

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE STATEMENT

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Knowledge Exchange Statement

What is Knowledge Exchange?

Knowledge Exchange is the two-way flow of ideas, evidence and expertise, which brings together academics, the business community, organisations and the wider public.

Examples include Consultancy services, Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP's), Collaborative research, Training and Continual professional Development (CPD), Refereeing and reviewing papers/books/grant applications, Licensing Technologies and Secondment and Placement activity.

Our Vision

Ulster is a respected source of expertise both nationally and internationally. As a civic focused university, we are committed to knowledge exchange working with communities, building relationships and providing support to businesses, government and the community.

Knowledge Exchange provides a means to ensure that our research is put to work on behalf of society, by pro-actively shaping the pathways from research to impact. Exposure to real world problems outside of academia through mutual exchange often leads to longer term impactful relationships and increases the impact of research. It also opens up clear opportunities to enhance Ulster's teaching excellence, including access to industrial placements and support information for the classroom, enriching teaching and research.

We will continue to embed and value this type of activity in our University culture.

Our Policy context

The application of its knowledge, through academic excellence, civic contribution and innovation remains core to the University's purpose.

Knowledge Exchange is an important contributor to Ulster University's academic excellence and civic contribution priorities within the Ulster's Five and Fifty, Five year Strategic Plan and Fiftieth Year Strategic Vision as we strive to deliver outstanding research and teaching that encourages the innovation, leadership and vision needed to help our community thrive.

Ulster's Research & Impact Strategy (2017-2022) references the role of the Ulster Knowledge Exchange Strategy in maximizing the impact of research. Our objective is to improve our positioning within the top 20% of UK Universities within the 2021 HESA Higher Education Business & Community Interaction Survey league and to grow our Knowledge Exchange income by 20%.

Consultancy activity working with business and the community plays a key part in achieving these targets.

Our Support

Ulster's Research & Impact team supports your approved Consultancy activities, offering advice and guidance from start to finish. Our commitment to staff to make the most of opportunities is demonstrated through the generous level of time permitted per year for Consultancy activity; the reimbursement policy; and the management and provision of necessary contracts, disclosure agreements and professional indemnity insurance cover for each project.

For queries relating to Consultancy activity, please contact:

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