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Business support with skills & innovation

KTP: Knowledge Transfer Partnership



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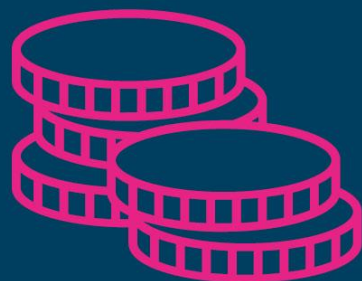
BSC BUSINESS
SUPPORT
CENTRE
NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE

Supporting Skills and Innovation across Northern Ireland



9428

individuals trained
from April 2022 to
March 2023



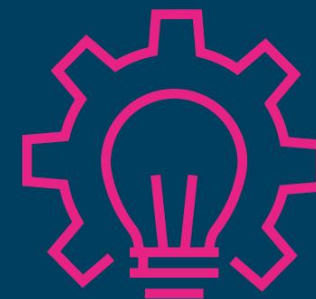
£14
million

investment in business skills and
innovation in Northern Ireland



2443

businesses supported with
innovation and skills across
Northern Ireland



839

business innovation
projects delivered

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Training Opportunities

Skills Support:

- **Skills Focus**
 - Industry staff training level 2 and above – 100% funded
- **Skill Up**
 - The Flexible Skills Fund, to provide upskilling for individuals in programmes in priority economic sectors.
- **Higher Level Apprenticeships**
 - 1 day per week in NWRC remainder with employer
 - Mechanical Engineering, Electrical & Electronic, Construction & Renewables, Accountancy, Software
- **Assured Skills Academies**
 - Pre-employment training for graduates for new roles



SKILLUP

NWRC Innovation Centres

- NWRC Vision.... Economically focussed innovation & skills centres - £3M+ investment
 - Foodovation
 - Product Design Centre
 - DIAL Centre (Design Innovation for Assisted Living)
 - XR Centre
 - i4.0 Centre
- Supporting industry and provide a catalyst for new product & process development and industry growth
 - Support to students, staff, entrepreneurs, industry and community;
 - Info about new technologies
 - Access to state-of-the-art equipment and skills
 - Assisting early-stage entrepreneurs, micro and SMEs
 - Idea generation and producing prototypes, mock-ups and technology demonstrators
 - Conducting industry r&D and link back to curriculum



Innovation Support

InnovateUs

- 1:1 bespoke training to implement innovation activity for a new product
- Stimulating innovation activity – 1st engagement – fresh thinking
- 70+ businesses supported per year



Innovation Vouchers

- NWRC consultancy to develop a new product
- 25+ delivered for small companies per year



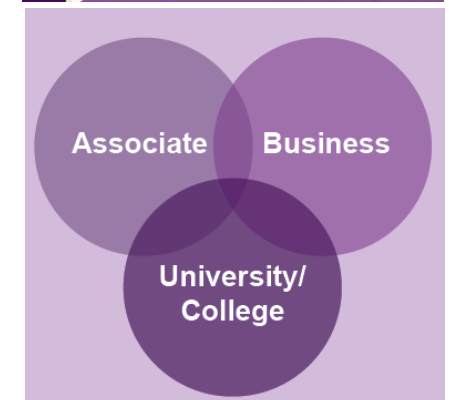
Innovation Boost & KTP

- Strategic R&D innovation project – 1.5 - 2 years
- Graduate recruited to work for the business on the project
- Support from the NWRC as academic partner



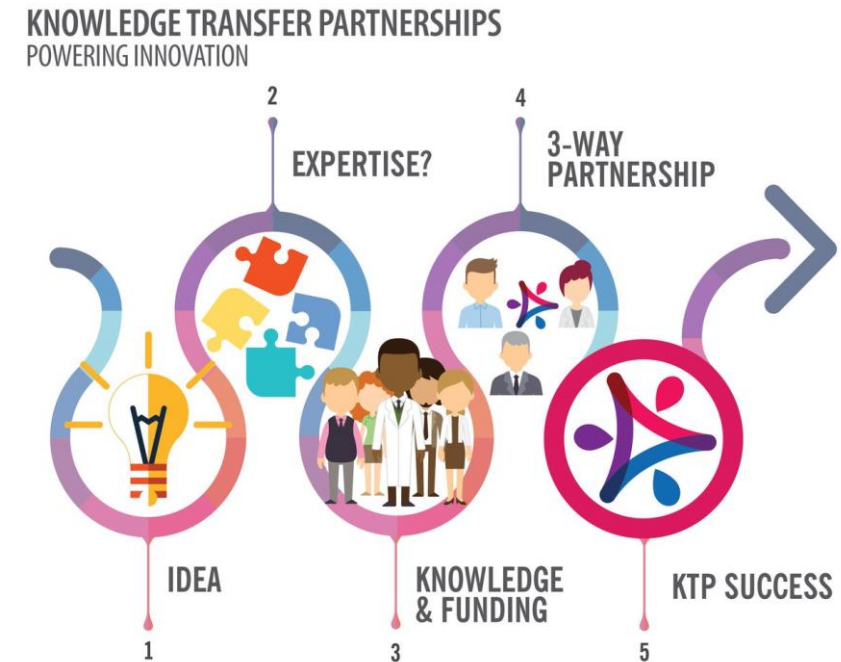
Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP)

- UK-wide programme for industry-academic partnership
- Funded by InnovateUK & Invest NI
- **Company** with a plan for an innovative product or service - but company are missing key knowledge
- A **knowledge base** (such as NWRC) who has the knowledge
- A **graduate** who is appointed to undertake the work to deliver the new product or service for the business
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships can help your business:
 - Embed expertise, generate new knowledge, expand capability and foster a culture of innovation
 - Drive competitive advantage through accelerated innovation
 - Increase revenue/profits through access to new markets, new product development, increased productivity and better processes



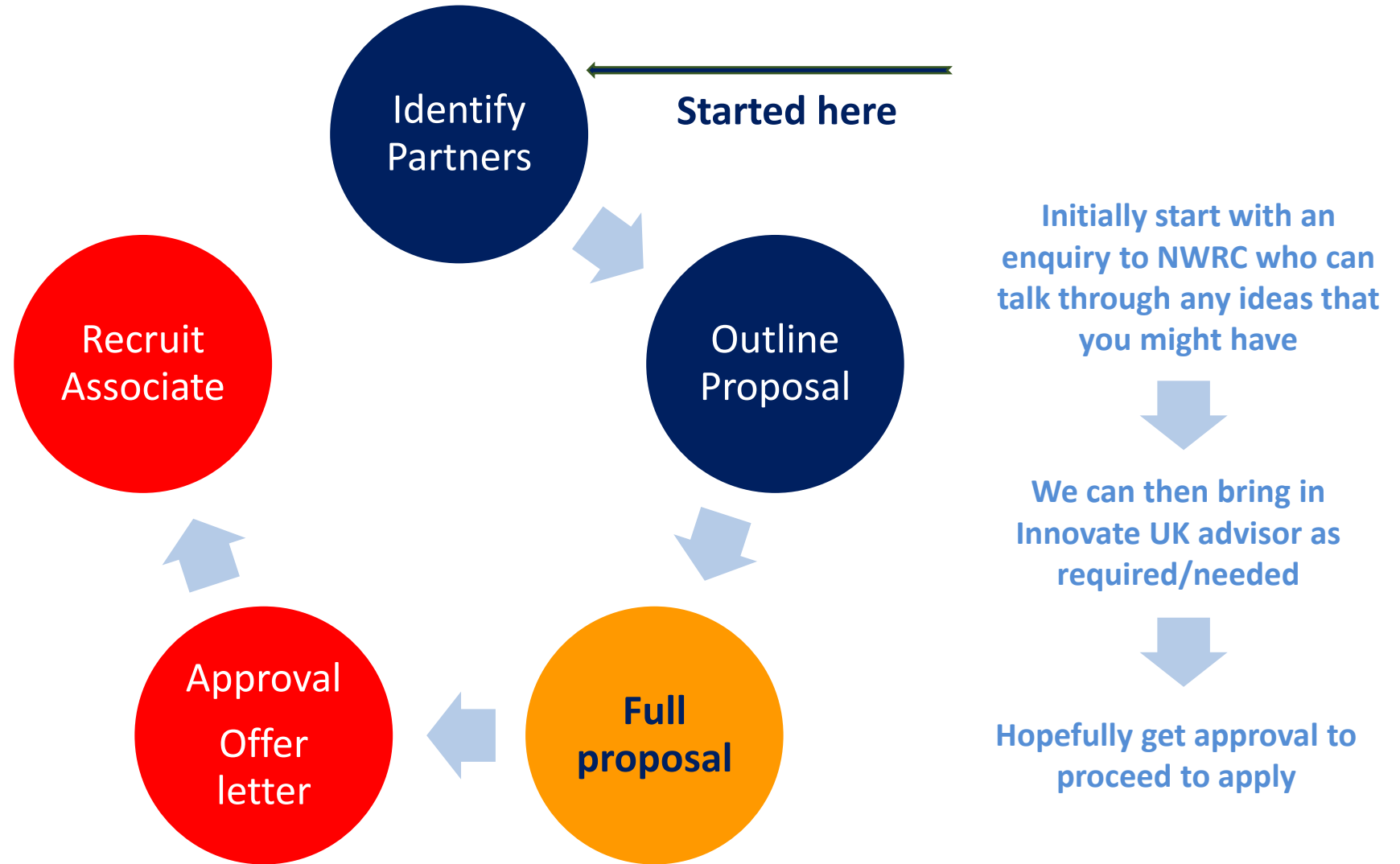
Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP)

- Project length typically 2 years
- Needs to be a strategic innovation project
- 1 graduate will be recruited, jointly by College & Company
- Graduate is employed by NWRC but works to business terms & conditions
- Project and graduate is based at the Company with support from College
- Academic supervisor spends around 0.5 day per week on the project
- SMEs (less than 250 staff) - 60% funding - InnovateUK / Invest NI
- Large companies get 50% funding
- Cost for SME ~£24K per annum
 - Includes a £4K training budget
 - £2.5K travel budget
 - £4K consumables budget – can include high spec PC, equipment ect
 -but company gets a graduate with academic support & access to NWRC facilities
 - Costs can be written against R&D tax credits



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KTP process



NWRC here to help....

- With state-of-the-art facilities
- We can support your business....with skills....innovation...and r&D
- Various programmes that we can leverage...
 - DfE Skills Focus – 100% funding towards the cost of training
 - DfE InnovateUs – up to 60 hours 1:1 bespoke skills development
 - Invest NI & Enterprise Ireland Innovation Vouchers – £5K/€5K worth of support
 - Graduate R&D Programmes – KTP & Innovation Boost
- Other support VR/AR, Creative and Digital Media, ICT and Engineering , Food and Drink, & Product Design
- Talk to the NWRC re apprenticeships, placements & all your business needs

ANY QUESTIONS?

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