

Partnership PhD Scheme – General Info

The scheme aims to use UWE's investment in PGR to elicit external investment and provide the foundations of a wide variety of beneficial partnerships. It is aimed at non-HE partners operating in fields that UWE's research strengths complement and support.

The scheme is run on a cash-cost basis with partners contributing financially based on their financial strength. UWE carries a greater proportion of the costs when forming a Partnership PhD with a charity than with an SME for example. Some external organisation we continue to expect to fully fund a PhD if they want to benefit from UWE's research expertise.

Although we have partners contributing different proportions of cash costs the scheme is, in general, attracting 50% external funding to UWE PhDs. It has in effect doubled the number of PhD students we get for our money but more than this it has used our investment to make lots of secure, high level partnerships with external organisations.

The Partnership PhD scheme now has a total cash value of £3mi, with £1.5mi being invested from external partners. This is now funding 36 PhD students on a cash cost basis. IP for the projects is generally assigned to UWE, in part because UWE is carrying the FEC, although some projects have made specific arrangements.

The partners cover the full range of partner types that UWE strives to work with. They are all listed overleaf but range widely across the private, public and charity sectors. Together they represent a significant set of partners who may be interested in working with UWE in a variety of ways.



