

SEEKIT projects supported: 1 April 2008 - 31 August 2008

Location: University of Glasgow
Title: NEXXUS
Project Duration: 01/07/2008-30/06/2011
Grant Offered: £378,107

Project Description

Nexxus, in conjunction with the Edinburgh Science Triangle, is using the best practice developed in the West of Scotland to widen the activities in the existing network and implement a bioscience network centred around Edinburgh to act as a conduit between the universities and their business development teams, the NHS and the SME base in Scotland to increase interaction between communities, assist knowledge transfer and collaboration between community actors.

The project centres around 3 themes:

- **Broadening community** - Using the best practice within Scotland in addition to increase links throughout the central Scotland region
- **Strengthening connections** - Building the support present within the community to widen the exposure of companies and their technologies and researchers' opportunities.
- **Widening co-operation** - Building on the local links to identify opportunities for growth and knowledge transfer to a wider community.

Location: University of Glasgow
Title: MERITT
Project Duration: 01/07/2008-30/06/2011
Grant Offered: £655,537

Project Description

The MERITT (More Effective Results in Technology Transfer) project has been designed to break down the barriers to academic/SME interaction. This will be achieved through:

- Increased use of low-cost knowledge transfer mechanisms such as short-term student projects, academic consultancy and feasibility studies.
- Provision of an enterprise support programme for academic staff and postgraduate researchers.

The MERITT project will help effect wealth creation from the research base, increase the competitiveness of SMEs through their engagement with academia and encourage productive Knowledge Transfer links between business and the academic base.

MERITT is part of a larger initiative – The University of Glasgow Innovation Network which also incorporates SIGMA (Scottish Innovation in Global Market Applications). The Innovation Network has been designed to increase engagement by Scottish companies in innovation, reduce the time to market for new products and introduce new supply chains.

These projects aim to build on the experience gained in earlier funded knowledge transfer and economic development initiatives.