UK Research and Innovation Campuses

Supporting environments to drive and accelerate innovation, growth and impact from UK bioscience
Introduction

BBSRC’s Research and Innovation Campuses are creating environments where interactions between world-leading researchers and businesses can occur – be it in labs or over coffee.

These low-risk environments foster early stage innovation, accelerating excellent research into tangible social and economic benefits for the UK and beyond.

These Campuses form a crucial part of BBSRC’s broader innovation strategy to enable entrepreneurs and businesses to access, influence and collaborate with the brightest academic minds and the best bioscience facilities in the UK.

Research and Innovation Campuses form a vital component of the UK innovation ecosystem. Each Campus is centred on a critical mass of world leading bioscience, strategically funded by BBSRC. This provides a unique environment where companies can access specialist facilities and exchange ideas with leading researchers.

BBSRC is committed to:

- Investing in Research and Innovation Campuses so that businesses and academic researchers can work together to produce new products, services and policies to benefit the nation.
- Providing support, governance and expertise to ensure Campuses grow to be robust and forward looking environments.
- Collaborating with UK and global partners to create thriving hubs for research and innovation and encourage inward investment.
- Enabling business access to publicly funded, internationally leading, bioscience research and national infrastructure to maximise innovation opportunities.
- Building an enterprising culture on campus supporting the development of early stage ventures and established companies.

BBSRC invests in frontier bioscience research, infrastructure and skills across the UK and is working with partners to develop five UK Research and Innovation Campuses. The rationale for investing in these five Campuses aligns with the cross-Research Council strategy for UK Research and Innovation Campuses.
Locations

1. Easter Bush Campus
2. Aberystwyth Innovation and Enterprise Campus
3. Rothamsted Centre for Research and Enterprise
4. Babraham Research Campus
5. Norwich Research Park

£100m Capital Invested in Campuses Since 2011

£1,235m Invested in World-Class Research across the strategically funded institutes at the heart of the Campuses

Over 120 Companies on Campuses
The Aberystwyth Innovation and Enterprise Campus (AIEC) is co-located with the Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences (IBERS) and Aberystwyth University. When the AIEC opens it will enable access to specialist research and capabilities whilst supporting the development of a culture that encourages knowledge exchange between business and academia, enabling commercial enterprises to grow, prosper and drive economic growth in the region and beyond.

Facilities at the Campus will include a Bio-refining Centre, Future Food Centre, Analytical Science Laboratories and access to a Seed Processing and BioBank Facility. It will also provide formal and informal meeting areas together with office accommodation for industry.

www.aiec.wales
The Babraham Research Campus, managed and developed by Babraham Bioscience Technologies Ltd, is a co-location of the Babraham Institute and over 60 early stage and growing life science companies.

The Campus plays a key role in the Cambridge life science cluster and the UK innovation ecosystem. At the Babraham Research Campus, world class research and business come together to promote innovation and strengthen links between academia and industry, supporting jobs, growth and innovation in the biosciences.

The Babraham Institute undertakes world-leading research on fundamental cell and molecular biology with a focus on healthy ageing through the human lifecycle. A key draw of the campus is the opportunity for companies to interact and collaborate with the academic and technical research capabilities of the Institute, and the support, networks and facilities provided by Babraham Bioscience Technologies.

By the end of 2016 there will be approximately 200,000 sq. ft. of commercially available laboratory and office space on the site, in addition to conferencing facilities sited at the heart of the campus.

www.babraham.ac.uk
The Easter Bush Campus is home to The Roslin Institute, The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Scotland’s Rural College and a growing cluster of bioscience organisations.

The Easter Bush Campus allows delivery of solutions to global challenges within livestock industries, veterinary and human medicine. It has the largest concentration of animal science and related expertise anywhere in Europe, delivering a Centre of Excellence in Animal Science and Food Security.

To develop the campus further, The Roslin Innovation Centre is currently being built and is due to open in 2017. It will provide flexible laboratory and office space for companies and business collaborators in the animal and veterinary sciences, specialist facilities for research and a Science Outreach Centre.

www.ed.ac.uk/easter-bush-campus
A multidisciplinary research and business community with a focus on agri-biotech, industrial biotech, food & health and med biotech

Norwich Research Park is a thriving community of over 60 businesses, 3000 scientists, researchers and clinicians. It aims to deliver solutions to the global challenges of healthy ageing, food and energy security, sustainability and environmental change.

The Campus is home to the John Innes Centre, the Institute of Food Research, the Earlham Institute, the Sainsbury Laboratory, the University of East Anglia, and the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. A new £75M facility for food and health research, the Quadram Institute will open in 2018.

The world-leading institutes at Norwich Research Park are co-located with space for business innovation and translation, including the Centrum innovation hub and UEA Enterprise Centre.

Norwich Research Park is now well established. Translational activity on the park is growing, for example a new development Leaf Systems® – a translational facility for the research, development and manufacture of high value products from plants using technology created within the BBSRC funded John Innes Centre will open in 2017.

www.norwichresearchpark.com
The Rothamsted Centre for Research and Enterprise (RoCRE) is a global agri-science centre that cultivates linkages, growth and advancement in collaborative R&D and is part of Rothamsted Research Campus. The Centre focuses on promoting collaboration and innovation by partnering with commercial agriculture technology businesses and opening up the research process.

Rothamsted Research Campus

The centre acts as an international cross-roads for SMEs as well as large agri-tech and agri-chem organisations to co-exist, collaborate and thrive, by providing purpose-built, open innovation and incubation space alongside state-of-the-art conferencing facilities.

RoCRE is co-located with Rothamsted Research, the longest running agricultural research institute in the world, providing cutting-edge science and innovation for over 170 years. The campus delivers knowledge and new practices to increase crop productivity, quality, and develops environmentally sustainable solutions for food and energy production.

www.rothamsted.ac.uk
BBSRC’s UK Research and Innovation Campuses support environments that are:

- Supporting a more productive, prosperous and sustainable UK
- Transforming productivity and traditional businesses and creating new market opportunities
- Fostering new collaborations, inward investment and trade links with emerging economies
- Bringing benefits to society and the economy
Many companies are coming into the campuses from overseas but all of the campuses are actively and continuously seeking more international engagement opportunities.

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