Benefits of Working in Partnership

“There is much to gain for both the University and industry from working together, whether it is our partners recruiting excellent students or the creation of a long-term strategic partnership covering major research programmes. The University represents a unique pool of talent and expertise that can be tapped into by industry; in turn industry helps us to ensure that our education and research stays at the cutting edge and has a positive impact on society.

We very much look forward to working with you in the future.”

Professor Andrew Nix, Dean of Engineering

Key Contacts and Websites for Further Information

Industrial Liaison Office (ILO)
The ILO is Faculty-based and, in conjunction with RED, manages and develops our industry contacts for the benefit of education and research; the ILO runs specialist schemes to help engineering and technology industry engage with students, and has a team of project managers and administrators supporting research activities across the Faculty. If in doubt about who to contact, the ILO can help point you in the right direction.

E engf-ilo@bristol.ac.uk
W bristol.ac.uk/engineering/ilo
@BristolUniILO
University of Bristol Engineering and Industry

Research and Enterprise Development (RED)
RED provides support for research funding bids, cross-university strategic programmes, research commercialisation (including licencing of technologies), contracts, and Knowledge Transfer Partnerships and secondments.

E engaging-red@bristol.ac.uk
W bristol.ac.uk/business

Careers Service
The Careers Service offers a comprehensive advice and information service for students. It engages with employers to arrange recruitment talks, recruitment exhibitions, and a wide range of other engagement events.

E employer-services@bristol.ac.uk
W bristol.ac.uk/careers/employers

bristol.ac.uk/engineering/research
Types of engagement

These are some of the ways we can work together – please contact the Faculty Industrial Liaison Office for further information: engf-ilo@bristol.ac.uk

**Student recruitment**
Final year students can be targeted for recruitment to existing positions or graduate programmes. Directly address your immediate recruitment needs; target some of the brightest graduates in your field.

**Educational engagement**
Many options are available to engage with students during their programme, including mentoring, summer internships, year-long placements and student projects. Engaging students early builds long-term relationships. Students are enthusiastic and provide good value for money in undertaking internships, placements and projects.

Your entrepreneurial experience or ‘wicked problem’ may contribute to the curricular and extra-curricular activities of the University’s flagship Innovation Programmes, bringing together arts, science, engineering, humanities and enterprise to deliver innovative products, services and ways of living.

**Sponsorship or corporate donation**
There are many opportunities, from naming a new building or laboratory, sponsoring teaching equipment, through to engaging with our student societies. These can generate a long-term improvement in quality and quantity of student recruitment and brand-awareness of a company at the University of Bristol. At a high level, this could be transformational for a company’s image at the University.

**Fund one-off PhD projects**
Work with an expert in the field and a student dedicated to your project. This provides deep research in a specialist area; support is available via the iCASE collaborative training studentship scheme.

See: epsrc.ac.uk/bilts/students/coll/icas/index and bristol.ac.uk/science/research for the range of Faculty research.

**Work with a postgraduate training programme**
The Faculty hosts a range of Centres and Partnerships for Doctoral Training. By engaging you can unlock collective expertise and funding.

See: bristol.ac.uk/engineering/contact/graduate-education

**Secondments**
Funding is available to embed a researcher within a company for a defined period, or company staff within the University.

Sharing knowledge and expertise between University and industry; access to the latest ideas and thinking in the academic world.

**Consultancy**
Academics can help address a diverse range of challenges by providing you with expertise, costed at market rates on a daily or longer-term basis.

Academics provide authoritative insight and advice in their specialist field.

See: bristol.ac.uk/science/research

**Fund an academic position**
A number of schemes are available for joint funding academic positions, including Professorships. Create a focal point and champion for your company at the University (e.g. the company name Professor of Engineering).

**Contract and collaborative research**
We have world-leading research expertise in many areas, and research collaboration with external organisations can take many forms, from contract work, specialist equipment use, through to collaborative bidding for major programmes.

See: bristol.ac.uk/engineering/research for information on our research. For collaborative funding opportunities, see: gov.uk/government/organisations/innovate-uk

**Partnerships and Alliances**
We establish longer-term agreements to pursue a large-scale collaborative programme of research and engagement with the Faculty (and in many cases the wider University). These offer enormous potential benefit to both parties, built through in-depth involvement with research and education at all levels.

**Philanthropic Support and Alumni Engagement**
Philanthropy helps the University go above and beyond by providing vital funding for research, scholarships, and new capital developments. Generous donations from individuals, trusts and foundations, and companies mean that our University continues to grow and flourish, now and into the future.

Development and Alumni Relations: alumni@bristol.ac.uk
W bristol.ac.uk/alumni