

Innovate UK - Accelerated Knowledge Transfer

(AKT R3)

Webinar Q&A

Question	Answer
Will we have access to the recording/slides?	A link to the recording and slides will be made available
Is there any leeway on the 4FTEs?	4 FTEs employed in the Business Partner is the minimum for this competition. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
Are charities and charitable co's still required to make a 10% cash cont'n?	Yes, this requirement applies to all Business Partners. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
Can an academic be the associate, please?	An academic can become an associate, but the academic cannot do both roles for the duration of the project
How does a business with a potential project approach University for support?	We suggest you reach out the university's KTP team in the first instance if they have such a team. Otherwise, contact their business engagement team or approach a suitable academic.
How does a business with a potential project approach University for support?	https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/guidance-for-specific-funds/knowledge-transfer-partnership-guidance/find-your-local-knowledge-transfer-adviser/#contents-list



Does the Associate position have to go out for competitive recruitment?	You must involve the business partner in the recruitment process and they must agree to the associate. Knowledge bases will need to comply with their own recruitment policies.
Are travel/estates and consumables - less than or equal to 10% of project costs?	A maximum of £3500 per project. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
Can the associate be existing staff members seconded for the project?	If skills and expertise are the right ones for the project, yes, it is possible
We are applying on IFS but the interim reporting is on Good Grant platform - did I understand that correctly?	That is correct.
Can an NGO or not-for-profit organisation be a business partner?	If they meet the eligibility criteria, and there is a good business case, then yes. The eligibility for NGO and 3rd sector is the same for KTP, and can be viewed here. Public sector is not eligible for the circular fashion competition. https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/1891/overview/2b8fb534-0f81-464b-b12b-f998f7417a36#eligibility
What kind of projects can be put forward?	This will be covered later in the webinar. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
Can a feasibility study for circularity in a business be supported?	This will be covered later in the webinar. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.



<p>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?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>KTPs are mentioned alongside Network+@£9M - will there be actual KTP funding from AHRC/NERC?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>The minimum requirement is for the business to have 4FTE</p>
<p>Could the AKT be used for the purposes of scoping a project in order to better define a full KTP application?</p>	<p>Potentially, but it should address one or more challenges and help to advance the innovation, as opposed to scoping/preparing a KTP application.</p>
<p>Will the application form be the same as last time? The same questions - or different?</p>	<p>It will be similar, but not the same. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.</p>
<p>Can a partnership of businesses be involved?</p>	<p>A partnership is a collaboration between a university, college or RTO and a business.</p>
<p>The focus seems to be on the design and making of garments can projects also look at waste streams?</p>	<p>Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.</p>
<p>Does 'fashion' include the production of perfumes, and more specifically designer dupe perfumes?</p>	<p>Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.</p>



We are applying on IFS, then post contract on the current AKT platform?	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
Does fashion includes footwear?	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
Does this include the consumer use phase? as in focussing in on impact from laundering etc?	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
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. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
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. Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
On named Associates - we can also name students?	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.



<p>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?</p>	<p>Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.</p>
<p>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 engage with UK clothing business company for this - is this topic can be considered for 'Circular Fashion'?</p>	<p>Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.</p>
<p>Are projects around fashion accessories like sunglasses etc included in this theme?</p>	<p>Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.</p>
<p>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 univesity employee?</p>	<p>Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.</p>
<p>Can post grad student on MSc & above do the work? Or just graduates?</p>	<p>Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.</p>



Any major condition/requirement for collaborations/partner?	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
Can more than one business be included in the collaboration with a Uni - businesses in partnership with each other?	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
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 fashion in manufacturing for automotive.	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
Will there be any cap on the number of applications a University can submit?	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
The guidance says up to 1 FTE associate? What's the minimum associate time on the project?	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
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. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
Any answer here would be valuable. 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 fashion in manufacturing for automotive.	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.



Can the same associate works in 2 AKT	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
Richard, you mentioned something about company contribution towards the project - is it looked favourably if they contribute more than 10%	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
Repurposing leather from garments for other non garment uses e.g., vehicle seats?	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
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?	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
It would be greatly appreciated if you could confirm feasibility study towards circulaity be covered?	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
it would be good to clarify what is considered to be a FTE (number of hours).	Live answered. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.
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. Please see Competition Guidance, FAQ and Costing Guidance Documents.