



Innovate UK - Accelerated Knowledge Transfer

(AKT R3)

Webinar Q&A

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Is Travel, Consumables and Estates a maximum of £3.5K regardless of total project costs please? Or only when we apply for the full £35K grant please?	Anything that is over £3500 will not be covered by the grant, and the Business Partner needs to cover for it. Therefore will not be a claimable item



KTPs are mentioned alongside Network+@£9M - will there be actual KTP funding from AHRC/NERC?	The funding for AKT is separate to KTP. Overall, the circular fashion and textiles programme is led by Innovate UK, and delivering in partnership with AHRC and NERC. There is up to £1m available for the AKT competition
KTP round 2 (24-25) has 2 or more FTE from business partner for eligibility, while AKT has 4 FTE. Given early stage companies and innovation benefits through AKT, can AKT and KTP have same eligibility regarding FTE.	The minimum requirement is for the business to have 4FTE
Could the AKT be used for the purposes of scoping a project in order to better define a full KTP application?	Potentially, but it should address one or more challenges and help to advance the innovation, as opposed to scoping/preparing a KTP application.
Will the application form be the same as last time? The same questions - or different?	It will be similar, but not the same.
Can a partnership of businesses be involved?	a partnership is a collaboration between a university, college or RTO and a business
The focus seems to be on the design and making of garments can projects also look at waste streams?	live answered
Does 'fashion' include the production of perfumes, and more specifically designer dupe perfumes?	live answered
To be clear - we are applying on IFS, then post contract on the current AKT platform?	live answered
Does fashion includes footwear?	live answered



Does this include the consumer use phase? as in focussing in on impact from laundering etc?	live answered
Where waste streams are concerned, does use in other sectors fit within the remit for funding? E.g. use of waste PET and acrylic from washion in manufacturing for automotive.	Hopefully answered live in the webinar.
Is there a requirement for the associate to have a particular level of academic acheivement?	live answered
Can marketing expenses be covered in project costs?	Marketing costs are not eligible
can you delay the start more than 6 weeks?	6-weeks is the limit
on named Associates - we can also name students?	live answered
Presume the log in details for IFS, will be the same for Good Grants? What if the IFS log in does not have a good grants account?	live answered
Some garment factories outside the UK (supply chain of the UK) have high carbonprint due to lack of building design guidelines and/or innovative global policy - If we engagle with UK clothing business company for this - is this topic can be considered for 'Circular Fashion'?	live answered



Are projects around fashion accessories like sunglasses etc included in this theme?	live answered
is there a live link to the competition yet?	The competition is not available yet. Please search nearer the open date of the 1st July.
Was the mention of university temp agencies for the advertising of an opportunity to allow swift recruitment within the 6-weeks, or does this allow us to 'onboard'/hire an associate through the university temp agency route (e.g. Unitemps) instead of them being directly employed by the university	live answered
I would like to clarify about associate employment, did I hear Richard say that universities could use their own temp agencies to quickly recruit the associate if not already a university employee?	live answered
Can post grad student on MSc & above do the work? Or just graduates?	live answered
Any major condition/requirement for collaborations/partner?	Hopefully covered in the webinar.
Can more than one business be included in the collaboration with a Uni - businesses in partnership with each other?	live answered
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will there be any cap on the number of applications a University can submit?	live answered
The guidance says up to 1 FTE associate? what's the minimum associate time on the project?	live answered
Can we be clear, where an AKT application is successful, but the University fails to attract an Associate within the given timeframe, is the grant withdrawn? And where an external recruiter is used, who covers these costs?	live answered
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Can the same associate works in 2 AKT	live answered
Yes, that is correct	live answered
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Repurposing leather from garments for other non garment uses e.g., vehicle seats?	live answered
Guidance on FTE for Associates can be misleading if it says 'up to', and opens the door to interpret that Associates can be part time. Will the guidance be changed or would you consider part-time associates if there is a good reason for it please?	Answered live in webinar.
It would be greatly appreciated if you could confirm feasibility study towards circulaity be covered?	live answered
it would be good to clarify what is considered to be a FTE (number of hours).	Answered live in webinar.
We a digital agency https://appledesigns.co.uk/ and own https://araaactive.com/ looking to work with Universities. We have a well developed project in mind if anyone would like to have a chat. Simon	Hi Simon, please add this message in the webinar chat
So we can go "up to" one FTE for the Associate. That will make recruitment easier, especially if we can deliver say a 1.5 month project over 3 months.	live answered
any issues with sound	Answer



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