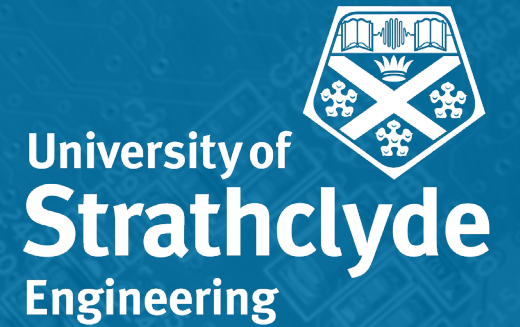


# University of Strathclyde Faculty of Engineering



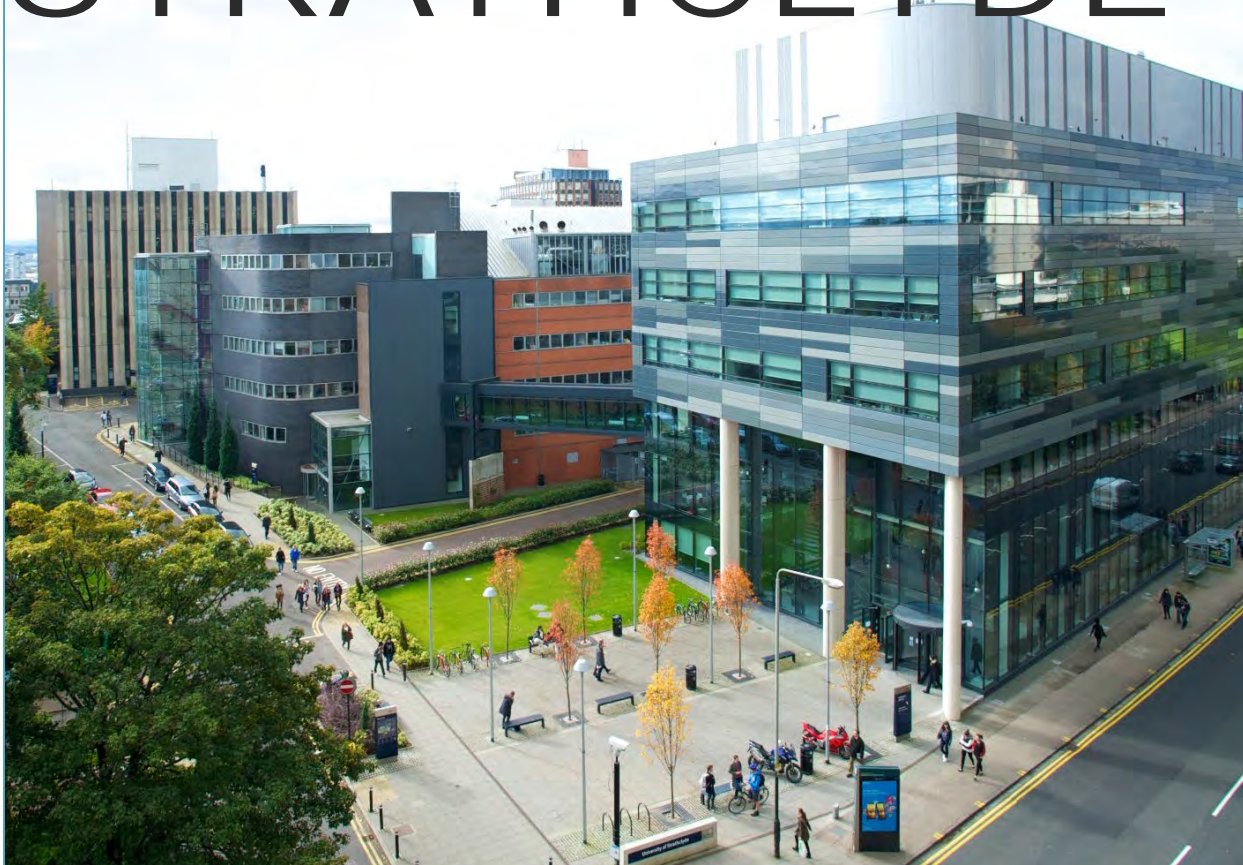
Sheena Mackenzie, Industry Engagement

Prof Campbell Booth, Vice Dean Research

Carolyn Arbuckle, West of Scotland KTP Centre



# THE UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE



## LEADING INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY BASED IN THE HEART OF GLASGOW

Inspired by the University's founding principle as **'a place of useful learning'**, our mission is to make a positive difference to the lives of our students, society and the world.

Strathclyde students benefit from an innovative and practical educational experience enhanced by its integration with the University's research capabilities, high-quality academic resources, and our industry engagement programme.

# Strategic Themes



**Advanced manufacturing & materials**



**Energy**



**Health & wellbeing**



**Innovation & entrepreneurship**



**Measurement science & enabling technologies**



**Ocean, air & space**



**Society & policy**

# Technology Innovation Centre Clusters



**5G & Advanced Communications**



**FinTech**



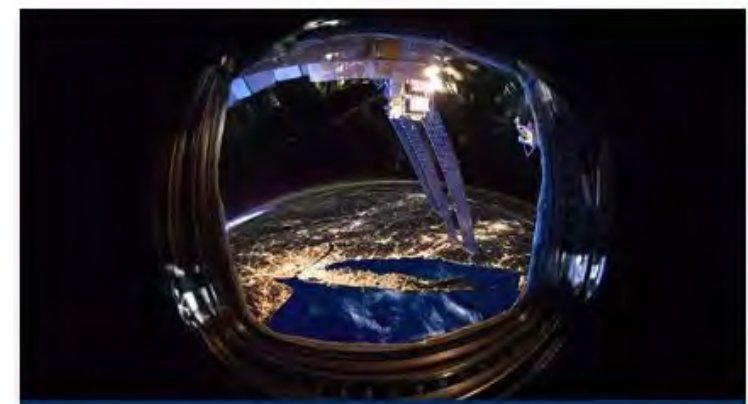
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**Industrial Informatics**



**Quantum**



**Space**

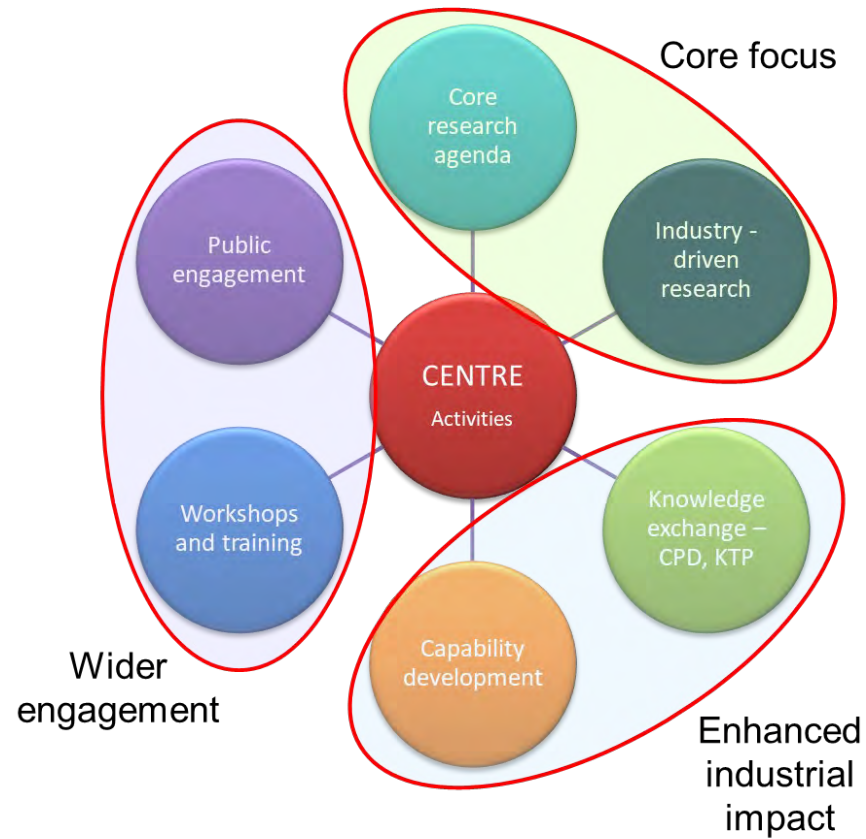
# R&D across the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) spectrum

Technology readiness level (TRL)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Activity	Discovery & Research		Innovation					Commercialisation	
TRL description	Basic principles observed and reported	Concept or application formulated	Experimental proof of concept	Concept or process validated in laboratory	System or component validated in relevant environment	System model or demonstrator in relevant environment	System prototyping demonstrator in an operational environment	Actual system completed and qualified test & demo operational environment	Actual system mission-proven in successful mission operations

Source: The NASA-developed Technology Readiness Level model<sup>17</sup>

From fundamental through applied research to industry deployment the Faculty is engaged at all levels within the Technology Readiness spectrum – creating real business impact.

# Industry-Facing Centres





Operated by the University of Strathclyde and supported by:

- Scottish Government,
- Scottish Enterprise,
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise,
- High-Value Manufacturing Catapult,
- Skills Development Scotland,
- Scottish Funding Council and
- Renfrewshire Council.

Objectives:

- Increase productivity - reducing barriers to innovation
- Stimulate investment - increase manufacturing competitiveness
- Drive job creation - strengthen supply chain links
- Inspire and attract talent - equip current and future workforces



- Advanced Forming Research Centre
- Lightweight Manufacturing Centre
- Manufacturing Skills Academy
- Digital Factory
- Collaboration Hub



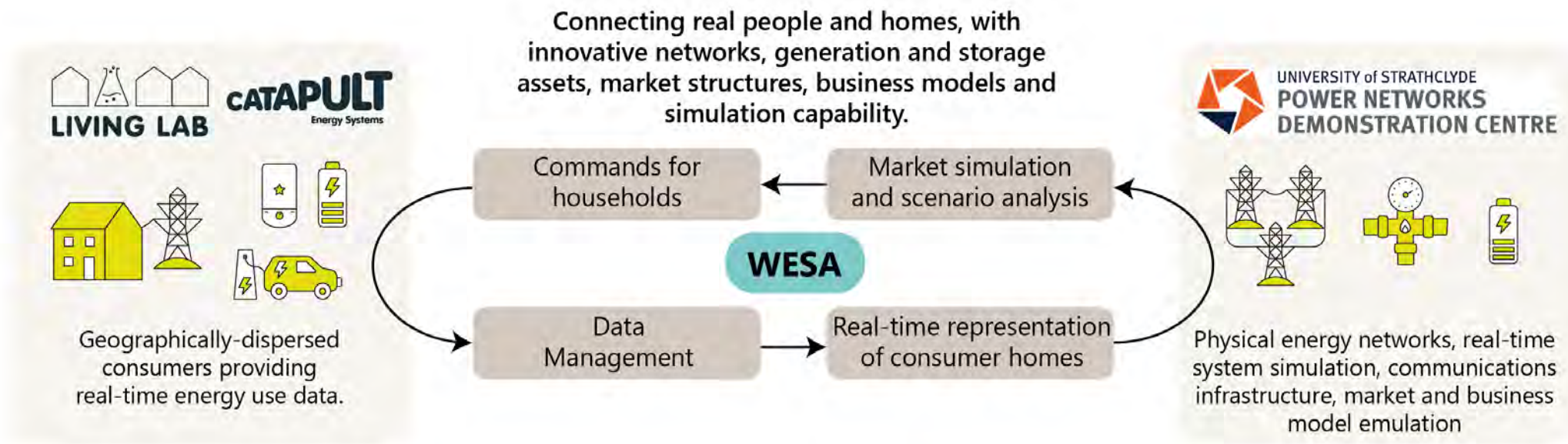
- Dedicated innovation facility, opened in 2014
- Whole energy system innovation, test and demonstration environment – maintaining strong focus on electrical networks and smart grid solutions
- Significant capability enhancements:
  - Heat
  - Transport
  - Hydrogen
  - Systems integration



- Permanent team of experts (> 30 staff)
- Operated in partnership with members
- Multiple collaboration models
- Open access for engagement with Industry for projects



# Whole Energy Systems Accelerator



**A unique national collaboration facility, providing space for industry, government and academia to test and demonstrate new technologies, products, services, business models, policies and regulation under simulated in-market arrangements with real consumers and real network infrastructure**



# Ways to engage

## Industry-facing research centres

Membership

Collaborative projects and programmes

Consultancy

## Collaborative Research and Development programmes

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships, Innovate UK & other funding sources

## Industry-funded projects

Research, consultancy and services

Student placements, internships and projects

## Skills and training

[Continual Professional Development](#)

[Post Graduate Research](#)

[Graduate and Degree Apprenticeships](#) and the [Engineering Academy](#)

Industry-focused Masters – distance-learning and/or part time

[Executive Education](#)



# Students

- Undergraduate Students
  - Over 4000 undergraduate students
  - Over 40 undergraduate degree courses
  - All established courses professionally accredited
  - Five of the top eight UK engineering UG courses (ranked by UCAS tariff points)
- Postgraduate Students
  - Over 1400 postgraduate students
  - 800 taught postgraduate students
  - Over 40 taught (MSc) degrees
  - Almost 700 postgraduate research students
  - PhD, EngD, MPhil, MRes



# Students and Graduates

# Career Service Employers Hub

You can advertise:

- Graduate jobs
- Internships
- Placements
- Insight Days
- Gap Year Opportunities
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Vacation Work
- Part-time and casual jobs



# What is the PhD@Work programme?



Engineers and scientists carrying out high-quality research in the normal course of their work

Joint industry/academic supervision

Impact to academia and industry



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# THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

[www.strath.ac.uk/engineering](http://www.strath.ac.uk/engineering)

**Scottish Engineering  
Breakfast Briefing  
February 2023**

# Who am I?

## 1987 – present: University of Strathclyde

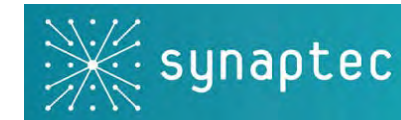
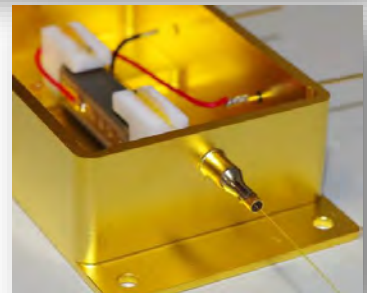
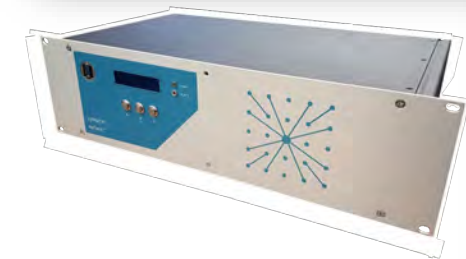
BEng, PhD, RA/RF (Rolls-Royce UTC), Lecturer (2007),  
HoD EEE (2017), Vice Dean – Research (2021)

Research in power system protection – major projects  
with National Grid, ScottishPower, EPSRC  
(CDTs, PI on active UK/China grant, Prosperity  
Partnership), still teach a bit (CDTs, Hong Kong Dual  
Masters, CPD...)

## 2014 – present: Synaptec (Strathclyde spinout)

Distributed optical sensing (voltage, current,  
temperature, vibration) - 30 employees, wide range of  
investors, including Foresight Williams

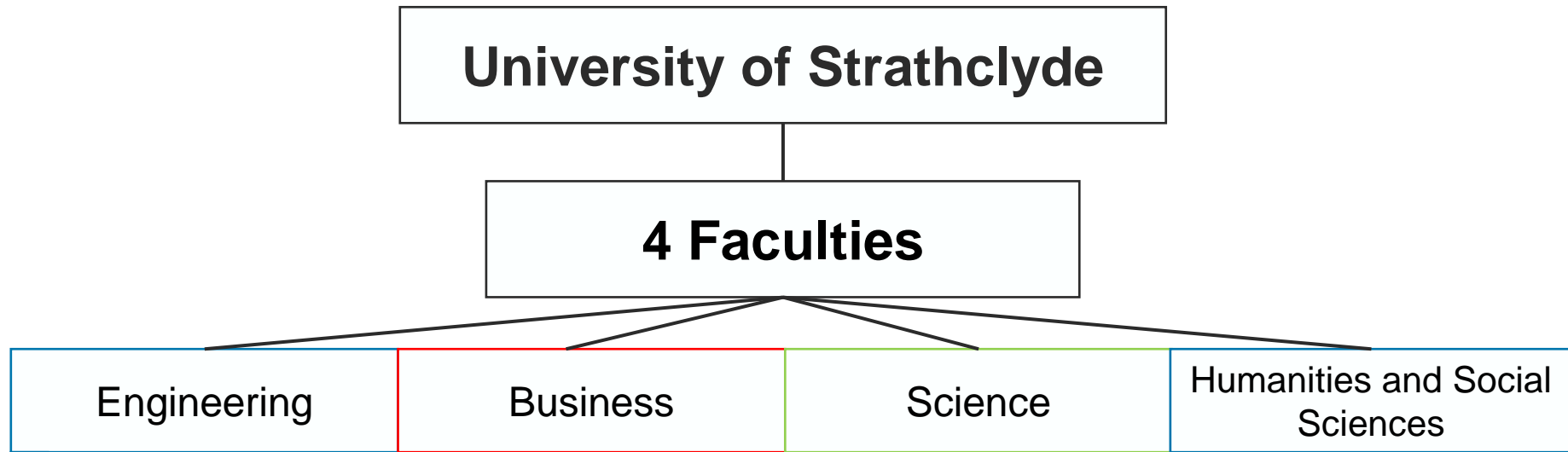
<https://www.foresightwilliams.co.uk/portfolio/>



[www.synapt.ec](http://www.synapt.ec)



# Who are we?



**AFRC**  
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UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE



Architecture



Biomedical Engineering



Chemical & Process Engineering



Civil & Environmental Engineering



Design, Manufacturing & Engineering Management



Electronic & Electrical Engineering



Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering



Naval Architecture, Ocean & Marine Engineering

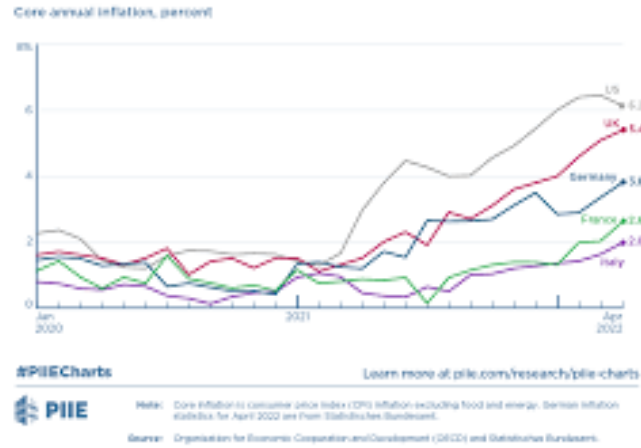


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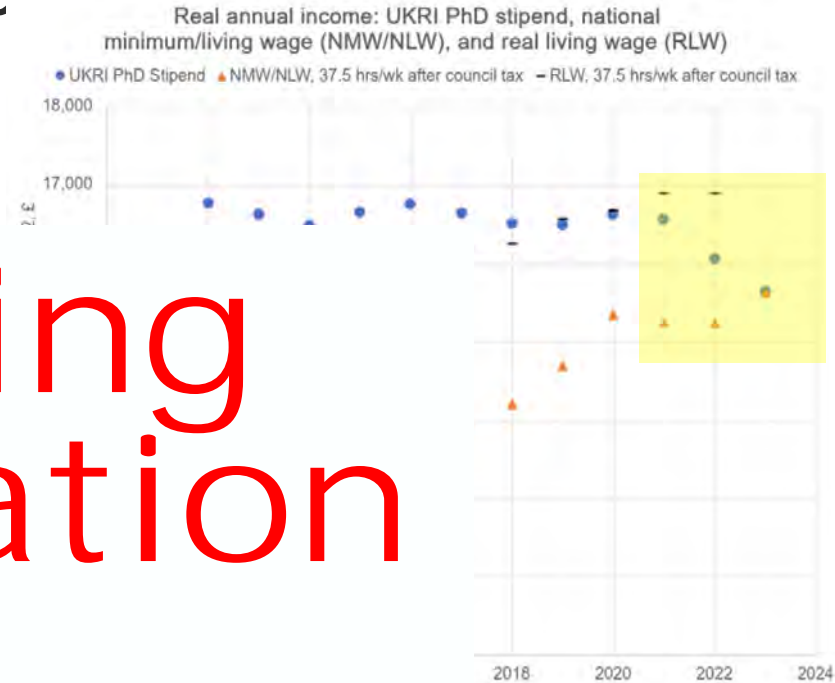


**Brexit is driving inflation higher in the UK than its European peers after identical supply shocks**



# Our single biggest challenge?

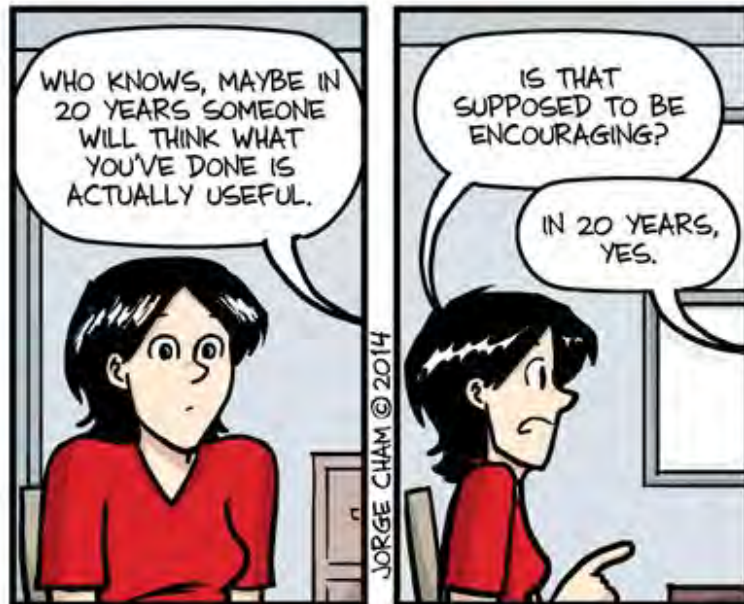
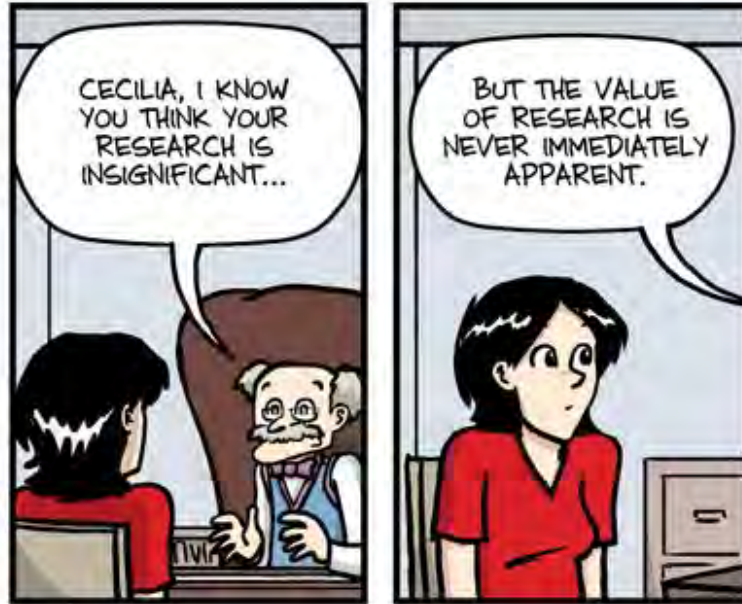
(opinions are all mine)



# A shrinking PhD population



# A PhD – what's the point?



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- They generate the vast majority of our outputs and impacts
- They know how to find answers
- They become more expert than their supervisors
- They don't/can't fear failure
- They can deal with negativity
- They can deal with uncertainty
- They create things and innovate
- They don't just research – they develop and receive training
- They compete and collaborate
- They have loads of transferable skills
- I sometimes cry when they (good ones) leave

<https://cheekyscientist.com/job-candidates/>



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# PhD@Work Programme

## What is the PhD@Work programme?

The programme is aimed at engineers and scientists who are carrying out high-quality research in the normal course of their work. Candidates will be jointly supervised by their employer and experts from the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Strathclyde, allowing candidates to obtain a PhD education while remaining in their current employment, making valuable and impactful contributions to both academia and their company.



Find out more

## How does the PhD@Work programme work?

Candidates will spend a significant amount of their working time on the PhD research project, and will typically focus their research on industrial problems relevant to their company, ideally closely aligned to their present job. There is flexibility, and candidates undertaking a PhD@Work typically would do so on a part-time basis, allowing the research to progress in parallel and to be blended with the business needs of the employer.

Research projects are usually carried out at the candidate's workplace. Where appropriate, candidates may come to Strathclyde to use the research facilities, and to interact with supervisors and other colleagues. There may also be the option to undertake formal training in research-related skills and practices as part of **Strathclyde's Researcher Development Programme**. Prior experience and employer training and development programmes will also be considered when preparing an individual training portfolio to accompany the PhD research programme.

## What is a PhD@Work?

A PhD is the highest postgraduate qualification offered by universities. PhDs are research-based degrees. In the PhD@Work programme, the candidate prepares an original research question/proposal in collaboration with their employer and an academic supervisor at Strathclyde, and explores that topic in depth.

The PhD@Work programme is for those who are looking to build on what they studied during their undergraduate and/or master's degrees, who are currently employed and wish to research a particular area of research within their field. Candidates will work with an academic supervisor at Strathclyde and an industry supervisor, ultimately making a contribution to knowledge and expanding the boundaries of a field of research.

## What are the benefits to the candidate?

A PhD has traditionally been viewed as a training process for a career in academia. However, the modern PhD is a far more flexible qualification, focused on the development of transferrable research and leadership skills, career development and industry-specific training designed to help the candidate communicate and apply their research beyond a university setting. Candidates will also benefit from a "cohort experience", joining other PhD researchers from their own companies, other companies and full-time students - presenting valuable networking, peer learning and support opportunities. More than 70% of PhD graduates in the UK progress to non-academic careers, and research indicates that PhD graduates receive higher earnings, particularly in engineering.

## What are the benefits to the company?

The company will be able to access the valuable knowledge gained during the programme, potentially exploit this for commercial gain, and also benefit from publicity and marketing opportunities associated with conducting world-leading research. This will create new opportunities for growth and innovation through the collaboration between Strathclyde and the partnering company. They will also have the opportunity to engage with world-leading researchers and innovators at Strathclyde who work within the research areas of interest to them, enabling knowledge transfer and networking within the Faculty of Engineering and further afield as they engage with Strathclyde's extensive networks.

## Case studies

To gain an idea of what an industry-focused PhD looks like, take a look at a selection of recent case studies at <https://www.industrial-pgr.eng.strath.ac.uk/case-studies/> that showcase the breadth and depth of our postgraduate research projects, highlighting the impact these technology developments are making with our partners.



## Why Strathclyde?

The Faculty of Engineering is a leading international centre for engineering research, based in Glasgow. We address global challenges facing society by undertaking collaborative research for the generation of new knowledge and understanding. The Faculty strives to deliver impact at scale and at pace, in keeping with the University's founding ethos as a "place of useful learning". This is achieved through Strathclyde's distinctive model of partnership working to deliver impact for business, industry, society and Government.

In the recent Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021, our Engineering submission has the joint highest impact quality profile and the joint highest environment quality profile in Scotland, based on GPA as calculated by the THE. This is supported by almost 90% of research produced by the University of Strathclyde being rated 'world-leading' or 'internationally-excellent'.

## Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)

The University of Strathclyde is committed to creating collaborative, inclusive and supportive working environments which enable high-quality, innovative and industry-focused research. All of our Engineering Departments hold Athena SWAN awards (1 Gold award, 7 Bronze awards) in recognition of our commitment to supporting gender equality in STEM employment. In the Doctorate@Work programme, we will focus on ensuring diversity across the programme and will take a proactive approach to ensure equal access to the opportunity to underrepresented groups, those with varying backgrounds and working patterns, career stages, and those with protected characteristics.

## Costs and timelines

The PhD@Work programme has flexible timeline options and attractive fee models (discounted from standard fees) to suit different individual and organisational needs. Candidates would typically join the programme on a part-time basis, spending 50% of their time over six years in completing the PhD. It may be possible to reduce this duration in some cases, and candidates can exercise an option to register initially for a two-year Master's by Research (MPhil) degree, with an option to transfer to a PhD degree being available subject to satisfactory initial progress being made. Prior learning that may contribute towards a PhD may also be considered in some cases. Please contact us to discuss your particular situation and requirements.

## Find out more

To find out more about the programme and to contact us to discuss the options available visit <https://www.strath.ac.uk/engineering/studywithus/phdatwork/>



## Escalating the Collaborative Programme

Expansion to include new *non-employee* PhD studentships

- **GSK Programme Extension**

2012-2023, incl.

**184 New PhD Students:** 101 based at GSK; and  
83 based at Strathclyde  
*with 3-6 month secondments in both directions*

- To date:
 

<i>Employee PGRs</i>	<i>Industrial PhDs</i>	<i>Strathclyde PhDs</i>	<b>TOTAL</b>
56	77	59	192

<https://www.strath.ac.uk/science/chemistry/strathclydegsk/>



# PhD@Work: some benefits

- Develops a mutually beneficial partnership – research is measured on impact
- Develops employees and secures them for the long-term – engenders loyalty/appreciation
- Company/employee make a leading and recognised contribution – academically and commercially
- Company can publicise – enhance reputation/image, recruitment, competitive advantage, recruit top students and put them directly on to PhD@Work?
- Consultancies can charge more for PhD consultants and differentiate
- University can support and invest – we need PhDs
- Wider benefits – networking, conferences, publications, academic-employer opportunities for other funding...
- **“brain drain” and “skills gaps” – decarbonisation, net-zero, AI, robotics, manufacturing, health – who and where are the “experts”?**



# SCOTLAND

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CHILEAN NAVY  
ANAESTHESIA  
TYPHOID VACCINE  
**CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA**  
INSULIN DISCOVERY  
ARTIFICIAL DIAMONDS  
BANK OF ENGLAND  
CORDITE  
SCOTCH PLOUGH  
ELECTRIC TOASTER  
**FLUSHING LAVATORY**  
GENETIC CLONING  
COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY  
PERCUSSION CAP  
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WAVE POWERED GENERATOR  
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FAX MACHINE  
FINGERPRINTING  
RUGBY SEVENS  
TELEPHONE  
TELEVISION  
CASH MACHINE  
THERMODYNAMIC CYCLE  
RADIATION THERAPY  
GOLF  
LIME CORDIAL  
THRESHING MACHINE  
KINETOSCOPE  
HOT BLAST OVEN  
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## Knowledge Transfer Partnerships



**INDUSTRIAL  
STRATEGY**

UK Research  
and Innovation

**Innovate UK**  
Knowledge Transfer Network



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[www.ktn-uk.co.uk/programmes/knowledge-transfer-partnerships](http://www.ktn-uk.co.uk/programmes/knowledge-transfer-partnerships)

[www.ktpws.org.uk](http://www.ktpws.org.uk)



# Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP)

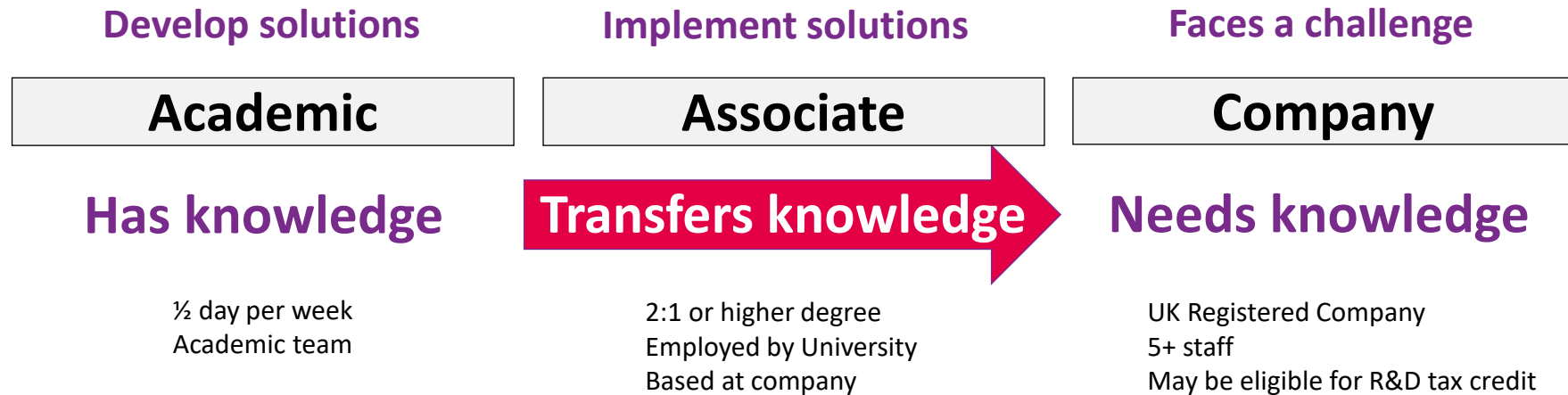


One of the UK government's longest running and most successful knowledge transfer programmes, KTPs have been helping academics and UK organisations work in partnership for over 45 years



# What is a KTP?

A KTP is a three-way partnership between a business, UK University or College, and a recently qualified graduate, known as the Associate.



# KTP at Strathclyde

Biotangents

To develop a novel, prototype electrochemical sensing device for use in veterinary diagnostics for infectious diseases.

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To develop robust analytical methodology to support the creation of an index of risk of self-heating ability of biomass pellets



To develop a process for whole turbine decommissioning and re-circulation of turbine parts for the renewables sector



To develop a product to monitor performance, compliance, condition and location of new and existing welding equipment.



# KTP at Strathclyde

## anderson bell + christie

Developing and implementing a data driven design process for Zero Carbon Neighbourhoods, creating a place-based community-oriented solution to deliver holistic zero carbon living within the social housing sector.



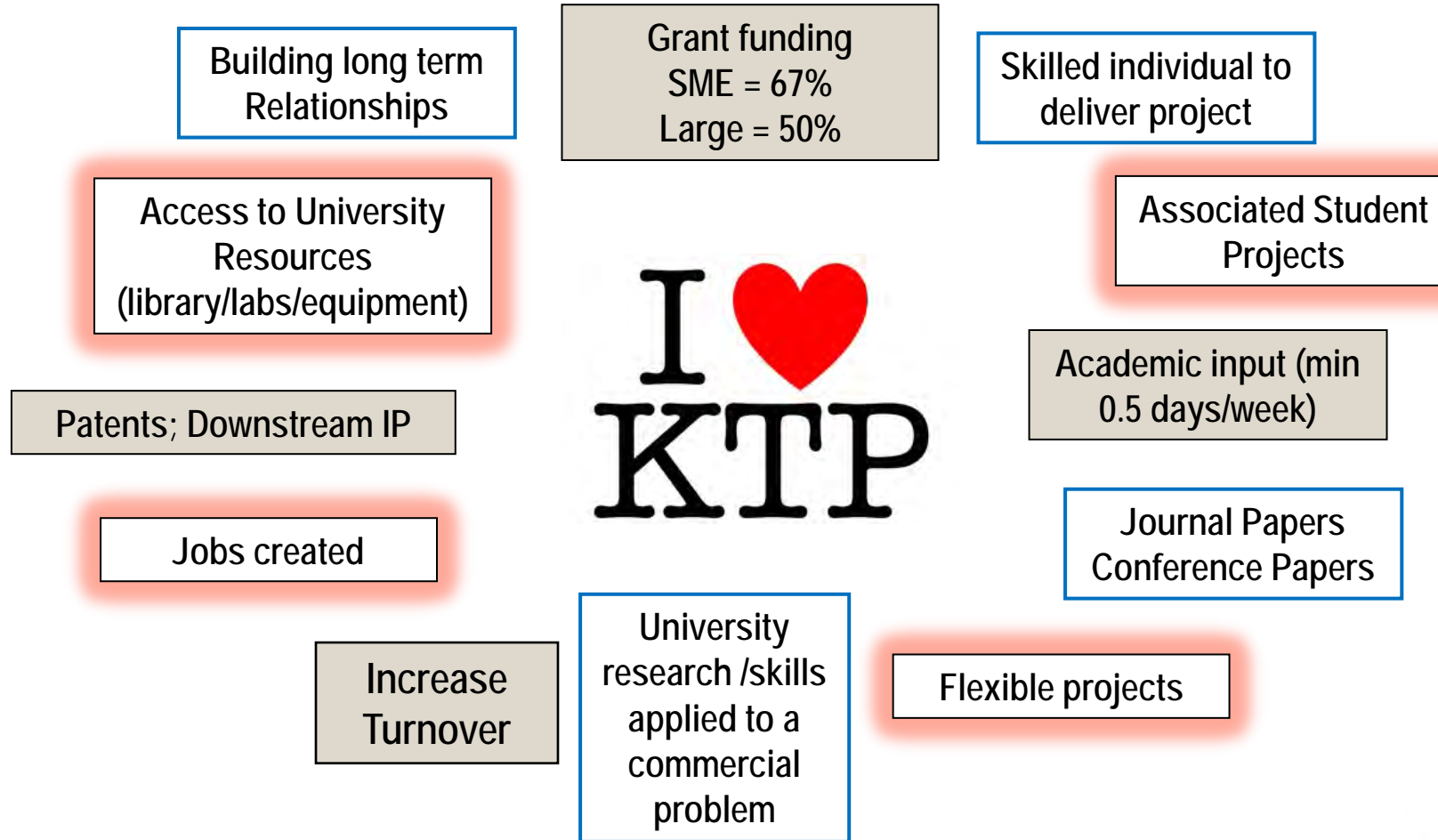
Embedding capability in biomass energy, clean fuel technologies and electrochemical energy storage to develop a holistic energy plan for decarbonisation that can be retrofitted to our current distillery site, and implemented at future planned sites.



Building expertise in high fidelity engine modelling techniques and data analytics based on ship-board instantaneous shaft torque measurements, to create an integrated decision support system for marine engine condition assessment.



# Company benefits



# Budget and grant rates

Project length 12 – 36 months

Average project budget £105k p.a.

Up to £55k p.a. employment budget

£5,250 p.a. (T&S, consumables & training)

Academic supervisor time and overheads

SME → 67% grant funding (£32-37k p.a.)

Large → 50% grant funding (£50-55k p.a.)





# Application process and timescale



# Is KTP right for you?



Does the business have a **challenging, strategic** project that will **create profit**?



Is the project innovative – for the **academic** and the **company**?



Would you like to embed **new** expertise, and drive competitive advantage by transferring the world class knowledge that resides within UK Universities?



Is the business UK based with at least 5 full-time employees, and the capacity to contribute to the cost of running the KTP?



**If so, contact the West of Scotland KTP Centre.**

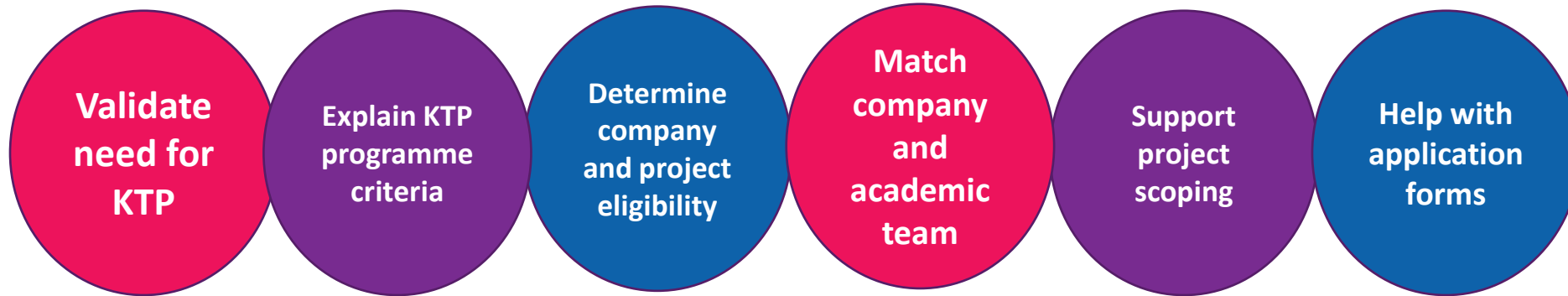


# West of Scotland KTP Centre

Since 1996:

- Helped establish over 500 projects
- Generated more than £65m KTP grant

The KTP Centre team will:



We will work also with the company and academic base to provide **recruitment**, **financial reporting** and **administrative support** once your project is funded.

Over 95% success rate in getting projects funded





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