

Innovation Nexus

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Industry Ignite Competition

Our brilliant PhD and MSc students embarked on a journey of learning about what it takes to commercialise their research. These dedicated teams acquired new skills and valuable insights, proving that the spirit of innovation is alive at St George's. The highlight of the event was the opportunity for these talented students to pitch their groundbreaking ideas to a distinguished panel of judges. The enthusiasm and professionalism showcased during the pitches was truly impressive, with every single participant excelling. A big congratulations to the winning team, who you can see pictured. Each member will be receiving £1000 to invest in attending industry-based conferences, recognising their hard work but also supporting their journey on learning about how industry operates.

SME Innovation Voucher Networking Event

We also hosted our SME Networking event which was a triumph, igniting collaborations between academics and SMEs. The event was a success in seamlessly connected professionals and academics from diverse medical and health fields. The peak of the event saw dynamic pitches from SMEs which promoted insightful conversations and sparked promising partnerships, with attendees hoping to now apply for our SME Innovation Vouchers.



New Year, New Funding Opportunities!

- **Greener drug delivery device technologies - deadline Wednesday 6th March**

How would you propose to overcome technological, conceptual, and economic hurdles associated with the development of a next generation drug delivery device with a more favorable ecological footprint? As a winner, you will benefit by collaborating directly with the experts of the Device Development team of Boehringer Ingelheim. You can expect sufficient monetary funding to progress your conceptual ideas towards clinical readiness.

Find out more [here](#).

- **BBSRC ICURe DISCOVER - deadline Tuesday 30th January**

8-week part-time online market discover programme, supporting bioscience researchers to increase market awareness and gain deeper understanding of potential technology applications. This programme offers a pathway towards a further £35,000 BBSRC ICURe Explore follow on funding.

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