

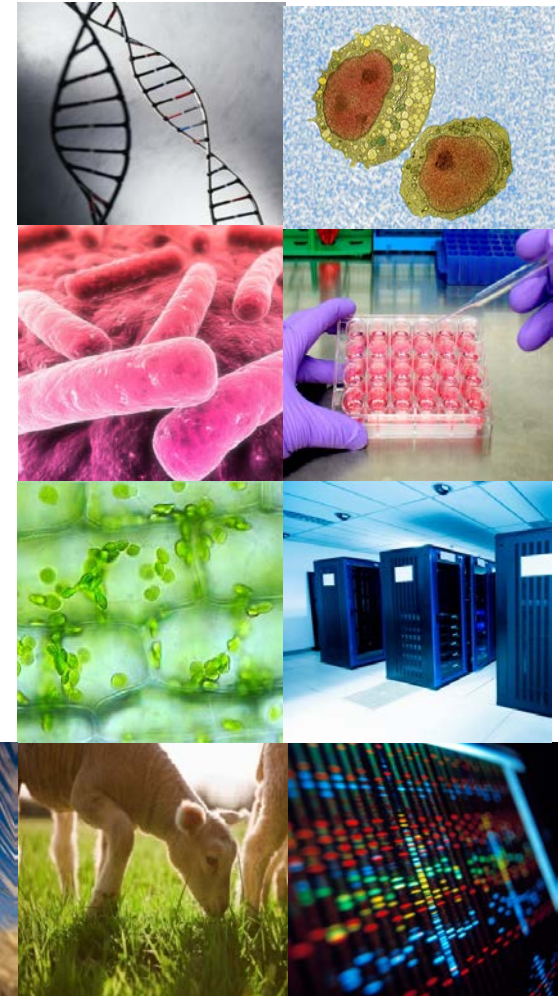
**Enabling Impact:**  
**BBSRC Fostering Innovation competitions**

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# What we do:

- Fund **world-class bioscience research** in UK Universities and institutes
- Fund **bioscience training and skills** for the next generation of bioscientists
- Drive the widest possible **social and economic impact** from our bioscience in industry, policy and public goods
- Promote **public engagement** on bioscience



# How do we support excellent impact?

1. Managing ideas

2. People

3. Recognising and rewarding impact

# Knowledge Exchange, Innovation and Skills



- Ensuring that our world-class science and skilled people have the widest possible impact
- Boosting the UK economy, connecting to policy and improving quality of life

## ENABLING IMPACT



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# From the research base to the user.....

## Collaborative Research

(pre-competitive research with industry, moving towards proof-of-concept)

## Collaborative Training

(equipping UK researchers with industrial skills/experience of the industry setting)

**Driving  
Innovation &  
Impact**

## People Exchange

(exchanging ideas and experience with industry/accessing specialist facilities & equipment)

## Commercialisation

(exploring commercial potential of bioscience & acquiring business skills)



**Excellence with Impact**

**Activating Impact**

**Innovator of the Year**

**EXCELLENCE  
WITH IMPACT**

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## Excellence with Impact 2011

- Involved 20 departments
- 2 award categories – Greatest Impact & Greatest culture change

### Winners



Dundee  
Greatest Impact



Aberystwyth  
Greatest culture change

## Excellence with Impact (Ewl)

Aims to recognise institutions that can *develop and successfully deliver a vision for maximising impact, alongside a relevant institution-wide culture change*

- ❖ runs between **2013** and **2016**
- ❖ awards **total £1M**
- ❖ **31 Institutions** are involved

### **Ewl activities supported by BBSRC:**

- BBSRC staff visited 31 Ewl institutions in 2013
  - provided feedback and support to institutions
- There will be a 2nd BBSRC visit to all Ewl institutions in 2014 (autumn)
- Ewl Best practise workshop planned for summer 2014 (TBC)



# Activating Impact

- ❖ **Acknowledge and celebrate:** activities of successful Knowledge Exchange and Commercialisation (KEC) professionals
  - ❖ **Recognition:** of KEC staff working with researchers to turning excellent bioscience into real-life benefits
  - ❖ **Share:** best practice in KEC
  - ❖ **Stimulate:** innovative approaches to future KEC activities
- The winner will receive **£100,000** (up to two runner-ups will receive **£50,000**) to contribute to the delivery of their organisation's strategy for KEC.
  - Following the same timeline as Innovator of the Year

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**ACTIVATING  
IMPACT**





# Activating Impact 2013



**University of Cambridge  
Cambridge Enterprise Ltd.  
Runners-up**



**University of Edinburgh /  
Roslin Institute  
Edinburgh Research & Innovation  
Overall Winners**



**University of Manchester  
UMIP  
Runners-up**

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# Activating Impact 2014 co-winners

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**Queen Mary University of London**



**King's College London**

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## Innovator of the Year 2009-2014

Rewards the delivery of economic and social impact by researchers  
Currently in its seventh year



### Three Award Categories:

- *Commercial Innovator*
- *Social Innovator*
- *Most Promising Innovator*

Overall Innovator of the Year  
selected from category winners

Category winners awarded **£15,000**  
Overall winner awarded **£15,000**



# Innovator of the Year 2014

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**Overall winner  
Innovator of the Year**

**Luke Alpey**  
The Pirbright Institute



**Commercial  
Innovator**

**Curtis Dobson**  
The University of Manchester



**Most Promising  
Innovator**

**Cathie Martin & Eugenio Butelli**  
The John Innes Centre



# Nurturing budding entrepreneurs



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**Thank you**