that you would like to talk to us about in more detail please do give us a ring and we will be happy to discuss your ideas with you. Our website is full of fascinating case studies about projects we are working on at the moment. To see what businesses in your industry are up to check out the relevant KT Projects page on our website.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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