

Enterprise

School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences



Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP)

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (or KTP) are a government funded initiative to strengthen the competitiveness and wealth creation of the UK by the stimulation of innovation in business through collaborative partnerships with Universities.

The Scheme

KTP programmes support the employment of a KTP Associate (a graduate holding a 2.1 Honours degree or above) within the host company for a period of between 12 and 36 months. The programme must be involved with the development of a component or process that is of strategic significance to the company and one that the company does not have the capability or capacity to undertake alone.

The programme provides access to a dedicated team of University academics who advise and guide the project from day one in conjunction with the Industrial Supervisor based at the host company. This three-way partnership (Academic Supervisor – Associate – Industrial Supervisor) ensures that all three partners get the most out of the KTP scheme.

The grant is funded on a "60:40" basis, with the company providing 40% of the total budget over the relevant time period (typically around £20K) and the remaining 60% available as a grant. Included in the funding allowance is a generous budget for training and development of the Associate to develop any skills required for the particular programme. An equipment budget is also included to fully equip the Associate with the necessary tools to do their job (e.g. a laptop PC, software, etc.).

Companies Who Have Already Benefited from KTP

In total, the School has helped secure grants of over £1 million to assist local companies via these schemes.

Previous recipients of KTP awards in conjunction with the School include:

- Bridisco/Micromark (Knowsley)
- MHA (Stockport)
- Chance & Hunt Ltd (Runcorn, Cheshire)
- SCI Search & Selection Ltd (Hartford, Cheshire)
- Tubedale Communications (Merseyside)
- The Mersey Partnership (Merseyside)
- Shipping Services Ltd (Merseyside)
- Morrisons Ltd (Merseyside)
- Chequespread Ltd (Merseyside)

Case Study

SCI Search & Selection is a scientific recruitment consultancy based in Hartford, Cheshire. Craig Hewett, Managing Director of SCI, heard of the many benefits of TCS from a business associate and decided to contact JMU with the view of developing the IT infrastructure used within his Company to better effect and to develop innovative new information systems and knowledge-base technologies. A two-year programme was developed and the Company saw productivity and profits leap within the first year.

"The availability of the information in the database is already having benefits in reducing job matching times for consultants (and hence reducing costs). In addition, the peace of mind I now have with a far more secure and robust IT system helps me sleep better at night. SCI would not have had these benefits without the help of JMU and TCS."—Craig Hewett, Managing Director, SCI Search & Selection Ltd.

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Chance & Hunt Ltd is a chemical distribution company based in Runcorn, Cheshire. JMU secured a TCS grant to allow two new Associates to develop key aspects of the business. As a direct result of this programme, the Company has set up a new subsidiary, P2EB, to enable companies in this sector to operate e-business activities with ease.

More information

You can find more information on KTP programmes and hear success stories from other companies on the KTP website:

<http://www.ktponline.org.uk/>

Contact

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