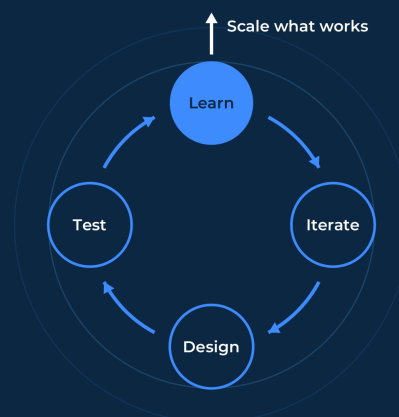


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Impact Accelerator 2026

Maximise the impact of your knowledge exchange and commercialisation programme

• Now accepting applications for the November 2026 cohort



About the Accelerator

Universities and research institutes produce research with huge potential for economic and societal impact. **Are you developing or running a programme to support knowledge exchange and research commercialisation?** Before you scale it, learn how to maximise its impact through experimentation.

We work with you to embed experimentation in your organisation and build your team's capability to evaluate in a more agile, systematic and evidence-informed way. Through structured, hands-on support, we help you develop a theory of change and success metrics for your programme, then choose the right way to test it. You will learn how to evaluate using an experimental logic, apply the experimental methodology and, where numbers are too small for randomised experimentation, what other methods to use to build evidence on your programme.

The Accelerator is part of IGL's [Research to Impact \(R2I\) Lab](#), a global alliance of policymakers, innovation leaders and researchers using experimentation, data and evidence to change how research turns into impact.

Programmes you could bring

01 Entrepreneurial training for researchers	02 New models of licensing or collaboration with industry	03 A toolkit to simplify spinout terms or build investment readiness
04 A funding programme with wraparound support	05 Testing how AI tools can augment human expertise in knowledge exchange	06 Something entirely new that needs the right approach to test whether it works

NEW FUNDING?

Launching a newly funded programme?

If your organisation or partnership has funding, or is applying for funding, to pilot new collaborations or models, such as a shared technology transfer office (TTO), the Accelerator can help you build evaluation from the start. We'll support your team to think through **how to evaluate your programme**, including its theory of change, success metrics and ways to test what works, so you can learn as you go, show funders the difference your programme makes and build the case for continued support.

What you'll get



Expert workshops

Fortnightly sessions covering policy design, theory of change, outcome measures, experimental design, implementation, and analysis and reporting.



One-to-one support

Tailored sessions with IGL experts to apply each stage of the Accelerator to your own programme.



A global cohort

Learn alongside peers from around the world, share progress and exchange best practices that last beyond the programme.

Plus: connect with the [IGL Research Network](#) of 300+ experimental researchers, and draw on the [Experimental Ideas Handbook](#) with 100+ ideas for university–industry collaboration.



The single most important lesson I am taking back to my team is the importance of piloting new initiatives, and the value of examining a problem and the needs of target groups from multiple perspectives, with a constructive, critical guide throughout the process. This helps challenge our thinking, identify blind spots, reduce risks and improve programme design and decision-making.

— [Innovation Fund, Republic of Serbia](#) · [Past Impact Accelerator participant](#)

Programme schedule

● Workshop ○ Office hour (one-to-one)

11 Nov 2026	●	WORKSHOP 1	Kick-off
18 Nov 2026	●	WORKSHOP 2	Understanding the challenge Programme ideation, objectives and impact
25 Nov 2026	○	OFFICE HOUR 1	One-to-one tailored support on your programme
2 Dec 2026	●	WORKSHOP 3	Mapping the path to impact Theory of change
9 Dec 2026	○	OFFICE HOUR 2	One-to-one tailored support on your programme
16 Dec 2026	●	WORKSHOP 4	Designing the right experiment Evaluation design, randomised experiments, outcome measures and piloting
Winter Break			
13 Jan 2027	○	OFFICE HOUR 3	One-to-one tailored support on your programme
20 Jan 2027	●	WORKSHOP 5	Implementing successful experiments Recruitment, compliance, attrition, risk management and analysis
27 Jan 2027	○	OFFICE HOUR 4	One-to-one tailored support on your programme
3 Feb 2027	●	WORKSHOP 6	Final presentations
10 Feb 2027	○	OFFICE HOUR 5	One-to-one tailored support on your programme

All sessions are online · 14:00–16:00 UK time / 15:00–17:00 CET

Who can apply

Teams that design or deliver programmes supporting knowledge exchange and research commercialisation, including:

Technology transfer offices	University knowledge exchange teams	Business engagement teams
Innovation and funding agencies	Accelerators and venture builders	Others where research meets impact

We welcome programmes covering **any form of knowledge exchange**, formal and informal, not just technology transfer. The Accelerator is **global** and open to organisations anywhere in the world. **Places are limited** and selection is competitive.

Partnerships are welcome too. A group of universities or organisations planning a new programme together can apply as one team. The Accelerator works best when **two to three people from each participating organisation** or partnership attend the sessions.

Cost

£4,500

[per team, excluding VAT]

Discounted rates available

If your organisation is a member of IGL, or of our strategic partners **Knowledge Exchange UK (KE UK)** or **ASTP**, [contact us](#) to ask about a discounted rate.

Join the November 2026 Cohort - Rolling Applications until Friday, 30th October, 2026

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