

BBSRC INDUSTRY INTERCHANGE PROGRAMME

GENERAL GUIDANCE

INTRODUCTION

1. People movement is considered one of the best forms of knowledge transfer and BBSRC recognises that there is potentially great benefit to the UK economy and society from encouraging the movement of people both from the science base into industry and from industry into the science base.
2. BBSRC has developed the Industry Interchange Programme to support the movement, in either direction, of researchers between the science base and industry. The programme aims to capture the wide range of beneficial opportunities that will enable BBSRC to better deliver its strategic objectives, but are outwith current support mechanisms (www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business).

OBJECTIVES

3. The objective of the scheme is to support Interchanges that provide strategic advantage to the UK science base and industry arising from reciprocal access to facilities, expertise and/or knowledge, and an increased understanding of scientific issues of common concern. Interchanges should lead to the development of long-term partnerships and are also likely to lead to one or more of the following:
 - The enhanced uptake of BBSRC-funded science by industry.
 - The enhanced uptake by the science base of research conducted by industry.
 - Access to knowledge, skills and expertise.
 - Access to equipment and facilities.
 - The fostering of links between the science base and industry.
 - Enhanced understanding of industry training needs.

In all cases the Interchange should also further the Strategic objectives of BBSRC (Detailed in the BBSRC Delivery Plan at www.bbsrc.ac.uk/about/pub/policy/delivery.html).

ASSESSMENT

4. A Selection Panel comprising members of the academic and industrial communities will assess all applications against the objectives for the scheme together with an assessment of value for money and added value (i.e. the proposed Interchange would not take place without BBSRC support).

ELIGIBILITY

5. Applications must fall within the remit of BBSRC (further information can be found at www.bbsrc.ac.uk/science/welcome.html).

6. Participation in the BBSRC Industry Interchange Programme is open to researchers within UK Universities / BBSRC-sponsored Institutes and UK industry, to take forward activities that meet the BBSRC Industry Interchange Programme objectives.
7. The academic applicant must hold a permanent academic post and be a current BBSRC research grant holder or have previously received a BBSRC research grant with relevance to the planned Interchange.
8. Participation in the interchange is not restricted to the academic and industrial applicants. Individuals nominated to participate in the Interchange should be employed by one of the partnering organisations and be qualified to PhD level or have relevant experience to undertake the planned work. The programme will not support students.
9. BBSRC is committed to eliminating unjustified discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity and good relations across and between equality groups. BBSRC welcomes applications from all sections of the community and does not discriminate on the grounds of gender, disability, age, race/ethnicity, religion or philosophical belief or sexual orientation. BBSRC has published Race, Disability and Gender Equality Schemes which are available on the BBSRC website.

NATURE OF AWARD

10. The award will be made in the form of a Research Grant to the academic partner. It is the responsibility of both partners to agree terms and conditions for management of the interchange project and payment from the academic partner to the industry partner to reimburse costs where appropriate. Further information on the terms of research grants can be found in BBSRC's Funding Guide (www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/research/Welcome.html).

DURATION

11. The duration of the award will depend upon the requirements of the proposed Interchange and the applicant's case for support. Awards may be held either full time, part time or in tranches.

VALUE

12. The size of award will depend on the requirements of the proposed project to be undertaken during the Interchange as described in the case for support. The award will cover a contribution to the salary of replacement staff for the duration of the Interchange where required, plus travel and subsistence and other costs involved in the Interchange where they can be justified. In all cases, evidence of a significant cash or in-kind contribution from the industry and/or academic partner will be required. Individual awards are likely to be in the range of £10,000 - £30,000 and unlikely to exceed £50,000.

PUBLICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SUPPORT

13. The Grant Holder should, subject to the procedures laid down by their University, publish the results of the research in accordance with normal academic practice. Publications and other forms of media communication, including media

appearances, press releases and conferences, must acknowledge the support received from BBSRC and the Industry Interchange Programme, quoting the grant reference number. In addition, the Grant Holder must notify BBSRC's External Relations Unit (press.office@bbsrc.ac.uk) in advance, of any media releases or similar public pronouncements that refer to BBSRC-funded research, and supply a copy of the releases. This will enable the BBSRC to respond efficiently to media and other enquiries.

CONFIDENTIALITY

14. The applicants and BBSRC undertake to keep all information in relation to the application confidential. This will not apply if BBSRC is required to disclose details by law (including under the Freedom of Information Act 2000) or by any regulatory body to whose rule the BBSRC is subject, where the information is already in the public domain or enters the public domain through no fault of ours, or where your application is approved and funded (see disclosure below).

DISCLOSURE

15. The title, summary of Interchange, details of applicants and organisations and value and duration of award may be made publicly available if your application is successful. For us to meet the requirements of the Freedom of Information legislation we may use these and other detail to provide information on BBSRC activities. This may be in response to enquiries from various sources, including the general public.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

16. Any intellectual property arising from an Interchange supported through the Programme will be subject to standard BBSRC conditions (www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/awardholders).

MONITORING

17. A final report will be required for all Interchanges supported through the Programme.
(http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/people_information/iip_final_report.doc)

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

18. Please refer to the document *Guidance Notes for Completing an Application* to the BBSRC Industry Interchange Programme.

ANY QUESTIONS

19. If you have any questions about the BBSRC Industry Interchange Programme please contact the Business and Innovation Unit (contact details below). Further information can also be found at www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business.

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