

# SMEs Landscape in UK: The Cambridge Phenomenon

Science and Technology oriented to SMEs development

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# SMEs in the European Landscape

- What is an SME?
  - Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are defined in the EU recommendation 2003/361.
  - The main factors determining whether a company is an SME are:
    - Number of employees
    - Turnover or balance sheet total

# SMEs in the European Landscape

	SMEs		
	Micro	Small	Medium
Quantity of employees	<10	$10 < x < 50$	$50 < x < 250$
Turnover	$\leq \text{€ } 2\text{m}$	$\leq \text{€ } 10\text{m}$	$\leq \text{€ } 50\text{m}$
Balance sheet Total	$\leq \text{€ } 2\text{m}$	$\leq \text{€ } 10\text{m}$	$\leq \text{€ } 43\text{m}$

EU recommendation 2003/361

[http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition/index_en.htm)

# SMEs in the European Landscape

- Small Business Act (SBA) adopted in 2008
- Reflects the importance and centrality of SMEs to the European economy
- At 2013 across de EU28:
  - 99/100 businesses are SMEs in the nonfinancial sector
  - 2 in every 3 employees
  - 58 cents in every euro of value added

# SMEs in the European Landscape

	SMEs				
	Micro (1-9 employees)	Small (10-49 people employed)	Medium (50-249 employees)	Large (250 < employees)	Total
Number of people employed	38,428,189	26,938,777	22,027,425	42,360,134	129,754,525
Number of enterprises	18,505,812	1,388,759	219,956	42,245	20,156,772
Percentage of people employed [%]	29.6	20.8	17.0	32.6	100.0
Percentage of enterprises [%]	91.8	6.9	1.1	0.2	100.0

SMEs and the environment in the European Union, 2014.

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/business-environment/files/main\\_report\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/business-environment/files/main_report_en.pdf) 19 Dec 2014

# SMEs in the UK

- In 2013, there were 4.9 million businesses in the UK, over 99% of which were SMEs.
- SMEs employed 14,424,000 people in the UK in 2013.
- The European Commission's SME Performance Review estimates the Gross Value Added of SMEs as €473 billion or 49.8% of the UK economy.

# SMEs in the UK

		Number of enterprises			Employees	Turnover
	Size	2013 (000s)	2014 (000s)	% of change	2014 (000s)	2014 (£ billion)
SMEs	Micro	4,671	5,010	7%	8,276	655
	Small	186	195	5%	3,807	515
	Medium	30	31	3%	3,075	477
	<b>Total SMEs</b>	<b>4,887</b>	<b>5,236</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>15,158</b>	<b>1,647</b>
Large	Large	6	7	17%	10,070	1,874
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Total (all businesses)</b>	<b>4,893</b>	<b>5,243</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>25,228</b>	<b>3,521</b>
	SMEs as % of total	99.9%	99.9%	-	60.1%	46.8%
	Micro as % of total	95.5%	95.6%	-	32.8%	18.6%

Source: BIS, Business Population Estimates 2014

Notes: Numbers rounded to the nearest 1000; Data relates to the start of each year

# UK Governmental policies and scheme

- GREAT Ambition in December 2013: a series of measures designed to make it easier for small businesses to expand. Specific measures included:
  - Access faster **broadband connectivity**: broadband vouchers, worth up £3,000, to 22 cities across the UK
  - Transparent **contract terms** between small businesses and **energy** companies.
  - New scheme designed to make it simpler for small firms to **win public** sector contracts, estimated to be worth £230 billion a year.
  - Commitment to tackle the late payment of small firms supplying the public, ensuring **small businesses** who supply the public sector in a supply chain will be paid **at the same time** as large contractors.

# UK Governmental policies and scheme

- Based on reports on entrepreneurship and start-ups (2012 and 2013):
  - Small Business Charter and an award scheme to incentivise business schools to work alongside small business (advisory capacity and places students with small businesses).
  - A £30 million Growth Vouchers programme to find “innovative approaches to help SMEs overcome behavioral barriers to increasing growth.”
  - An increase in funding available for start-up loans to young people.
  - The introduction of a pilot scheme for SME Growth Loans as part of the Enterprise
  - Finance Guarantee Scheme.
  - £100 million of new funding to SMEs from the Business Finance Partnership.
  - Easiness in procurement.

# UK Governmental policies and scheme

- Minimise regulatory burdens
- Help SMEs access finance with banks agreeing to increase finance available to SMEs by 15% in 2011;
- Reduce fixed costs for SMEs
- Easy access to public sector procurement
- Encourage exporting SMEs
- **Encourage innovation by improving products and services available to support SMEs on issues relating to intellectual property and increase the rate of SME Research and Development tax relief to 200 per cent in 2011 and 225 per cent in 2012, subject to state aid approval**
- Set up new Enterprise Zones
- help SMEs access apprenticeships

# Cambridge

## Population

- Region: 5.7 million people
- City + 40 km radius
- City: 125,000\* + 30,000 students

**Silicon Fen** – low lying arable region with a high-tech cluster centred on Cambridge

**Key Industries** – Pharma & Biotech; IT (chip design and software); electronics & plastonics; and ink-jet printing



Quilicura ~ 125,000 people\*

Cerro Navia ~ 150,000 people\*

# Cambridge & innovation in numbers

**1,500+**

technology-based firms in the Cambridge cluster



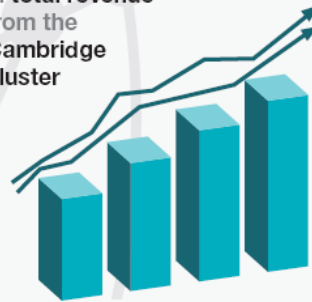
**57,000**

people are currently employed by the Cambridge cluster



**£13bn+**

in total revenue from the Cambridge cluster



**14<sup>\*</sup>x**  
**\$1bn**



companies have come from the Cambridge cluster

\* Abcam, ARM, Autonomy, AVEVA, blinkx, CAT, Chiroscience, CSR, Domino, Ionica, Marshall, Solexa, Virata, Xaar

**300+**

IT & telecoms companies in the Cambridge cluster



**150+**

life science companies in the Cambridge cluster



**150+**

physical science and engineering companies in the Cambridge cluster



**2<sup>\*</sup>x**  
**\$10bn**



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# Innovation and the University's mission

The mission of the University of Cambridge is to contribute to society through the pursuit of education, learning, and research at the highest international levels of excellence



# University of Cambridge

- University established in 1209. 90 Nobel Prizes
- Students: 18,243 (11,948 u/g, 6,295 p/g) (2011/12)
- 20% from overseas representing 100 countries
- Over 100 departments, faculties and schools
- Annual income £1.5 bn



## World Class Ranking

### *QS World University Rankings 2014 (2013)*

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. MIT (1)       | 5. Oxford (6)   |
| 2. Cambridge (3) | 6. UCL (4)      |
| 3. Imperial (5)  | 7. Stanford (7) |
| 4. Harvard (2)   | 8. Caltech (8)  |



# Cambridge & innovation in numbers

## £1.25bn

follow-on funding raised by  
**University of Cambridge**  
spin-outs in the  
Cambridge  
Enterprise portfolio



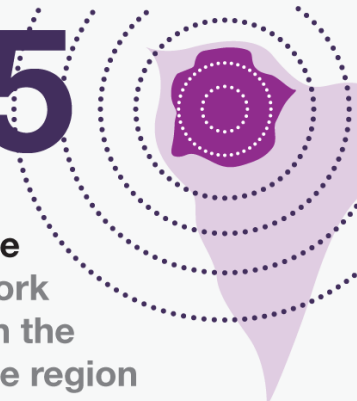
## 97.4%

...the 5-year  
survival rate  
of **Cambridge**  
**Enterprise Investments**  
(compared to 44.6% nationally)



## 1 in 5

recent  
**Cambridge**  
leavers work  
or study in the  
Cambridge region



## 300+

high-tech ventures in  
the past 20 years of  
which **University of**  
**Cambridge** people  
& technology have  
been involved



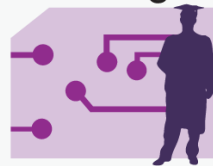
## 200+

firms founded by  
**Cambridge**  
**University**  
**Computer**  
**Lab** alumni



## £250m+

Current revenue of  
**Cambridge** cluster firms  
founded by **Cambridge**  
**University**  
**Computer**  
**Lab** alumni



## 91%



**Cambridge** recent  
leavers are in employment  
or full-time study, no  
matter the degree. A  
further 5% are travelling  
or not looking for work

# Large Private Research Centres in Cambridge

AstraZeneca 

QUALCOMM®

PHILIPS

 *Cambridge*

Microsoft®  
**Research**

**TOSHIBA**  
Leading Innovation >>>

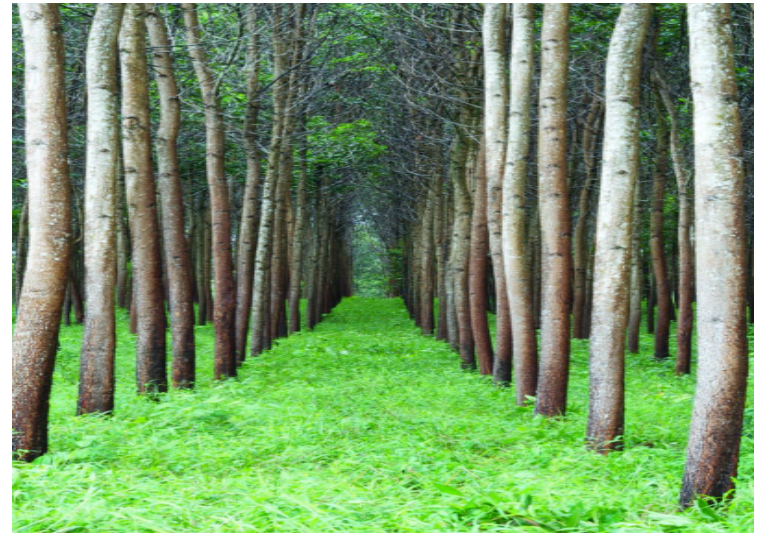
  
GlaxoSmithKline

 Cambridge University  
Rolls-Royce UTC

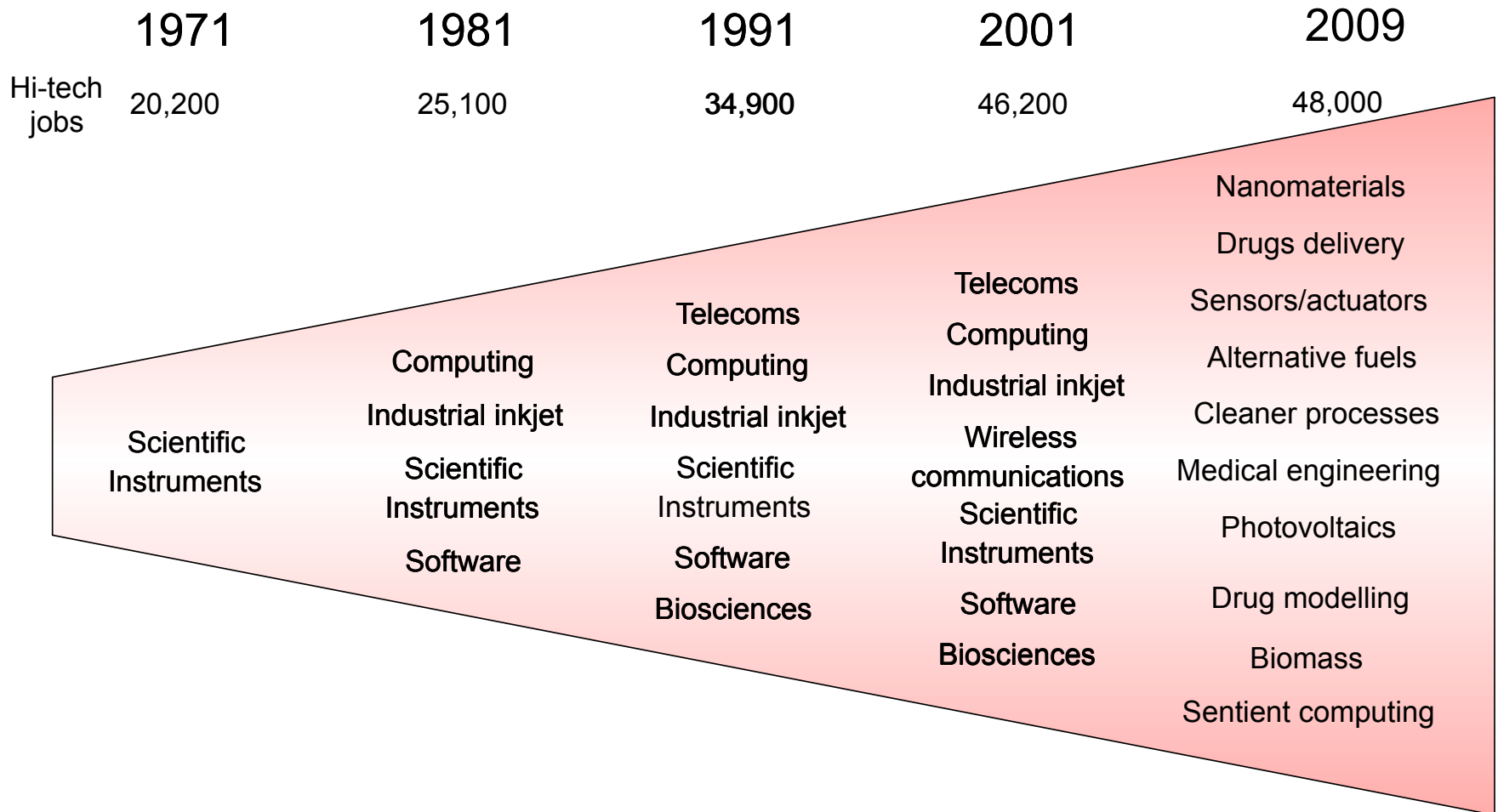


# The Cambridge model

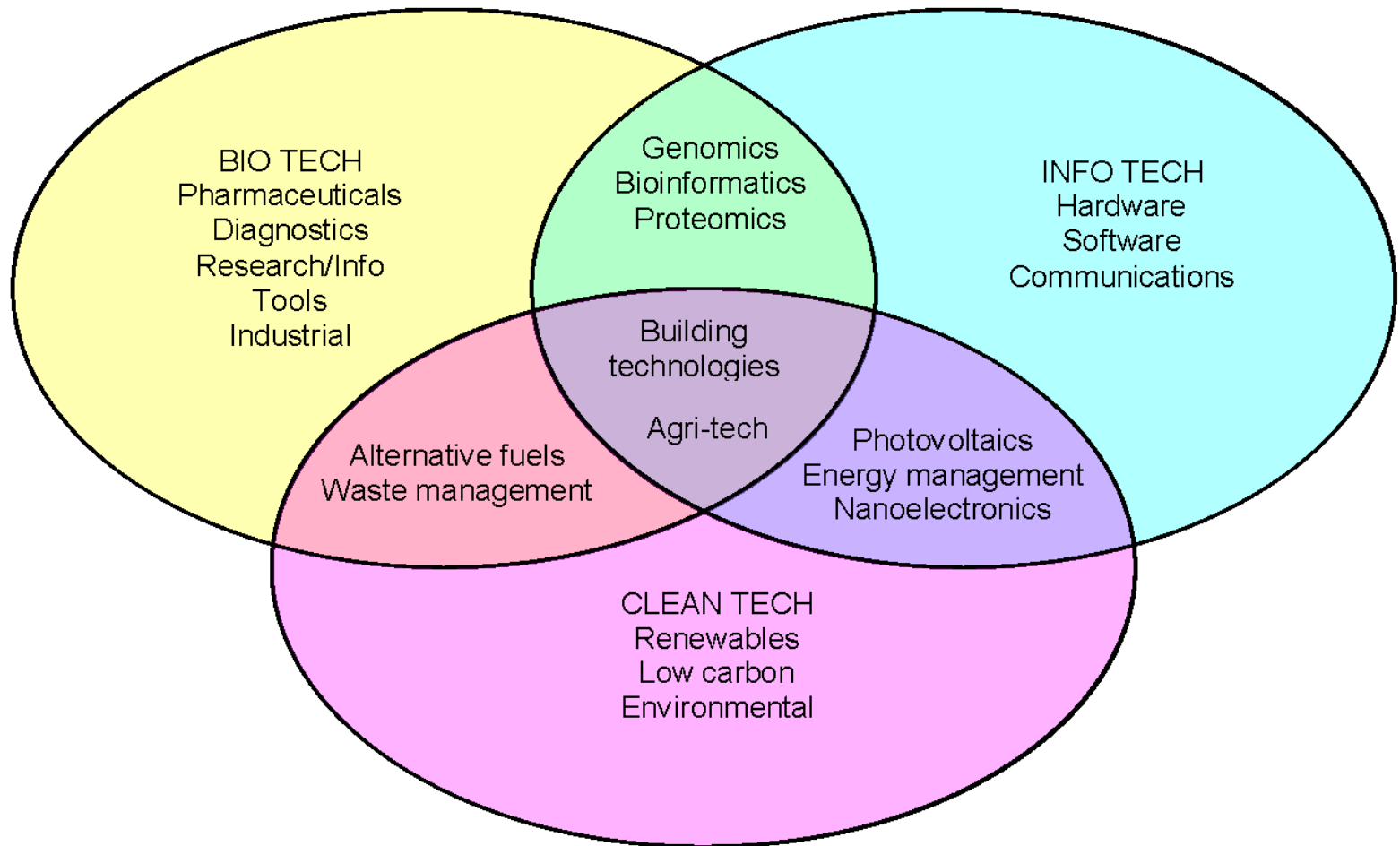
- Recruit the best academics in the world
- Give them the freedom to do what they choose
- **Subject to sponsorship**, IP is registered initially by the University unless requested by the academics: Students own their IP



# Emergence of Hi-Tech Cluster in Greater Cambridge



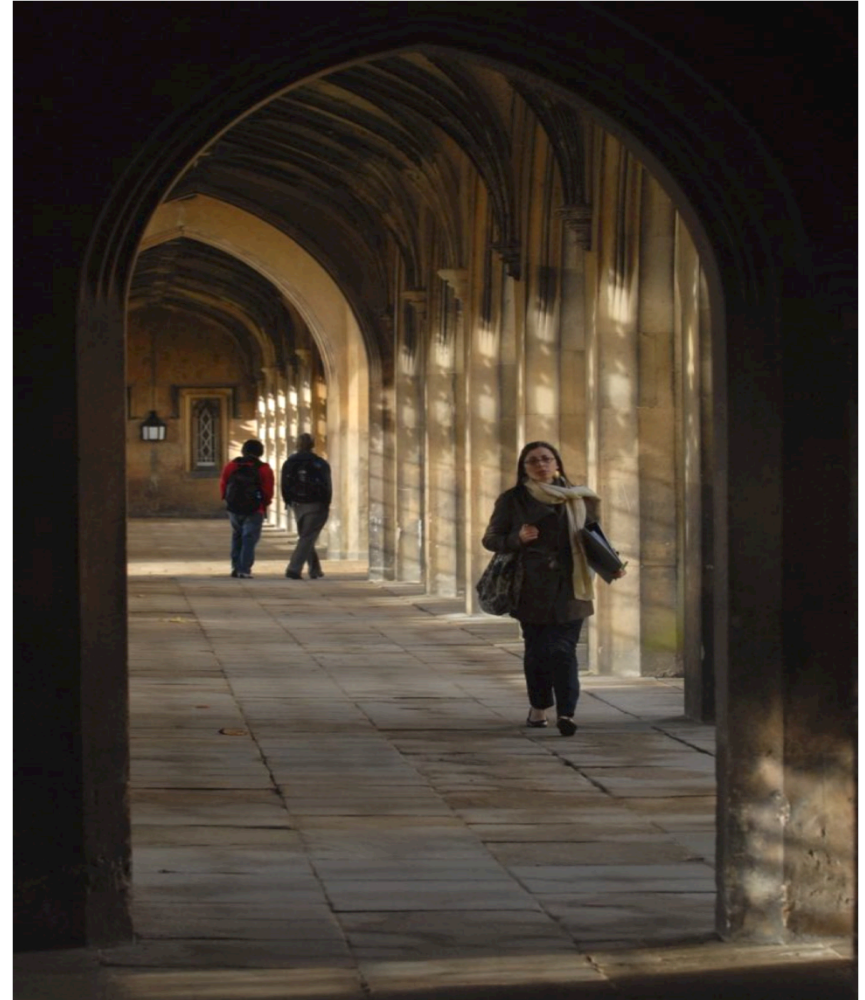
# Three Converging Revolutions



# It Wasn't Always Easy: Challenge

to persuade faculty that  
commercialisation

- is not in conflict with the scholarly pursuit of knowledge; and
- will not will impinge on academic freedom



# It Wasn't Always Easy: History

In 1950 **William Holford** and **H. Myles Wright** submitted the **Cambridge Planning Proposal** to the city council, demanding a “*resolute effort to slow down migration into the Cambridge district, and to reduce the high rate of growth*”

During that time, it was extremely difficult to obtain an Industrial Development Certificate to permit manufacturing involving more than five employees. Several companies that tried to locate in Cambridge, they gave up and went somewhere else, typically the North of England.

‘The University of Cambridge was noted as a primary, and on-going, example of a university whose successful cultural change was challenged by “800 years of history” and “**active hostility to setting up technology transfer activities**”.’

MIT-Skoltech 2014

# What made the difference? ... Visionaries

- One of the first spin-off companies was **Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company** in 1881 by **Horace Darwin**, youngest son of Charles Darwin



*“ Among the early sales was a machine to help researchers [...] to study frogs’ hearts. Frogs were extra, at two pence each”*

-The Cambridge Phenomenon

- In 1960 Tim Eiloart, Rodney Dale, and David Southward founded **Cambridge Consultants** to *"put the brains of Cambridge University at the disposal of the problems of British industry and to provide solutions to real world problems"*.

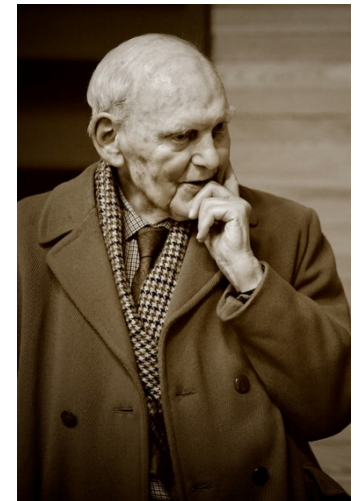
- Jeanette Walker,  
“Cambridge: Europe's leading location for biotechnology”

# What made the difference? ... Visionaries (cont)

- In 1967 the **Mott Report (Sir Nevill Mott)**, a sub committee of the Senate of Cambridge University, considered planning aspects of the relationship between science based industry and the university. The Mott Report recommended relaxation of current planning restrictions and the setting up of a science park. This led to the set up of **Cambridge Science Park**, the first science park in the UK (**Sir John Bradfield**). The report has guided planning since the 1970s.



Sir Nevill Francis Mott  
Nobel Prize in Physics  
Leader of the Mott Committee

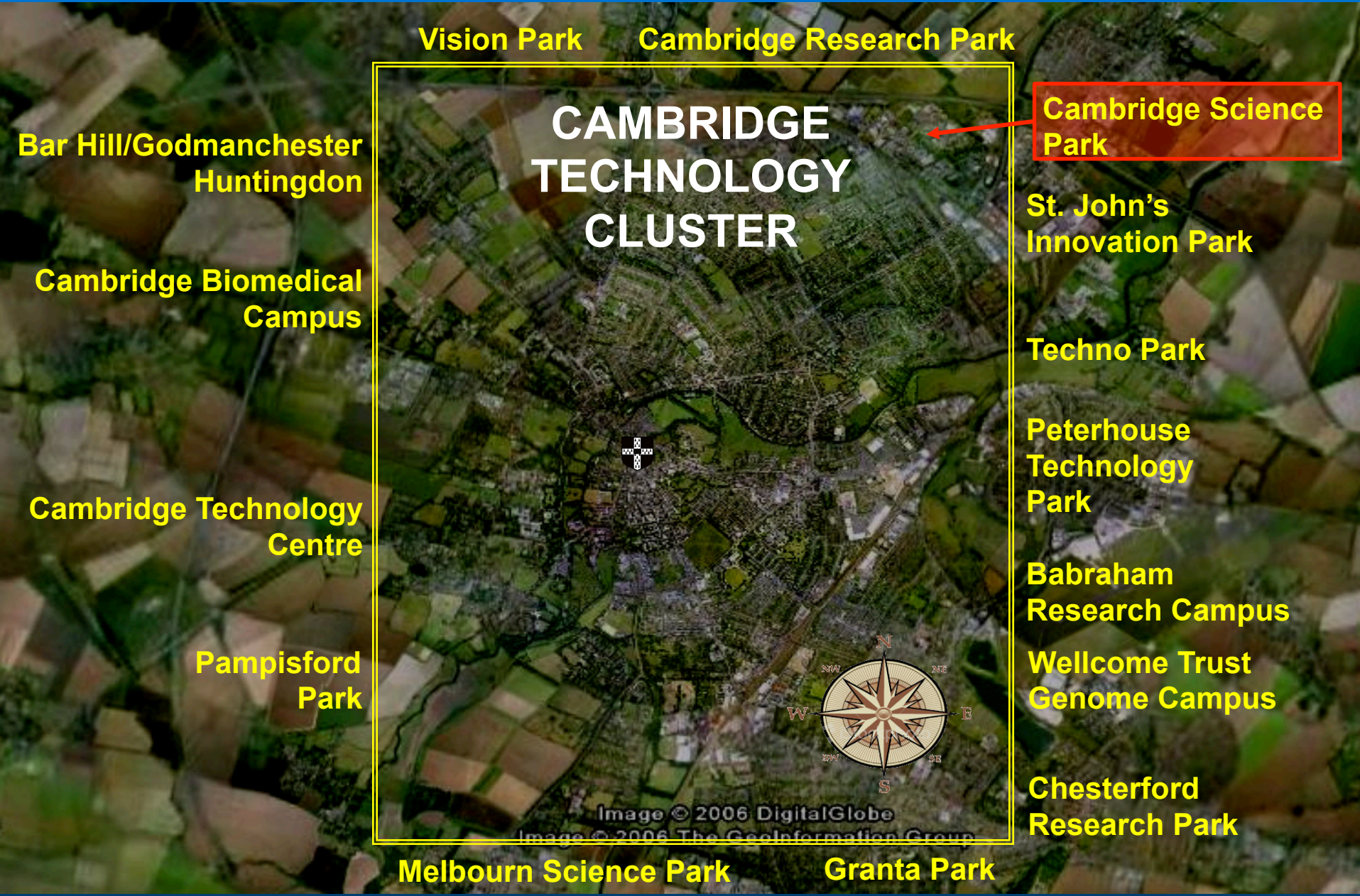


Sir John Bradfield  
Creator of the Cambridge  
Science Park,

# Cambridge Phenomenon Milestones

- 1961: Cambridge Consultants
- 1970s: Cambridge Science Park, first computer entrepreneurs and some broad-minded bank managers
- 1980s: more technical consultancies, St John's Innovation Centre
- 1990s: more science parks, networks, press
- 2000s: University of Cambridge involvement in IP commercialisation and entrepreneurship

# Cambridge Science Parks



# What is Cambridge Enterprise Limited?



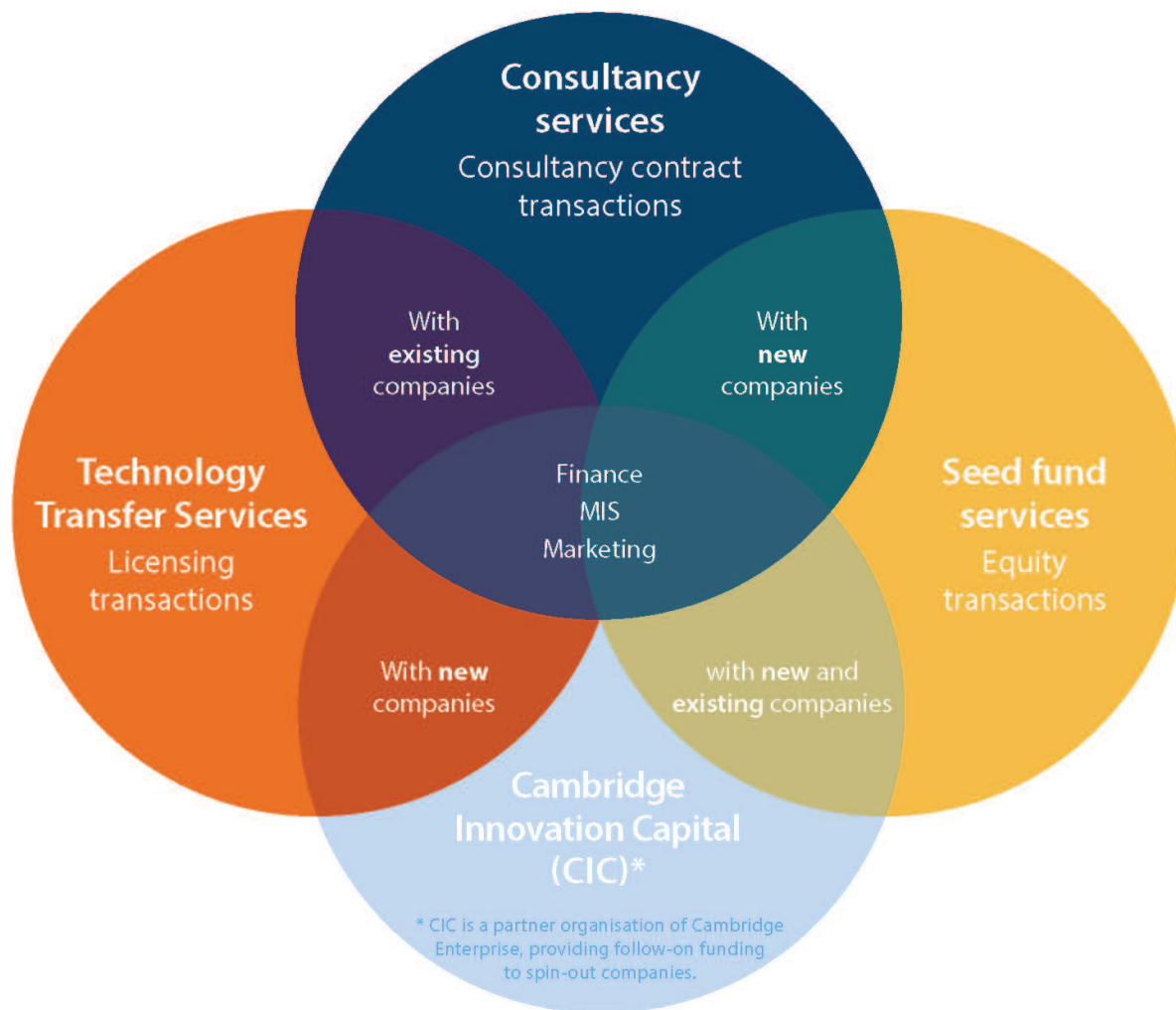
**“Cambridge Enterprise exists to help University of Cambridge inventors, innovators and entrepreneurs make their ideas and concepts more commercially successful for the benefit of society, the UK economy, the inventors and the University”**

# Cambridge Enterprise was formed expressly to :



- aid the transfer of knowledge from the University via commercialisation
- support all of CE's academic partners, not just those from STEM;
- aid staff and students in making their ideas more commercially successful;
- produce a financial return for inventors, departments and the University; and
- ensure that society and the economy benefit from commercialisation

# Cambridge Enterprise



# Cambridge Enterprise Services for University include:

## **1. Consultancy Services:**

Services supporting University of Cambridge staff and research groups to provide expert advice or facilities to external organisations worldwide.

## **2. Technology Licencing:**

Services include invention evaluation; patent strategy, filing and maintenance; proof of concept funding; intellectual property out-licensing.

**Research tools:** Direct sale of software, antibodies, proteins, DNA/RNA and model organisms.

## **3. Seed Funds Venture Services & Cambridge Innovation Capital:**

Services include expertise (business planning, mentoring, & marketing), access to capital and introduction to local and national investor networks.

## **4. Business Engagement:**

Industry Engagement Forum and Innovation Fellows

## **5. Faculty Engagement:**

Enterprise champions Program – hub and spoke model developing communication with departments and faculty.

# Cambridge Enterprise - The Expertise

- Cambridge Enterprise gathers the collective expertise and experience which contributes to this successful cluster.
- Provide advice, training, support and contact networks to governments and educational institutions who want to build knowledge-based economies.
- Extensive experience with the commercialisation of research results through a variety of mechanisms.
- International experience supporting developing their own commercialisation and business interaction policies, facilities, systems, processes, ecosystems and trained staff in a way that is tailored to their circumstances, needs and interests.

# Technology Transfer Services

In co-operation with the academic:

- Identification/evaluation of commercially valuable research
- Patent strategy, drafting and filing with qualified agents and counsel
- IP case and portfolio management
- Identification and engagement with commercial partners
- Negotiation of commercial deals
- Management of the post-deal relationship
- Support proof of concept work and translational research

## Meaning:

- Cambridge Enterprise currently holds equity in 68 companies on the University's behalf.
- The portfolio companies have raised over **£800m** in further investment and grant funding. They now employ over **1,700** people and generate an annual turnover of **£170m.**"

Cambridge Enterprise 2013 Report.

# Why are we here?

Camnexus: Platform  
that fosters  
collaborations  
between the  
technology cluster of  
Cambridge (UK) and  
Latin America



# The Platform: Three Pillars

RESEARCH



CAPABILITY

BUILDING



TECHNOLOGY



# The Platform: Stakeholders

The Platform is directly supported by several organisations, including:

- International Strategy Office of the University of Cambridge.
- Cambridge Enterprise through the International Outreach Programme.
- Departments of Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Land Economy and Judge Business School.
- King's College, Cambridge
- Cambridge Cleantech.
- Chilean Embassy in London.

# YOUR PARTNER IN RESEARCH

# Your Partner in Research

## Newton Fund Chile: Cambridge Winners

### International Networking between Research Centres

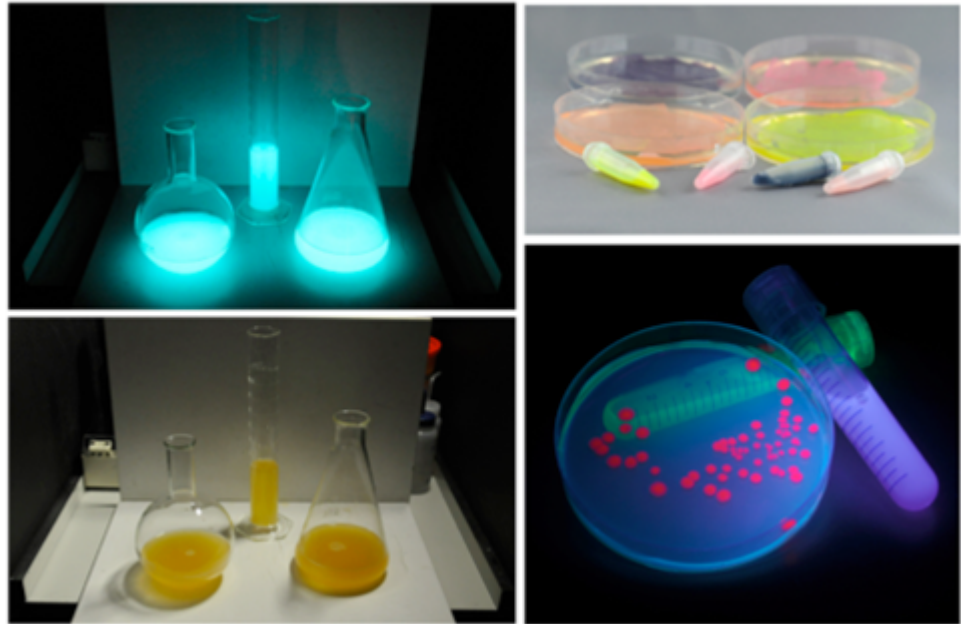
Project Title	PI in Chile	Chile Inst.	PI in Cambridge
High-Speed Analysis of Cross-Talk between Neurotransmitter-Gated Channels	Nelson Barrera	PUC	John Michael Edwardson
A platform of foundational tools and a registry for Plant Synthetic Biology	Rodrigo Gutierrez	PUC	James Haseloff

### International Research Projects

Project Title	PI in Chile	Chile Inst.	PI in Cambridge
Near-Field Cosmology in the Era of Large Surveys	Márcio Catelan	PUC	Vasily Belokurov

# Your Partner in Research: Haseloff Lab - PUC: Synthetic Biology

Jim Haseloff



Engineering principles for constructing biological circuits.

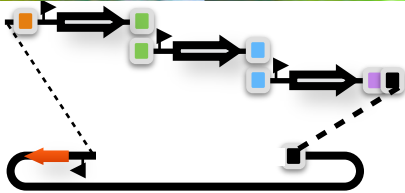
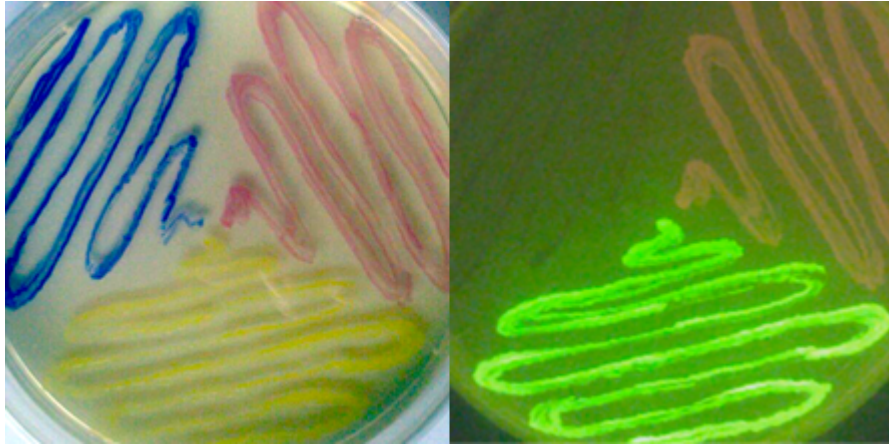
Newton Fund 2014: A platform of foundational tools and a registry for Plant Synthetic Biology



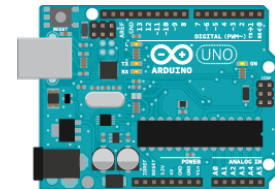
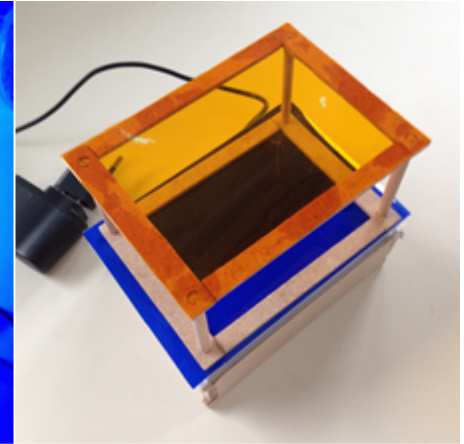
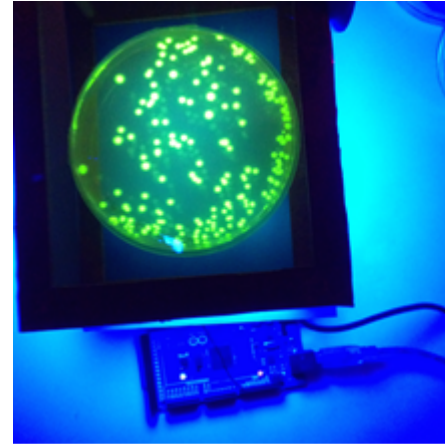
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# Your Partner in Research: Haseloff Lab - PUC: Synthetic Biology

Genetic kits for DNA fragment antigen-binding



Do It Yourself equipment



PUC iGEM Team (2011, 2012)

PUC SynBio Workshop (2011,2012,2013)

Synthetic Biology Course BIO399E UACH Valdivia SynBio

Workshops (2011,2012)

# Your Partner in Research: Newton Fund 4CMR – UNISUL – PUCSP: Food + Energy + Water



Jean-Francois Mercure  
Baltazar Guerra  
Pablo Salas



Thiago  
Matsushita



Jorge  
Viñuales



Analysis of the linkages between energy, food and water consumption for Brazil, in the context of climate change mitigation strategies.

# Your Partner in Research: Chemical Engineering & Biotech: Biopreservation



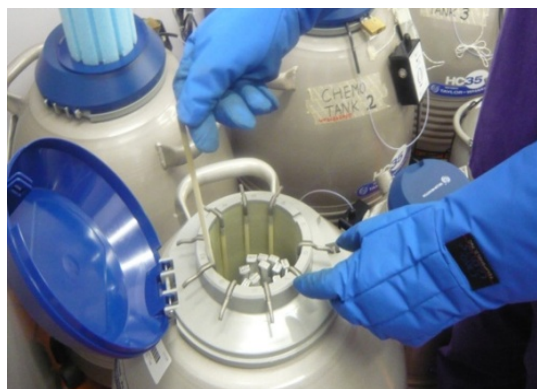
Nigel Slater



Jessica Ocampos

**Development and optimisation  
of methods for mammalian  
cell preservation**

- Non toxic: DMSO free, sugar based
- Easy to transport: cells in dry state
- Low cost: No need of expensive temperature controlling equipments



Raul Sánchez

Chile Projects  
Fund 2012 - 2013  
University of Cambridge  
Antofagasta Minerals

# YOUR PARTNER IN CAPABILITY BUILDING

# Your Partner in Capability Building Programmes

- Assessment of current ecosystem
- Advice and consultancy in outlining strategies and policies for creation and development of most suitable ecosystem
- Training programmes for
  - Policy makers, governments.
  - Entrepreneurs, people from industry and investors
  - Staff of the TTOs
  - Researchers and academic staff
- Networking events with investors , expert mentors and champion entrepreneurs

# Our Services: Capability Building Programs



# Brazil Projects: two projects funded by British Government

- **Global Partnership Project** (November, 2011 – March, 2014)
  - promoting innovation and new business creation in Brazil by Inova Unicamp acting as an exemplar for commercializing research
  - exploring research collaboration opportunities between the two universities.
- **Intellectual Property Commercialization Project** (October, 2011 – March, 2014)
  - investigate barriers to intellectual property commercialization in Brazil
  - develop programs to stimulate commercialisation and innovation

# **CAMNEXUS: SUPPORTING SMES (PYMES) BUSINESS SUPPORT TECH TRANSFER & INNOVATION**

# Programmes with SMEs (Pymes): Go To Market Corfo

Postula junto a **Cambridge Enterprise** al programa **Go To Market** de Corfo - de la Idea al Mercado.



## Etapa 1

**Reforzando las bases para la innovación y comercialización.**

Entrenamiento en Chile y mentoring con expertos de Cambridge.



## Etapa 2

**Startup bootcamp en Chile.**  
Planificación de negocios y levantamiento de fondos.

Talleres, mentoring y pitch en Chile. Mentoring con expertos de Cambridge.



## Etapa 3

**Programa de internacionalización Cambridge - Londres**  
Acceso a los clústeres tecnológicos.

Networking, coaching y mentoring, visitas a los clústeres y pitch a inversionistas.

## OBJETIVOS

- Apoyar la comercialización de tecnologías, provenientes de proyectos de I+D
- Generar capacidades en emprendimiento y comercialización de resultados de I+D
- Vincular a los desarrolladores de proyectos de I+D con brokers tecnológicos internacionales
- Generar un ecosistema nacional de investigadores y emprendedores

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Presentación Bitácora Resultados

Esta convocatoria busca reunir a PyMEs, Centros Regionales de Desarrollo Científico y Tecnológico y a Instituciones Extranjeras, en particular del Reino Unido, para fortalecer la acción de puente de los Centros Regionales en su rol de poner a disposición de las PyMEs de la región conocimiento científico y tecnológico disponible tanto a nivel nacional como internacional, pertinente y actualizado.

Además, busca vincular a las entidades ya indicadas a través de un proyecto participativo y colaborativo de I+D orientado a la obtención de soluciones que aporten al desarrollo económico y social de la región, siguiendo los intereses o prioridades establecidas por los propios Gobiernos Regionales.

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- Fortalecer la acción de puente de los Centros Regionales en su rol de poner a disposición de las PyMEs de la región el conocimiento científico y tecnológico.
- Vincular las entidades a través de un proyecto participativo y colaborativo de I+D para el desarrollo económico y social de la región.
- Vincular con entidades extranjeras.

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- Modalidad 1:
  - Centro Regionales que se encuentren ejecutando su etapa de Creación (Monto máximo \$130.000.000).
- Modalidad 2:
  - Centros Regionales que se encuentren ejecutando su etapa de Continuidad (Monto máximo \$130.000.000).
  - Centros Regionales que se han adjudicado un proyecto de Fortalecimiento a la Continuidad o de Apoyo a la Continuidad:
    - Monto máximo: \$154.000.000
    - Financiamiento adicional para tesistas \$24.000.000

# The LatAm Platform Founders



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Social Enterprises



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Building, Cleantech,  
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