Lancaster University

At Lancaster University, The Times and The Sunday Times International University of the Year 2020, we have always welcomed the challenges that businesses provide us. Lancaster University's award-winning Partnerships and Business Engagement Team has assisted over 11,000 organisations and hosted over 136 businesses since 2005 in our thriving community on our 560-acre parkland campus. We liaise with all areas of the chemical industry, from multinational oil, chemical and pharmaceutical companies, to smaller enterprises producing new and specialised products.

We facilitate a variety of collaborative research projects, including over £60m of investment from Europe via structural funding to work with SMEs, and projects funded by the Government's £725m Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund. There are lots of ways for organisations to collaborate, from student placements, contract research, facilities access, professional development to multi-partner collaborative research projects.

Our Chemistry Department works with businesses to develop technology solutions and improve products and novel materials using 'next generation' chemistry. We offer targeted workshops and bespoke technical, analytical research and development support. Our ambition is to make Lancaster University a hub for 'next generation chemistry', where businesses from across the globe can co-develop new products, formulations and chemical processes.

Our Materials Science Institute is a community of over 200 academic and research staff, working with businesses to provide cutting-edge ideas and solutions in the use, design and manufacture of materials. We can help businesses find new materials for products, test and develop products and processes, trial new technologies, develop and build prototypes, and understand developments in materials science. We can improve the performance of surfaces and coatings, chemicals and chemistry in products and processes, and develop capabilities in additive manufacturing.



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