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THE Awards 2019 – Knowledge Exchange Transfer Initiative of the Year

Institution/Nominee	University of Huddersfield
Title	The Huddersfield Innovation and Incubation Project (HIIP)
Key personnel	Michael Wilson, centre manager at the 3M BIC and director of the HIIP
URL	https://www.hud.ac.uk/news/2019/may/3mbic-national-technology-award-huddersfield/
Submission	<p>As an established leader in enterprise and innovation, the University of Huddersfield pioneered the UK's most innovative and unique collaboration between a university and a Local Enterprise Partnership. This allowed the university to purchase a range of transformational technologies, driven by feedback from local businesses, and in conjunction with its research expertise, to drive knowledge exchange with SMEs in the region.</p> <p>The five-year Huddersfield Innovation and Incubation Project (HIIP) is a £2.9m grant awarded by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) on behalf of the Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Growth Deal – a £1bn package of government investment to accelerate growth and create jobs across the Leeds City Region.</p> <p>Managed through the University's revolutionary 3M Buckley Innovation Centre (3M BIC), the HIIP assists SMEs to adopt advanced technologies, including additive manufacture in metals, scanning and design, AR and VR, and improve or develop new products and services to increase productivity and growth.</p>