

Collaborative research at the University of Edinburgh



A collaborative research programme at the University of Edinburgh offers a cost-effective solution to the technical challenges, new market opportunities or a need to access expertise from outside your established area of expertise that face your company.

As one of the top 50 Universities in the world, the University of Edinburgh has a proven track record in delivering world-leading commercially funded research programmes to industry.

We undertake collaborative research projects with industrial partners across a wide range of markets, providing them with innovative solutions and opportunities to make a step change in their business.

Collaboration can be through unique sponsored research that address a specific industry problem or seed new ideas for the future or, for more defined industry problems, sponsored research collaborations can deliver against a targeted problem facing your development pipeline.

What will your company get from a collaborative R&D project?

Market advantages can be created from new innovative products and processes developed from collaboration from industry experience and academic expertise.

The risk in early stage research can be reduced through access to state-of-the-art facilities and equipment but also through delegated selected research that can provide the unique skills in a specialised field and early access to new emerging research.

Your research funds can be leveraged through Government collaborative schemes that have special calls in specific fields that could be strategically important to Industry but too high risk to consider outside of collaboration.

Maximise a return on the research investment through protecting any Intellectual Property generated from collaboration with a licence to the new technology to implement in your new products and processes. And create market confidence from the publication that supports the collaborative research findings.

Key features

- Collaborative research projects are flexible, with periods ranging between three *months* and five *years*.
- Co-supervision is encouraged to fully integrate findings within partner organisations.
- Projects can be undertaken on a commercial in- confidence basis and managed to the agreed specification of the client company.

Key benefits

- Targeted research
- Research in commercial confidence
- Outsourced R&D
- Jointly submitted scientific papers
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities
- Access to IP and expertise
- Resource flexible
- Opportunity for leveraged funds
- Return on Investment
- Joint applications for grants

Further information

To discuss how you can establish a collaborative research programme with the University of Edinburgh, contact:

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