Open for Business – Heriot-Watt Easy Access IP

Intellectual Assets such as patents, trademarks, design rights, software, market intelligence, processes and people are increasingly important in winning new business and retaining your existing business. With over 500 active research staff Heriot-Watt University is continually coming up with great ideas for new products, new processes or innovative services that could give your business that competitive edge in an ever crowded marketplace.

We want to share that knowledge base with you.

Open for Business - The Opportunity

It’s simple; we want you to use our ideas to grow your business!

The University Intellectual Asset register is extensive and includes;


Heriot-Watt University is now offering easy access to its IP Portfolio* to companies and individuals interested in taking up license to certain of its technologies for “Free” through a simplified licence template on a non-exclusive basis for the purpose of product, process or service development, enhancing further collaboration with the University, or joint development in specific user defined areas.

UK companies (or overseas companies with a UK presence) may be eligible for UK government or Scottish Development Agency financial support to develop the Heriot-Watt technologies through an industry/university knowledge transfer partnership: Knowledge Transfer Partnership Scheme or Scottish Enterprise

Further Information on how to access the HWU IP Portfolio or discuss your requirements:

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*Note: Access to our extensive research facilities, qualified technical staff or specialist scientific equipment can be arranged separately through funded consultancy or studentship arrangements.