Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP) – Information for KTP Associate posts

What is a KTP?
The Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme helps businesses to innovate and grow. It does this by linking them with a university and a graduate to work on a specific project. Each KTP is a three-way partnership between a business, an academic institution and a graduate. The academic institution employs the recently-qualified graduate who works at the company. The graduate, known as the 'associate', brings new skills and knowledge to the business.

There are around 700 KTPs running at any one time throughout the UK – all with university and business partners, all working on innovative projects in a huge range of businesses.

Northumbria University has undertaken many KTPs and has a track record of delivering high quality projects.

What are the benefits of being a KTP Associate?

Opportunity to contribute to a company’s strategic development and long term growth

Through your KTP project, you play a key role in managing and implementing strategic development in the company and transferring knowledge between the business and the University. As a KTP Associate, you will usually work on-site at the Company’s premises and will be given ownership of a high profile strategic project, an opportunity not often found in a normal job.

A job with built in training and travel

To ensure the project has the best chance of success, you get to spend around 10% of your time in training and personal development. At the start of the KTP programme, you will be given a budget of £2,000 per annum to manage which is designated for training and development activity to benefit you and the project. There is a separate travel budget that can fund visits to relevant conferences, client visits, trade shows. In addition you will attend two residential KTP management training modules with a cohort of new KTP Associates from around the UK. The modules cover areas of personal development and project management, marketing and effective communication, finance and performance management.

Be mentored and supported in your job

As the project is a joint partnership with an organisation, yourself and a University, you will be well supported and mentored by experienced staff from both partners.

Taking part in KTP can help your career and often leads to a permanent job.

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The KTP programme is managed by Innovate UK, the government's innovation agency. General information on KTP.