



# KTP 2025

## CONFERENCE & AWARDS

**Manchester** 28 - 30 October

### Call for Applications: Bursary Funding to Attend KTP2025 Conference

2025 marks 50 years of Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP) a landmark celebration of one of the UK's longest running and most successful innovation programmes.

For half a century, KTP has helped businesses thrive by connecting them with academic expertise to drive innovation, solve real-world challenges, and deliver meaningful impact. The [KTP2025 Conference](#), taking place at the Kimpton Hotel, Manchester on **29 - 30 October 2025**, will bring together a diverse community of practitioners, academics, researchers and policy makers to celebrate this legacy and explore the future of collaboration and knowledge exchange.

**Applications are now open for bursary funding to support attendance at the KTP2025 Conference.**

The bursary is made available through the University's UKRI Impact Acceleration Account (Inclusive Innovation Fund), with its purpose being to enable early career academics and those statistically from under-represented groups in academia to benefit from the opportunities offered by the conference.

### Why Apply?

The **KTP2025 Conference** provides a unique platform to:

- Develop skills in networking, influencing, and presenting research to external audiences.
- Gain a deeper understanding of REF Impact, Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP), and Intellectual Property (IP).
- Build enthusiasm and confidence for engaging and collaborating with businesses, charities, public sector organisations, and other external partners.

Whether you are completely new to external engagement or have limited prior collaboration experience, this conference offers a valuable chance to broaden your skills, strengthen your networks, and explore new pathways for research impact.

### Who Can Apply?

Applications are open to:

- Early career academics at the University of Manchester.
- Colleagues from under-represented groups in academia (self-identification optional).
- Those who are newcomers to external engagement or with limited prior experience of collaboration

### Funding Details

- The bursary will cover full conference registration costs.
- A limited number of bursaries are available.

## How to Apply

Applicants will be asked to provide:

- Basic eligibility information.
- A short statement of motivation and expected benefits from attending.
- Reflections on how conference learning will be applied in future research, teaching, or engagement activities.

Applications will be assessed using a fair and transparent process, with priority given to those who meet the stated criteria.

## Broader Context

This opportunity aligns with the University's ambition to strengthen research impact, innovation, and external engagement. Academics who are unsuccessful with their applications and want to enhance the impact of their research through business partnerships or commercialisation opportunities are encouraged to consider support through working with the University's:

- [Business Engagement and Knowledge Exchange Team](#)
- [University of Manchester Innovation Factory](#)
- [Innovation Academy](#)

which all play a key role in supporting colleagues to develop innovation skills and explore opportunities for collaboration with external partners.

Apply now

- To apply click here: [KTP Bursary - Conference Attendance: Application](#)
- Application deadline: 24th September 5.00pm
- Enquiries: [kepartnerships@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:kepartnerships@manchester.ac.uk)



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