

## **WELSH GOVERNMENT**

### **Guidelines for Enhanced Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (eKTP) in Wales**

#### **Summary and Context**

The Welsh Government offers funding additional to standard KTPs, for eligible Welsh companies who may benefit from international knowledge / technology transfer.

The aim of this enhanced KTP provision is to:

- Enhance the strategic development of participating businesses through international knowledge / technology transfer that is additional to the UK knowledge / technology transfer provided through the standard KTP
- Help KTPs to become more competitive and impactful by identifying and exploiting knowledge and technology from overseas
- Enable the Associate and Academic to spend time in a relevant organisation(s) outside the UK and bring back knowledge and skills to the Partnership

Welsh Government provide 100% funding for the international Travel & Subsistence (T&S) of the Associate and, where appropriate, the Academic to supplement the approved KTP.

#### **Eligibility criteria**

- Innovate UK and Welsh Government overarching criteria for KTPs must be satisfied
- Welsh companies of any size with the capacity to absorb the knowledge can participate
- The standard KTP can be with any UK Knowledge Base
- The project duration needs to take into account the additional international knowledge transfer requirements in the work plan
- Associates are expected to be working at Doctoral level or above
- Specific mention must be made in the work plan of the expected deliverables and supervision arrangements whilst abroad

#### **Specific guidelines for engaging in the enhanced KTP**

- International knowledge transfer is proposed jointly by the business and Knowledge Base, identifying missing knowledge that is required to complete the project which is only available from an international source. The proposal should contain an explanation of arrangements for Associate supervision and support whilst overseas.
- The source of this knowledge transfer can include a customer, a parent company, supply chain partner company, or a research organisation. Once an appropriate source of knowledge is identified, it is discussed with the appropriate Knowledge Transfer Adviser to see if there are sufficient extra benefits to justify the international costs.
- On agreement, a full breakdown of costs and details of the purpose of knowledge transfer are requested and given to the Welsh Government for approval. These will be assessed on an individual basis. The grant will be payable to the partnering UK

Knowledge Base. Costs can be claimed and submitted and reimbursed as they are incurred i.e. not subject to quarterly claims.

- Each claim must be consistent with the UK Knowledge Bases partner's internal T&S policy.
- All other costs related to the enhanced KTP are the responsibility of the Partnership.
- The total amount of time spent overseas should be between 2 and 5 months over the duration of the project. This will be assessed on an individual basis and agreed with the Welsh Government.
- Apart from the international element the standard KTP budget arrangements apply.