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# Business and Partnership Funding Schemes

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## ***STFC Knowledge Exchange Strategy***

- Spread technologies to broader market areas:
  - Through industry & interdisciplinary collaborative research
  - By supporting entrepreneurial activity in our community
- Support UK academic and industrial leadership in the STFC programme through Programme Technology Development



## ***Need for Knowledge Exchange Support***

### **STFC helps to overcome the following problems**

- High costs of establishing a partnership
- Differences between scientific and business cultures
- Insufficient level of market level readiness
- Lack of skills and experience
- Equity gap



# *Funding Schemes*

- **PIPSS and Mini-PIPSS**
- **PIPSS Fellowship**
- **Follow-on Fund**
- **Entrepreneurship support**



## *PIPSS Aims*

- Ensuring the maximum benefit to UK industry, through transfer of technologies and skills developed from the STFC research programme to broader market areas
- Encouraging a two-way transfer of skills and knowledge between STFC supported scientists and researchers in UK industry and research organisations representing other sectors



## ***PIPSS Features***

- Maximum project cost: **£125k per year**
- Maximum project duration: **3 years**
- Calls: **quarterly**

## ***Mini-PIPSS Features***

- Maximum project cost : **£110k per year**
- Maximum project duration: **12 months**
- Calls: **applications may be made at any time**



## ***PIPSS Supported Activities***

- **exchange between staff in scientific groups and industrial groups or other research sectors**
- **Post-Doctoral Research Assistants to work on collaborative knowledge transfer projects**
- **Research Studentships (where the project has a duration of 36 months)**
- **Prototyping**
- **Feasibility studies**
- **Items normally permissible through a research grant**



## ***PIPSS Fellowship Aims***

### **PIPSS Fellowship focuses on:**

- transferring the technologies developed through STFC research funding to industry;
- transferring the technologies developed through STFC research funding to other academic disciplines;
- developing their institution's capacity for knowledge transfer from particle physics and astronomy



## ***PIPSS Fellowship Features***

- Maximum project duration: **4 years**
- Application: **by the host institution**
- Calls: **2 calls per year**
- PPARC Contribution: **up to 50% of the fellowship value**



## ***PIPSS Fellowship Supported Activities***

- transferring the technologies developed through STFC research funding to industry
- transferring the technologies developed through STFC research funding to other academic disciplines
- developing capacity for knowledge transfer from particle physics, astronomy, and space science



## *Follow on Fund Aims*

### **The Follow on Fund:**

- supports commercialisation of research ideas
- provides funds to enable these ideas to be brought to a stage where commercial opportunities can be secured



## *Follow on Fund Features*

- Maximum project cost: **£110k**
- Maximum project duration: **12 months**
- Calls: **4 calls per year**
- PPARC Contribution: **up to 80% of the total project value**



## *Summary*

- **STFC proactively supports knowledge exchange**
- **Support schemes are available for both academic and industrial organisations**
- **KITE Club KES helps you to find partners for collaborative projects and apply for STFC funding**
- **Please be creative and send us your ideas regarding STFC technologies**



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