

With our Industrial Fellowships, companies get the chance to craft a bespoke PhD from the ground up that supports company ambitions as well as individual interests, and forge strong links with leading academics, to share access to expertise, facilities and knowledge.

You can get all the benefits of a conventional PhD at lower cost, transforming short scoping projects into full-scale investigative R&D. Help your employees to grow and develop their position at your company with a qualification that gives them the skills to support your business.

Our Industrial Fellowships offer:

- Up to £100,000 funding for an industrial PhD
- 50% of the Fellow's salary up to £25,000 pa
- University fees paid
- Travel allowance of £3,500 pa
- £10,000 honorarium paid to university research department on completion
- No claim on IP
- Access to an alumni network with over 900 active members

Benefits to companies:

- Conduct research that results in tangible impact and IP
- Bolster R&D capability and capacity at lower cost
- Develop high potential employees with skills and expertise that benefit your company and their development
- Create lasting relationships with leading academics
- Outpace competitors in emerging fields
- For SMEs, get support to develop in-house R&D capability

With our Industrial Fellowships, recent graduates can pursue research while working, boosting career development and both academic and industrial expertise. Fellows operate at the cutting edge of science and technology and have the support to join a global community of innovators at conferences and events.

PhD research can be hard to predict. We believe that our funding removes barriers, enabling individuals to pivot and change direction as research progresses to help their project make the biggest impact.



"Pursuing an Industrial Fellowship allowed us to create a PhD project that was interesting to our employee and aligned to the company's ambitions. It gave us access to leading researcher in materials science which opened up new techniques and possibilities and was crucial in guiding us through a new area of exploration. The funding allowed us to balance ensuring the R&D was low cost and industry leading. Without the Industrial Fellowship, the project would have had a much more limited scope. It allowed us to turn what would have been a 6-month research project into a 3-year PhD."

Pierre Martin-Tanchereau,

Performance Coatings Polymer Research Group, Akzo-Nobel

"I've met lots of amazing people at 1851 events [and] ...the generous funding from the Commission has also allowed me to visit several international conferences and continue to grow my scientific network. I've taken a great deal of inspiration from the objectives of the Commission - the Fellowship has driven me to think harder about the industrial applications of my research."

Adam Hornsby,

University College London and dunnhumby

"I never thought of doing a PhD before, but the Industrial Fellowship opportunity with the 1851 Royal Commission really sparked my interest...! highly recommend the Industrial Fellowship to anyone looking for a PhD opportunity, as you get both the research madness of the University and the engineering mindset you need in Industry."

Marta Ferran,

Cranfield University and Sensor Coating Systems Industrial Fellowships are awarded to graduates with the potential to make an outstanding contribution to industry, for research supported by a company, leading to a patent, product or process improvement and a postgraduate award.

We encourage those interested in our Industrial Fellowships to get in touch with our team, who can answer questions about the process, help connect you to alumni for more information or advise on sourcing industrial or academic partners for your application.

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