



THE Awards 2019 – Knowledge Exchange Transfer Initiative of the Year

Institution/Nominee	Birmingham City University
Title	STEAMhouse
URL	www.bcu.ac.uk/steamhouse
Submission	<p>Launched in May 2018, STEAMhouse is Birmingham City University’s newly created innovation centre aimed at encouraging co-working, collaboration and knowledge exchange between the arts, science, technology, engineering and maths (STEAM) subjects as a platform for supporting long-term sustainable economic growth, productivity and job creation.</p> <p>STEAMhouse represents the culmination of ten years’ research, outreach and international engagement around Cross Innovation, Design Thinking and Open Innovation. Created in collaboration with local arts organisation Eastside Projects, and supported by the ERDF and Arts Council England, STEAMhouse comprises 15,000 sq ft of space dedicated to co-working, experimentation and production.</p> <p>Since its launch, STEAMhouse has distributed over £67,500 in small grants for IP advice and prototyping support; provided over 6,500 hours of support to small, new and emerging businesses; seen 24 new research collaborations launched; and welcomes around 1,000 visitors per month who access workshops, networking events, and the facilities and expertise available.</p>