Interface – connecting businesses to academics

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Summary: **Do you need specialist advice and support to take your project to the next level? Interface can help match your business to experts at universities, colleges and research institutes, who work in partnership with you to develop concepts, prototypes and full commercial solutions. We can also help you to access a range of funding programmes.**

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What does this involve?

Interface is a government-funded organisation established to partner businesses with Scottish universities, research institutes and further education colleges to drive innovation.

We work with organisations of all sizes, in all sectors and can match your business to specialist expertise, research technologies, facilities and funding.

Our established and efficient processes can save you time and money in finding and accessing the advice and support you need. We help accelerate the pace of innovation through the development of productive partnerships between Scottish companies, Universities and Colleges.

We can also facilitate groups of businesses and academics working together to tackle industry sector challenges.

With nearly 28,000 academic staff across Scotland's Universities and Colleges and more than 1,200 specialist facilities available for commercial use, we can help you explore the best match for your business.

Who is this for?

Any organisation looking to partner with a Scottish university, research institute or further education college.

Am I eligible?
Yes, if you:
- are looking to become a registered business
- have an innovative project (a novel/pioneering idea) which will lead to a new product, service or process and are lacking in-house knowledge, skills or expertise
- have a project which cannot be delivered commercially and require academic expertise

How long does this take?
Once you've submitted your enquiry, you should hear back from us within 24 hours (excluding weekends).

What does this cost?
- This is a free and impartial service.

Important information
- We facilitate collaborative partnerships in all industry sectors, including charity, social enterprise and third sector organisations, helping businesses tackle their challenges
- We have access to off-the-shelf technologies that you can use to fast-track your R&D
- University and College specialist facilities and equipment are available for you to test, create and develop new ideas
- We administer Scottish Funding Council Innovation Vouchers and can identify numerous funding opportunities to help offset the cost of your project

Next steps
Please submit an enquiry and an adviser will be in touch.