Energy Technology Partnership

Knowledge Exchange Network

Funded Technology Innovation Support for the Low Carbon Energy Sector

The ETP (Energy Technology Partnership) is an alliance of 12 Scottish universities delivering world-class capability and resources in energy research, development and demonstration. Its unparalleled energy capability and core research strengths across a broad range of energy technologies can provide the spark you need to bring your ideas closer to market.

Through the Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN), ETP increases SME capability in low carbon technical innovation and makes it easier for SMEs and universities to connect. Now in its second phase, KEN II continues to offer Scottish SMEs access to resources including project funding to work with Scottish Universities on low-carbon innovation projects.

ETP provides knowledge exchange and business development support to SMEs across seven thematic areas: Energy Conversion & Storage; Energy Systems; Energy Utilisation in Buildings; Heat Energy; Power Networks & Grid Technologies; Marine Energy; and Wind Energy.

Simple short application process

up to £20k funding available to SMEs operating in or planning to operate in Scotland

1 week funding decision turnaround

70% intervention rate with 30% in-kind company contribution
Why not let us do some market research of technical due-diligence for you? We don’t charge you for our time and we can even provide funding for some activities (up to £20k per project, 70% funding).

Who qualifies for this support?
The broadest support is available to Scottish SMEs, and to non-Scottish SMEs who have, or want to establish, a base in Scotland. If you are not an SME, we can still help you, but may not be able to provide direct, cost-free support.

How does it work?
The first step is to meet with an ETP Business Development Manager (BDM) to discuss your needs and aspirations, and explore the best way to help you.

Exploring a market opportunity
- A few days of desk research, determine market size, SWOT analysis etc.
- Identifying potential competitors and collaborators
- Usually carried out by the BDM - no cost to the client

Exploring a technology opportunity
- Informal enquiries to academics
- MSc projects - 8 to 12 weeks duration
- PhD projects - as for MSc projects but technically more demanding topics
- Project management supplied as required by the BDM

Grant Funding
Assistance accessing European and UK funding for research, for example:
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships
- Scottish Enterprise funding schemes
- InnovateUK opportunities
- European funding

Innovation projects - ETP Industry Engagement Fund
- Up to £20k of funded support available at 70% intervention rate
- Delivered by university Academic experts
- Access to test and demonstration facilities, numerical modelling and simulation
- Prototyping and model building

Contact a BDM
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