

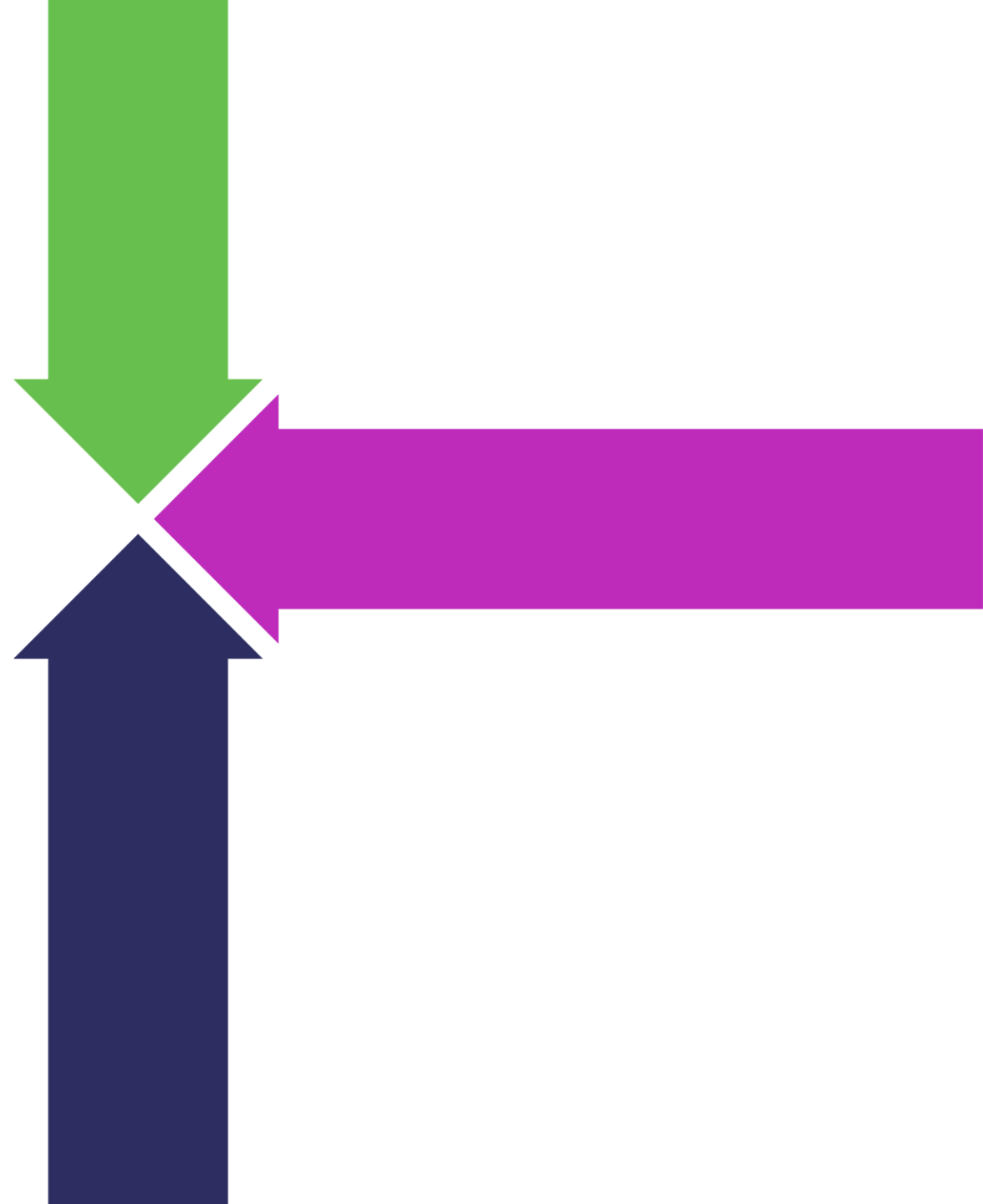


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Innovate UK - Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) Awards 2026

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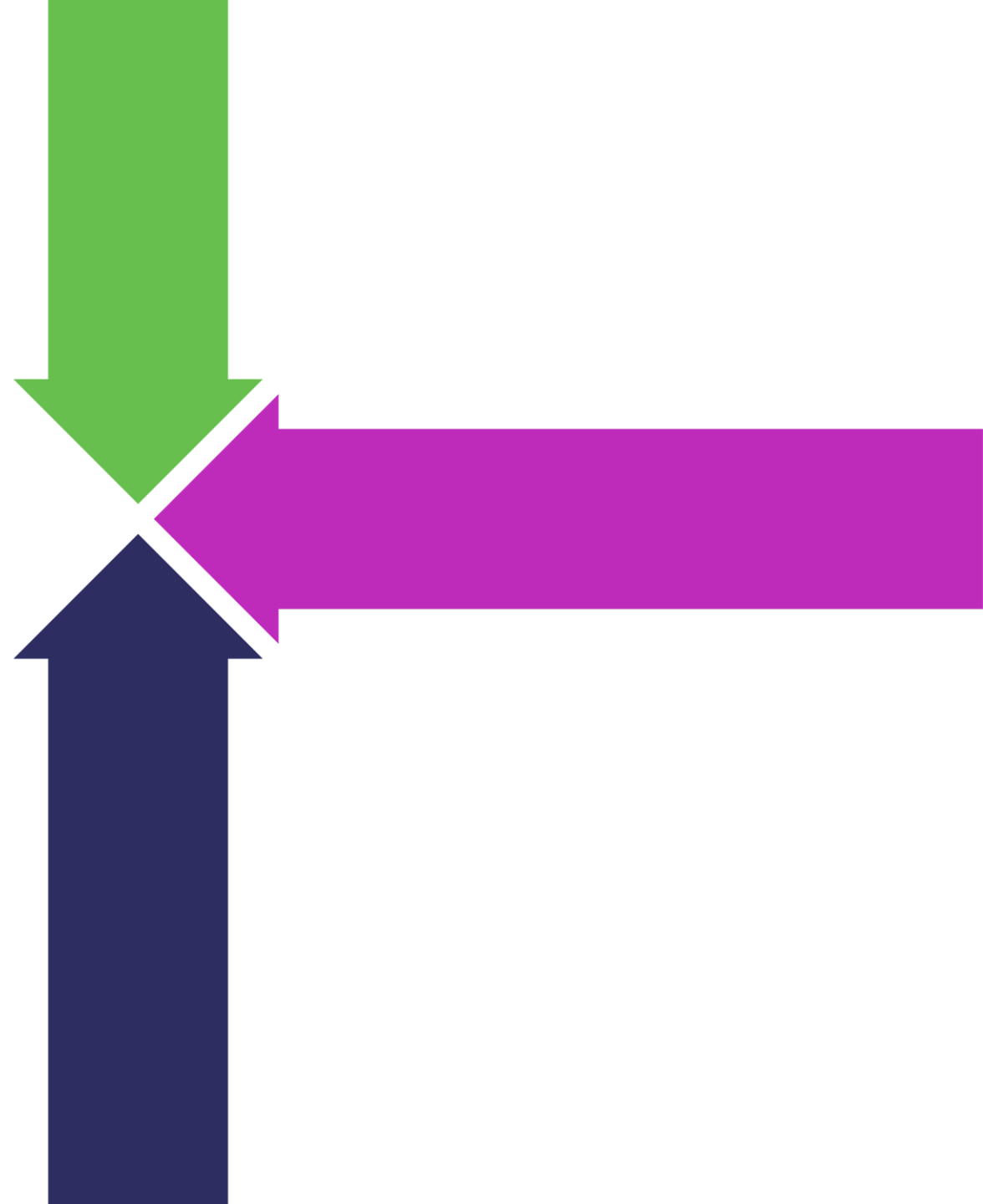


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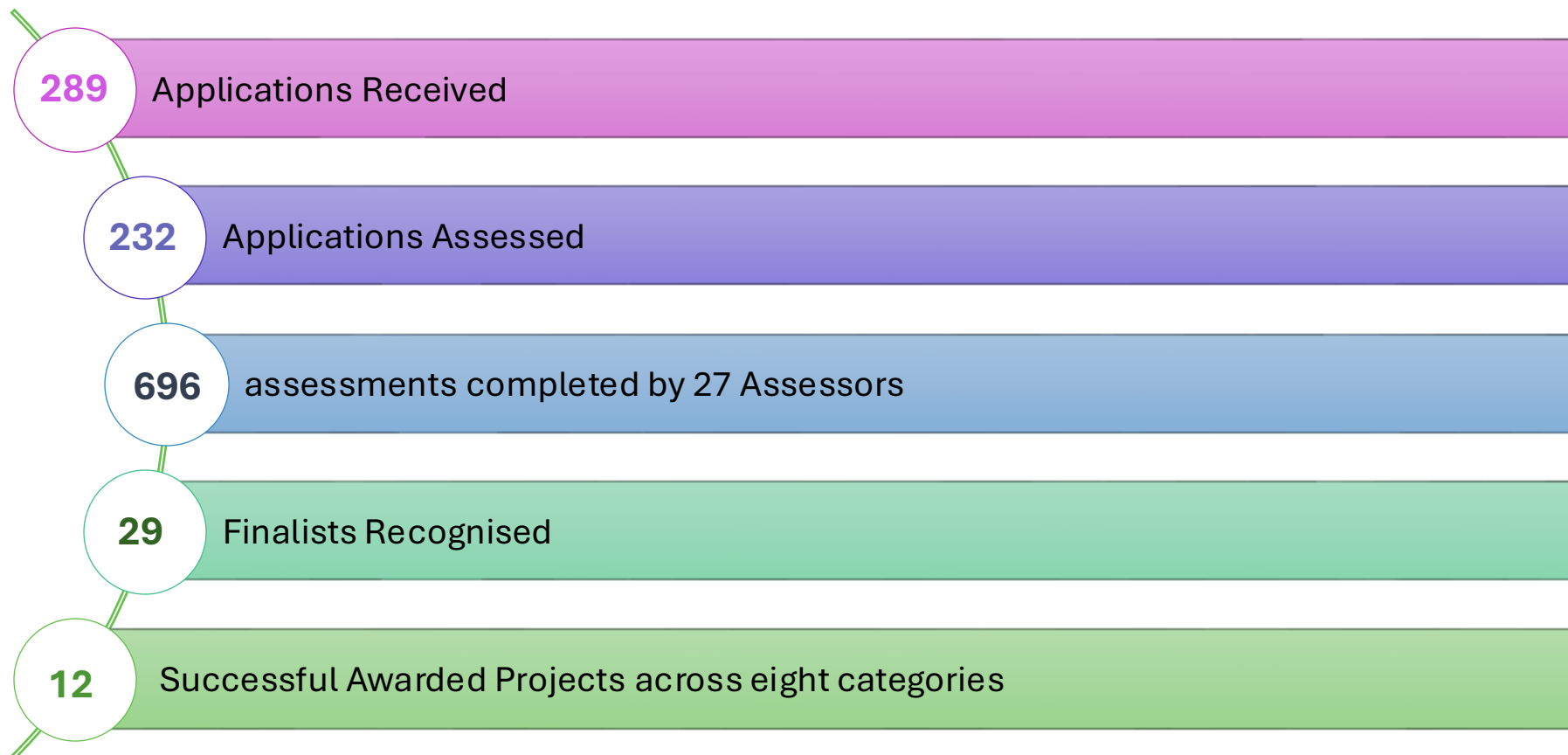




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IUK KTP Awards 2025 Competition Highlights

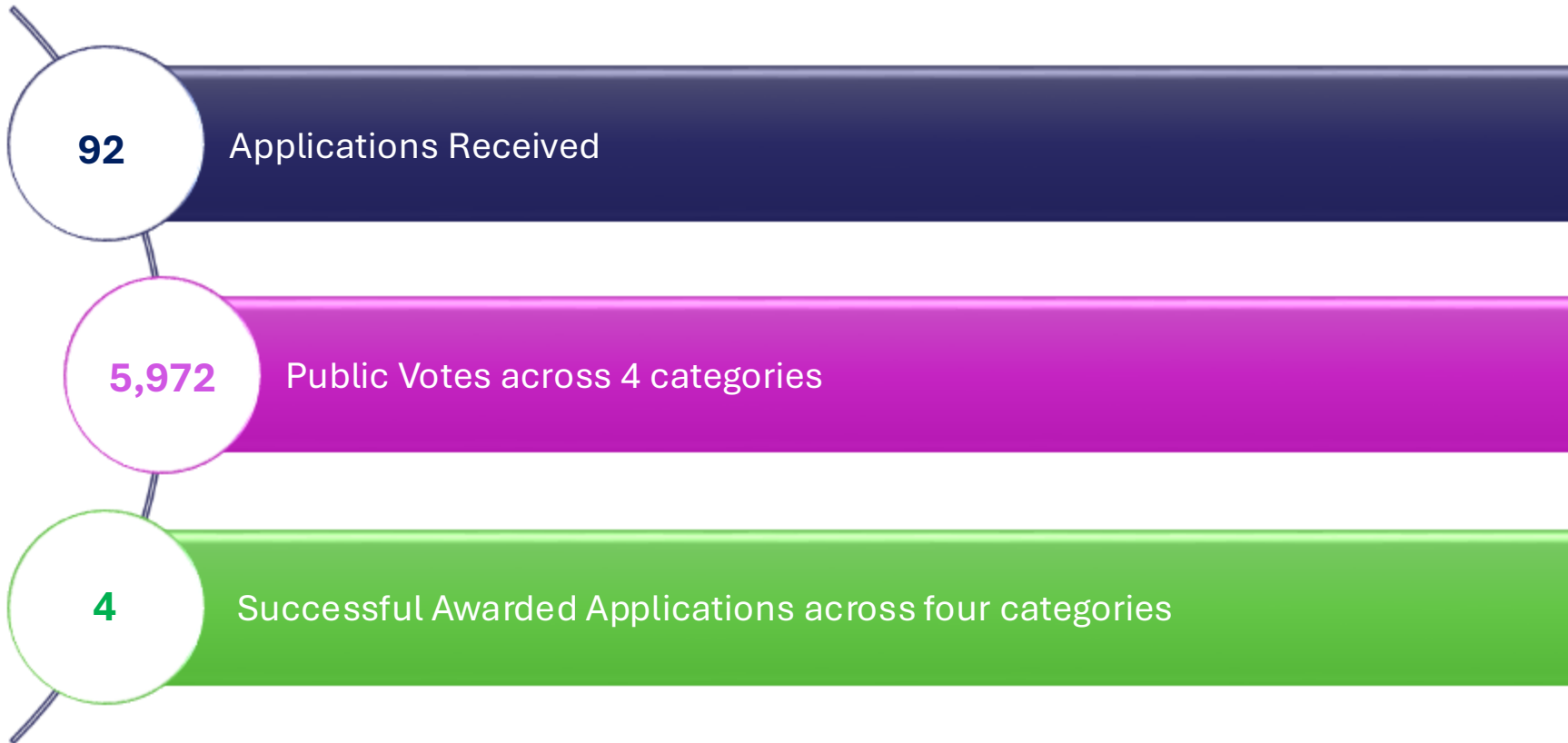




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IUK KTP **GOLDEN** Awards 2025 Competition Highlights



IUK KTP Awards Categories

Outstanding KTP
Impact Award

Innovation &
Technical
Excellence Award

Business Growth
& Transformation
through KTP Award

Emerging
Innovation Leader
(KTP) Award

Academic
Excellence in
Innovation (KTP)
Award

Excellence in
Knowledge
Exchange Support
(KTP) Award

Place-Based
Innovation Impact
Award

Eligibility Criteria

Outstanding KTP Impact 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. Here we are looking for evidential impacts of the scale and nature of the transformational innovation realised within a KTP Partnership.
- **Eligibility:** To be eligible for this award, your KTP, MKTP or AAKTP project must have been completed and received an A or B grade from the KTP/AAKTP grading panel between 1st January 2025 and 19 August 2026.

Innovation & Technical Excellence Award

- **Criteria:** Partnerships should demonstrate excellence in the application of science, technology, engineering, or maths and demonstrate how their Partnership has moved beyond promise into real-world progress. We are looking here for exemplars in having connected the pathway from discovery research to commercial success. 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, MKTP or AAKTP project must have been completed and received an A or B grade from the KTP/AAKTP grading panel between 1st January 2025 and 19 August 2026.

Business Growth & Transformation through KTP Award

- **Criteria:** This award recognises partnerships that have best supported the journey from innovation to growth. Here demonstrate significant organisational change impact, cultural transformation, and evidence of exceptional leadership in achieving growth and 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.
- **Eligibility:** The KTP or AAKTP project must have been completed and received an A or B grade from the KTP/AAKTP grading panel between 1 January 2025 and 19 August 2026

Eligibility Criteria

Emerging Innovation Leader (KTP) Award

- Criteria: The application must showcase a KTP, AAKTP or MKTP Associate who can evidence the capability needed to sustain innovation and growth in practice. Here we are looking for an individual 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 2025 to 19 August 2026; must have undertaken at least 50% of their project duration by 19 August 2026; must have completed both KTP Training Modules by the 19 August 2026.

Excellence in Knowledge Exchange Support (KTP) Award

- Criteria: The application must demonstrate how the work of your KTP, AAKTP and/or MKTP team has delivered innovation and growth support and led to developing, sustaining, and growing their KTP portfolio. It should showcase a high-performing KTP, AAKTP and/or MKTP 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 2025 until 19 August 2026.

Academic Excellence in Innovation (KTP) Award

- Criteria: The application must showcase an individual academic who has demonstrated exceptional skills and commitment in knowledge translation, leadership, team building and mentoring. Here we are looking for evidence of research-driven innovation that has delivered meaningful impact through effective knowledge exchange. There must be demonstrable excellence in supporting the project specific tasks, in the development of new capability in the business, and in supporting and inspiring the personal development and skills of the KTP, AAKTP or MKTP Associate.
- Eligibility: The nominated individual must be either the Academic Supervisor or the Lead Academic on your KTP, AAKTP or MKTP Project. The Partnership must be current when the competition opens on the 19th August 2026 or have been completed between 1 January 2025 and 19 August 2026. If the project is ongoing you must have undertaken at least 50% of your project duration by 19 August 2026.



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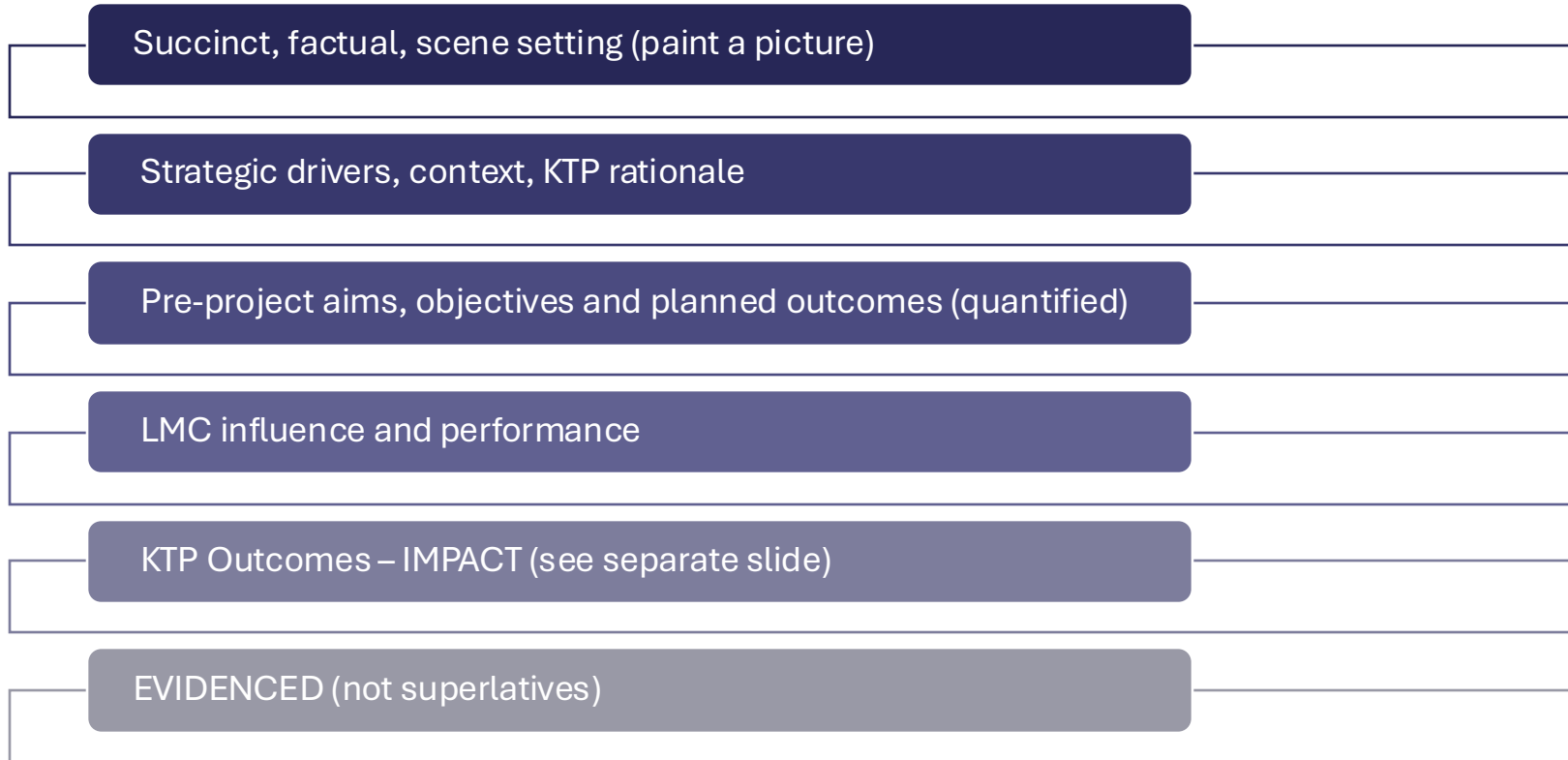


Place-Based Innovation Impact Award

- **Criteria:** The application must clearly demonstrate delivery of impact beyond the host organisation - the impact the KTP has had on a place / region/ community. This needs to go beyond the project merely existing in a place, we want to see those projects that have had significant impacts or transformational benefits to a place.
- **Eligibility:** To be eligible for this award, your KTP, MKTP or AAKTP project must have been completed and received an A or B grade from the KTP/AAKTP grading panel between 1st January 2025 and 19 August 2026. If shortlisted it is expected that the business supervisor, the academic supervisor, and the Associate will attend the Awards ceremony but at least 1 must be able to attend on Tuesday 1 December 2026.

Hints and Tips (From our Assessors)

Key components of a compelling Award application





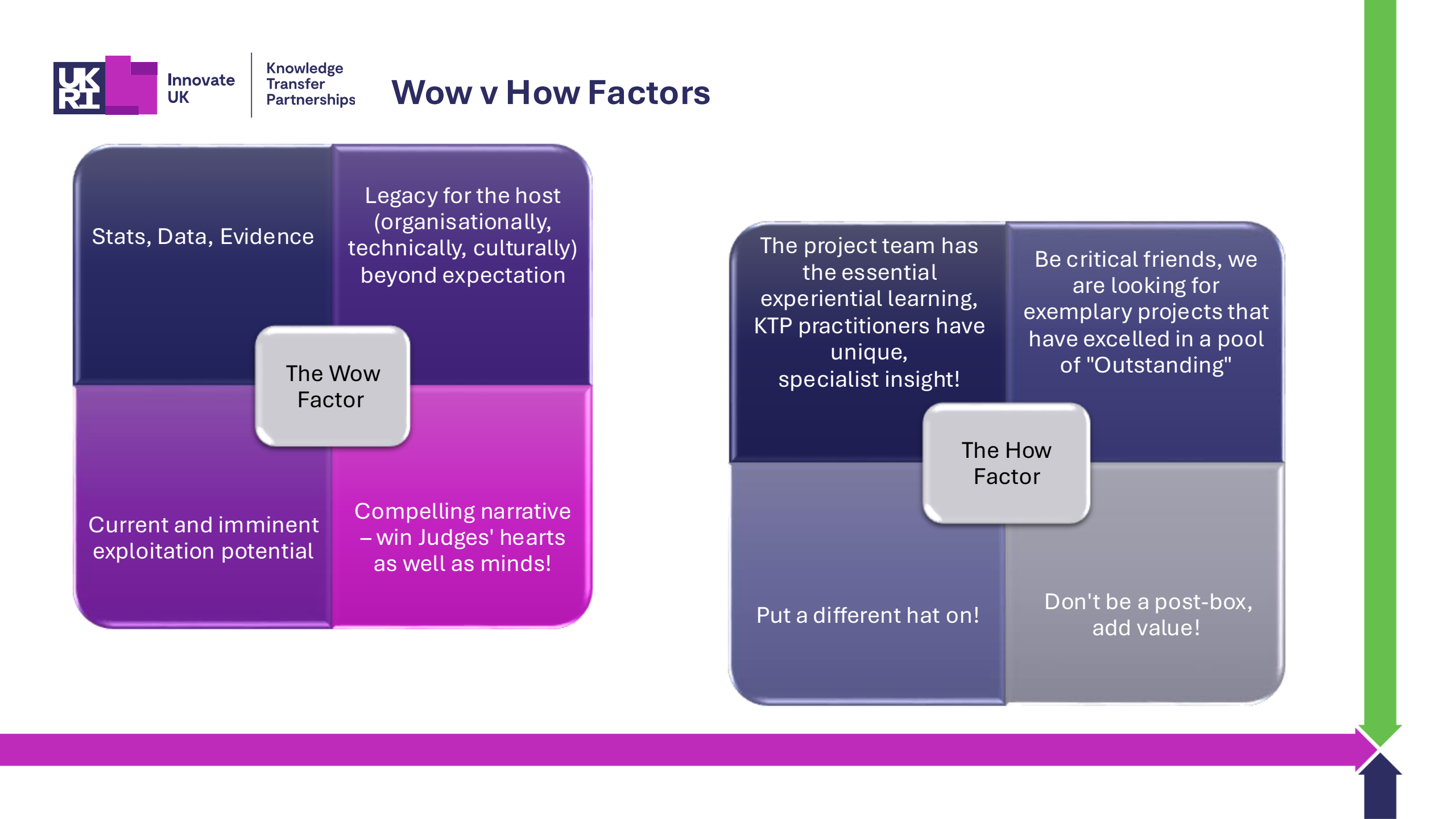
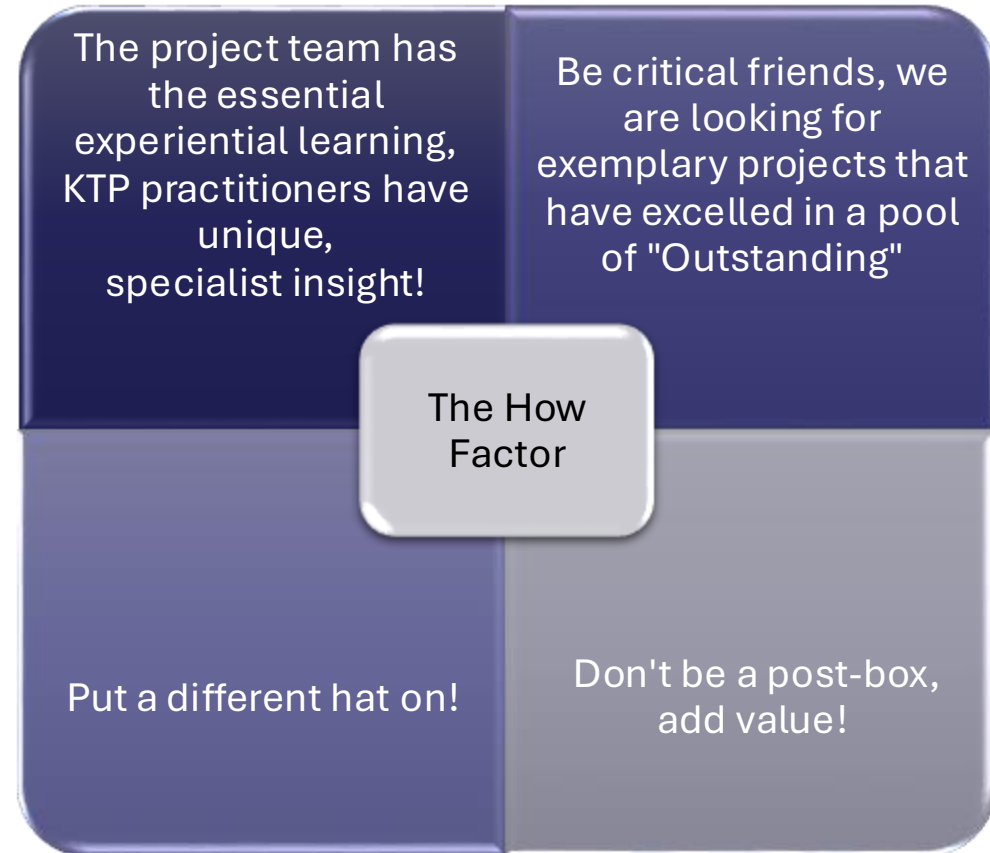
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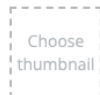
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- Narrative and sense of scale on how expectations were exceeded.
- Transformational – at both the institutional and personal levels, with details
- Reputational uplift
- Quantification, testimonials
- Unambiguous sense of quality and quantity of the project's outcomes

Wow v How Factors



Applications on Good Grants Platform



[My applications](#) → 2026 Innovate UK KTP Awards →
Start application

All questions must be answered, unless marked optional.

Configuration mode ☐ OFF

Deadline 2026-08-19 17:00

(GMT +01:00) Europe/London

55 06 39 59

Days Hours Minutes Seconds

Start here

Partnership Information

Entry Form

Attachments

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You can find the eligibility criteria [here](#). If you are unsure of your project's eligibility, please just get in touch by [email](#).

Category

Academic Excellence in Innovation (KTP) Award

Business Growth & Transformation through KTP

Emerging Innovation Leader (KTP) Award

Excellence in Knowledge Exchange Support (KTP) Award

Innovation & Technical Excellence Award

Outstanding KTP Impact Award

Place-Based Innovation Impact Award

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).

Apply here: <https://www.ktp-uk.org/awards/>

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Successful AAKTP and/or KTP Awards applications will be invited to join the celebratory ceremony **remotely** to celebrate and showcase the international collaborative impact of KTP partnerships. Please note that no travel or accommodation costs will be subsidised this year.

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Application name

YOUR KTP PROJECT NAME AS PER IFS SUBMISSION

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Successful **AAKTP** Associates will be invited to join the celebratory ceremony **remotely** to celebrate and showcase the international collaborative impact of KTP partnerships. Please note that no travel or accommodation costs will be subsidised this year.

PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION



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Competition Key Dates

Competition Opens	Monday 15 th June 2026
Applicant Webinar	Thursday 25 th June 2026
Competition Closes	Wednesday 19 th August 2026
Finalist list and Publication	Friday 2nd October 2026
Awards Ceremony	Glasgow, 1 st December 2026



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Guidance and Useful Information

- More Information can be found at: <https://www.ktp-uk.org/awards/>
- IUK KTP Awards 2026 Categories and Eligibility Criteria Guidance
- Applicant Competition Briefing Recording
- 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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We will now take questions via the Q&A





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**We look forward to seeing
your applications!**

