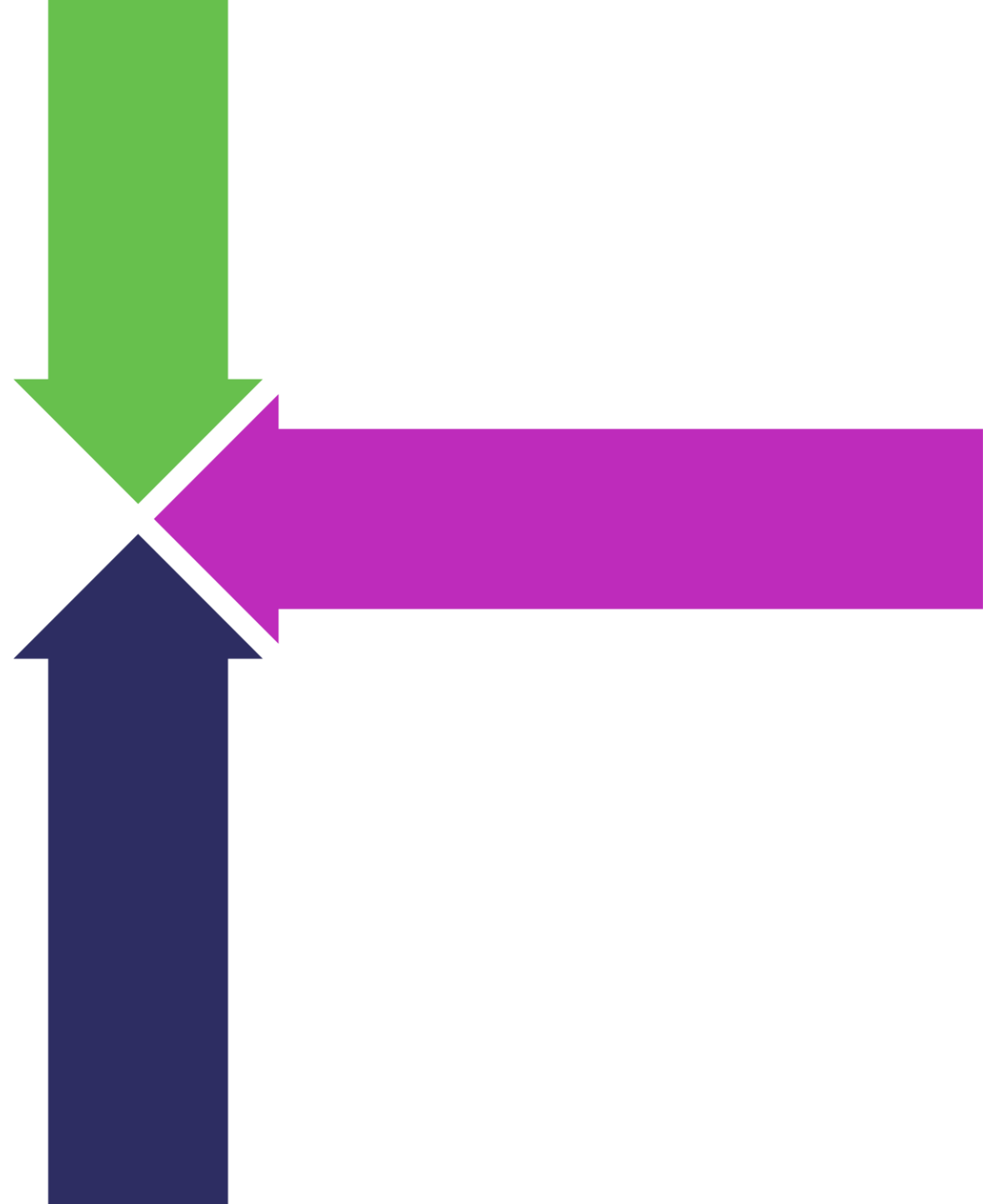


Innovate UK - Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) Awards 2025

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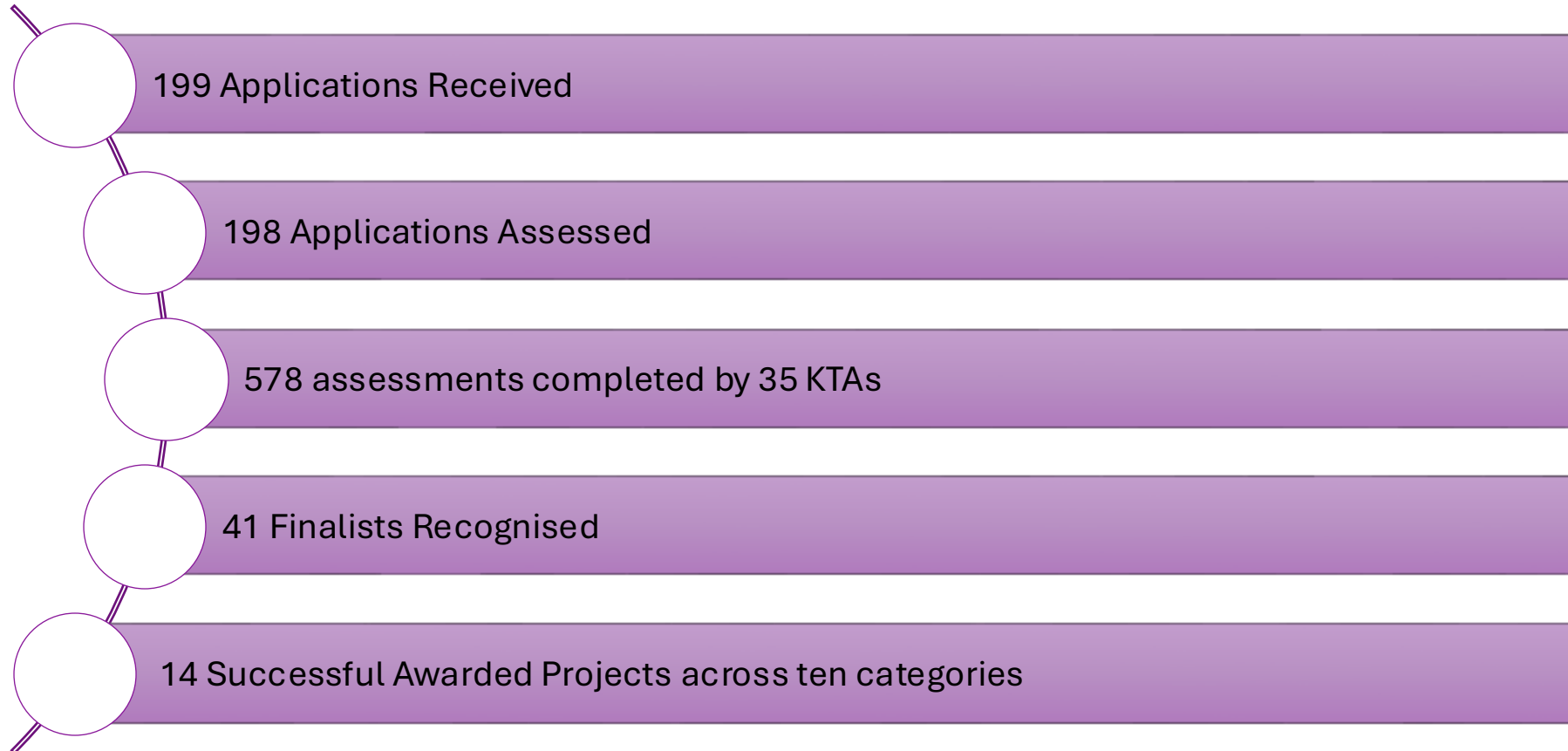




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IUK KTP Awards 2024 Competition Highlights



IUK KTP Awards Categories

Best Knowledge
Transfer
Partnership
Award

Technical
Excellence Award

The Business
Transformation
Award

The Changing the
World Award

Future Leader
Award

KTP Academic of
the Year Award

Best Knowledge
Base KTP Support
Team Award

Best African
Agriculture KTP
Project Award



Eligibility Criteria

Best Knowledge Transfer Partnership Award

- **Criteria:** Partnerships should demonstrate excellent achievements across all three Partners: Business; Academic; Associate. Partnerships must be able to demonstrate how they have gone beyond the aims and objectives stated in the original proposal.
- **Eligibility:** To be eligible for this award, your KTP project must have been completed and received an A or B grade from the KTP grading panel between 1 January 2024 and 30 April 2025.

Technical Excellence Award

- **Criteria:** Partnerships should demonstrate excellence in the application of science, technology, engineering, or maths. The application of STEM expertise to the business innovation must be clear: contribution to the evolution of the field and the research interests of the academic team must also be showcased.
- **Eligibility:** To be eligible for this award, your KTP project must have been completed and received an A or B grade from the KTP grading panel between 1 January 2024 and 30 April 2025. Any project nominated for the Technical Excellence Award last year is not eligible.

The Business Transformation Award

- **Criteria:** This award recognises KTP and MKTP partnerships that demonstrate significant organisational change impact, cultural transformation, and evidence of exceptional leadership in driving innovation. Applications should showcase how the partnership has addressed significant challenges, enabled operational and cultural advancements, and delivered benefits to all stakeholders while tackling strategic issues.
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Eligibility Criteria

Future Leader Award

- **Criteria:** The application must showcase a KTP Associate who has shown exceptional skills, above and beyond normal expectations. Nominees must demonstrate excellence in delivery of their innovation project, in contributing to corporate strategy, and in project management and leadership.
- **Eligibility:** The nominated individual: must have been employed as an Associate at some point during the period 1 January 2024 to 30 April 2025; must have undertaken at least 50% of their project duration by 30 April 2025; must have completed both KTP Training Modules by the 30 April 2025.

Best Knowledge Base KTP Support Team Award

- **Criteria:** The application must demonstrate how the work of your KTP support team has led to developing, sustaining, and growing their KTP portfolio. It should showcase a high-performing KTP support team that has been proactive and innovative in engaging and capitalising on the opportunities offered by participation in the Programme. Activities highlighted may be internally focused on delivering high-quality support services to project Partners or externally focused on business engagement or a combination of both.
- **Eligibility:** Any KB that has submitted a KTP application from the 1st of January 2024 until 30 April 2025.

KTP Academic of the Year Award

- **Criteria:** The application must showcase an academic who has demonstrated exceptional skills and commitment in knowledge translation, leadership, team building and mentoring. There must be demonstrable excellence in supporting the tasks, in the development of new capability in the business, and in supporting and inspiring the personal development and skills of the KTP Associate.
- **Eligibility:** The nominated individual must be either the Academic Supervisor or the Lead Academic on your KTP Project. The KTP Partnership must be current when the competition opens on the 17 February 2025 or have been completed between 1 January 2024 and 30 April 2025.

Eligibility Criteria

Changing the World Award

- **Criteria:** Partnerships should demonstrate the impact of their KTP for the benefit of people and/ or the planet, including projects that have delivered a significant societal, social, or environmental impact. Applications should showcase how they have contributed to making our world a fairer or better place. Demonstrating a positive impact on inclusion and diversity is expected. Applications in this category are likely to have drawn from some element of Net Zero activity, alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or the application of SHAPE disciplines (Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts for People and the Economy).
- To be eligible for this award, your KTP project must have been completed and received an A or B grade from the KTP grading panel between 1 January 2024 and 30 April 2025.

Best African Agriculture KTP Award

- Partnerships should demonstrate excellent achievements across all four Partners: African Business; UK Academic; African Academic; Associate. Partnerships must be able to demonstrate how they have gone beyond the aims and objectives stated in the original proposal. Specify the African nation location and region of the business partner.
- To be eligible for this award, your AAKTP project must have been completed and received an A or B grade from the KTP grading panel between 1 January 2024 and 30 April 2025.

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Entrant email

Please provide the email of the person submitting the application. We may contact you if we have any queries regarding this submission. We will also use this email address for future communications (i.e. finalist notification, video submission reminder, possible interviews, etc).

Please select the Award category you would like to apply for from the drop down list above.

Application Name - Please write the Business name followed by the Knowledge Base name of the KTP Partnership to complete this field. You can check if your nomination is Eligible from the information at the top of the page. Please check this before you start your submission.

Confidentiality Declaration

I confirm all contributors to this project have provided consent for the use of the information provided in this application to be used by the organisers in any promotion of the Awards.

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All finalists will be required to submit a one-minute video following the criteria set out below:

Video Content:

Please answer the following questions in your video (all categories except Best KB KTP Support Team Award):

What was the innovation focus? Business innovation, process, product or service?

What was the challenge?

What was the outcome?

What was the impact?

Key benefits from the project?

Video Content for Best KB KTP Support Team category:

What is the significance and impact of KTP in your Knowledge Base?

What challenges have your team encountered in delivering KTP and how did you overcome them?

What is the significance and impact of your team's projects within UK Innovation?

Video Technical requirements:

Length: 1-minute video.

Clear background (Passport photo style)

Quiet space

Application: Finalist Short Video

Finalists

- All finalists are required to submit a short video on GG

Technical Specifications

- Available on Good Grants

Content

- Available on Good Grants



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Competition Key Dates

Competition Opens	Monday 17 th February 2025
Applicant Q&A Session	Thursday 6 th March 2025
Competition Closes	Wednesday 30 th April 2025
Finalist list and Publication	Tuesday 10 th June 2025
Finalist Short Video Submission	Thursday, 31st July 2025
Awards Ceremony	Manchester, October 2025



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Guidance and Useful Information

- More Information can be found at: <https://www.ktp-uk.org/awards/>
- IUK KTP Awards 2025 Categories and Eligibility Criteria Guidance
- Pre-recorded competition briefing
- Q&A Session at 11am on Thursday, 6th March 2025
- FAQs: available at <https://www.ktp-uk.org/awards/>
- Can't find what you are looking for? Email us at ktpawards@iukbc.org.uk



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