Increasing Industry Impact from UK Funded Research

Introduction

Through the support we provide to our BBSRC Industrial CASE PhD students we are building a network of highly skilled individuals with deep expertise in cutting-edge biological sciences whilst forging new links between industry and academia. Good industry involvement is key to delivering high quality CASE studentships. The Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) recognises and enhances the value of CASE studentships by involving industrial members at every stage:

- CASE studentship applications are assessed by a panel of academic and industrial members, and senior KTN staff
- High quality industry training and placements must be demonstrated in a successful application
- Research projects must be business relevant
- Sharing of research and knowledge across sectors is actively encouraged
- The KTN provides annual industry relevant training
- The KTN organises early career researcher events with prizes sponsored by industry

Increasing impact through the KTN Associates programme

Once a student is selected for one of our CASE studentships, they automatically become part of our KTN Associate programme. Each KTN Associate is assigned a Knowledge Transfer Manager (KTM) who acts as their personal mentor. The KTM assesses, facilitates and monitors the Associate’s individual training needs, as well discussing and advising on the wider commercial context of the research project.

By ensuring that our KTN Associates gain industry relevant skills and knowledge, and by providing them with opportunities to network with their peers and industry, we equip them to transfer their expertise and knowledge into industry.

“I have had the great pleasure of being involved with the KTN’s CASE studentship programme for several years, both as an industry expert on the assessment panel and through studentships awarded to Genus plc. The KTN adds real value to these awards, both for the student and for the industrial partner.” Dr Alan Milham, Head of Ceramics at Genus plc.

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Facts & Figures

- 86, BBSRC Industrial CASE PhD Studentships allocated since 2003
- 98% students completed their PhDs within expected timeframe
- Industry relevant 2-day training courses for CASE students provided annually since 2004

Industry relevant training from the KTN

Delivering excellence through industrial training