

**Knowledge Transfer Secondment (KTS) Scheme**

Fact sheet

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A KTS provides funding to help exploit research through the movement of skilled people both into, and out of, the University of Birmingham through secondments.

The benefits to your organisation

* The services of a highly qualified researcher, technical officer and/or direct access to senior academic expertise to work on a project of mutual interest
* Access to the very latest technological advances emerging from the research base
* The opportunity to develop a long-term partnership with the University of Birmingham and find out more about the wide range of services available for business

**The objective**

The KTS scheme supports projects in the engineering, physical, biological, biotechnology and biomedical sciences, looking to:

* progress the results of previous/current research towards application
* address an organisation’s challenges through collaborative research
* access specialist equipment and/or skilled technicians

Secondment and funding models

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| Secondments OUT of the University | Secondments INTO the University |
| The KTS will provide:   * up to 50% of the outward secondees’ salaries, superannuation and NI contributions * reasonable travel and subsistence costs as necessary to support the secondee(s) * up to 50% of the costs of consumables | The KTS will provide:   * up to 50% of the inward secondees’ salaries, exclusive of pension and NI contributions * reasonable travel and subsistence costs as necessary to support the secondee(s) * reasonable research consumables |
| You should provide:   * 50% or more of the secondees’ salaries, superannuation and NI contributions * appropriate infrastructure and equipment to enable the secondees’ project work * 50% or more of the cost of consumables | You should provide:   * 50% or more of the secondees’ salaries, and 100% of their pension and NI contributions |

**Eligibility and rules**

* Companies, government departments, NHS, charities and other not- for-profit organisations are eligible
* Projects will run from between 6 weeks and 2 years and may have one or multiple secondees
* Secondments may be full or part-time, with a minimum 10% FTE (part time secondments will receive pro-rata funding)
* Commercial and secondment agreements must be in place before secondments can commence
* Deadlines occur quarterly

**Funding range**

* Projects funded to date have ranged from £10k - £50k.

**Learn more**

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