



IQ booster

Consultancy and Research

IP and licensing

Spin-out businesses

What would really give your organisation ‘the edge’? Try accessing 3000 academic brains, original thinking and a passion for making a difference.

You can boost your organisation’s knowledge and resources by tapping into world-class expertise at the University of Birmingham. We’re constantly making exciting breakthroughs – in medicine and engineering, energy and social science – and then making them available to the people who will benefit most...

Outside of London we are the country’s leading centre for cancer research, seeking to improve diagnosis and survival rates in patients. Our campus is home to the world’s first zero-emission, environmentally friendly hydrogen car, paving the way for greener transport. Every day we improve lives by examining the impact of education, employment, policing and healthcare on real people.

And thanks to our knowledge-transfer agency, Alta Innovations, many organisations can benefit from our original thinking. Our five colleges, 3000 academic staff and leading-edge facilities are here to be consulted and used in the following ways:

Borrow the best brains for your business

When your organisation needs fresh thinking, whether it be of the technical, legal, financial or research kind, the University of Birmingham offers expert consultancy to ensure you succeed. From help with technology, testing and tendering through to project management and problem solving, we can send you the brightest minds from the field of your choice to relieve the burden and improve the outcome.

Our specialist areas are medicine and bioscience; engineering and materials; energy and the environment and social and public policy. Recent clients include the NHS, Proctor & Gamble, the Royal Navy and Severn Trent Water, but you don’t have to be big to benefit – talk to us today.

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Make our inventions your innovations

The University has a large portfolio of medical, biomedical, engineering and environmental patents available for licensing to organisations like yours. Whether it’s a life-changing vaccine or a piece of time-saving technology, our intellectual property could become your company’s crowning glory – speak to us today.

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Be nurtured and supported as your business grows

At the University of Birmingham’s Research Park, we nurture and support ‘spin-out’ ventures, helping unique businesses to grow and evolve in their own right.

One such spin out is Scyron Ltd, a security company which develops automated video analysis, forensic CCTV analysis and systems for covert surveillance. Scyron is now a technology partner of Microsoft, and won ‘IT Initiative of the Year’ at the prestigious Security Excellence Awards in 2008.

Achieve your commercial potential and place your business where the future is – contact us today.

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We're leading the debate, changing the way people think and see the world. Be part of it...

Medical and Dental Sciences

Our College of Medical and Dental Sciences has more than 900 academic staff focusing on five research areas: cancer, cardiovascular, community sciences, hormones and genes and immunity and infection. We work with pharmaceutical, biotechnology and drug-discovery companies to find cures and treatments for diseases, educate medical professionals and improve the health of our nation.

Did you know? Researchers at the University of Birmingham have found a way of killing tumour cells with a genetically modified cold virus.



Engineering and Physical Sciences

Our College of Engineering and Physical Sciences carries out pioneering research in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Many of our projects have had, and will have, long-term benefits for society, as we develop sustainable energy through hydrogen, create computers to assist medical science, and tackle fundamental problems in railway engineering.

Did you know? University of Birmingham scientists have discovered a way to replace fat in food products, using a protein which comes from mushrooms.



Social Sciences

The research conducted at our College of Social Sciences helps us understand the everyday issues affecting individuals, groups and societies. We use our findings to shape new practices and policies in governments and businesses, improving the wellbeing of society. Our academics lead global debates with their involvement in international conferences, and research papers.

Did you know? Researchers at the University of Birmingham have found that 'soft' community policing methods – communication, support and trust – are significantly helping Britain's counter-terrorism efforts.



Life and Environmental Sciences

At the College of Life and Environmental Sciences, our academics are dedicated to learning about the evolutionary challenges of life in its human, plant and animal forms. We are keen to explore the impacts of obesity, exercise and stress on people, look at ways to create sustainable urban environments, and learn more about why humans behave in the way they do.

Did you know? Scientists at the University of Birmingham have found that people in happy marriages have a higher level of antibodies to fight off flu.



Arts and Law

Our College of Arts and Law covers a myriad of schools and disciplines, with particular strengths in heritage and archaeology, conflict and security, text and communications and European studies and governance. Our partnerships with legal bodies, think tanks, governments and influential non-government organisations here in the UK and overseas make a significant impact on national and international policy.

Did you know? Scientists at the University of Birmingham helped to uncover a spectacular 'lost world' beneath the North Sea, where humans roamed more than 10,000 years ago.



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