

Submission to the University Research Commercialisation consultation paper  
National Committee for Chemistry

The National Committee for Chemistry welcomes the opportunity to comment on the University Research Commercialisation Consultation paper. This submission presents a summary response to each issue (mission driven research, stage







## Appendix

### 1. Mission-driven research

a) Are Missions the appropriate priority setting mechanism? Should they be accompanied by smaller, targeted Challenges?

- a) Missions need to be developed and evolved around the end users of the research outcomes.
- b) Yes for national and strategic challenges; No for addressing workforce training and development, unless it comes with long term strategic funding support without the need to chase research funds on an ongoing basis, i.e., security. While missions provide the important research needs framework, their goals and mission are often vague and difficult for SMEs to engage with because they cannot clearly see their place in the supply chain. The need for clarity around thesea n



Based on:

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- iv. Funds to support industry engagement.
- v. Less emphasis on PhDs as a training tool and more on specific and targeted 18 to 24-





- d. Develop suitable university 'door ways' and entrances by which industry can approach to be heard and understood.
- e. Develop genuine university outreach activities whereby industry is engaged in discussions based on connected needs for collaboration rather than a sales pitch.
- f. Reduce the overhead of legal agreements which SMEs simply cannot make and is too much effort and time, often for no reward.
- g. De-focus on publications as a KPI for academic researchers.
- h. Reward academic researchers in the same way as they are for publications, etc.
- i. Less focus on administration and more on the innovation/ideas.

#### 5. Governance arrangements

- a) What stakeholders should be involved, and where, in the governance arrangement?
- b) What type of Governance arrangement is best suited for the Scheme?
- c) How should projects be selected and managed?
- d) How can the Governance arrangement minimise administrative burden whilst also minimising risk?