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Knowledge Exchange/Transfer Initiative of the Year

Institution name	University of Hertfordshire
Submission title or project name	Hertfordshire Science Partnership
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Submission	Hertfordshire Science Partnership (HSP) is a unique collaboration between the University of Hertfordshire and Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund.
	The Partnership was formulated to create a translational Doctoral Training Centre focusing on Hertfordshire's regional strength in the Agri-Tech and Advanced Pharmaceuticals sectors while providing a strong pipeline of applied scientists.
	The Partnership leverages the university's state-of-the-art science facilities and academic expertise to boost the industry sectors in the East of England, particularly for the benefit of SMEs. The flagship delivery mechanism for HSP is the Hertfordshire Knowledge Exchange Partnership or 'HKEP'. Unique in the sector, each HKEP is designed to enable a business to establish new capabilities, proof-of-concept for new products/services or expand the business's capacity and market.
	HSP is expected to facilitate over 20 knowledge exchange partnerships by 2021 and will result in 20 collaborative PhD projects with innovative regional businesses.