

Creating a Scientific Superpower



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18 June 2024 | 08:00-17:00

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In its third year, Creating a Scientific Superpower will highlight the UK's potential in science and innovation. Exploring the challenges of establishing an environment that attracts global talent and international business, while facilitating the journey from spin-out to IPO, and securing venture capital during a period of economic uncertainty.

The conference will feature dynamic discussions focused on unlocking the UK's potential as a scientific superpower, creating a globally competitive ecosystem, and driving national productivity through innovative manufacturing and advanced R&D.

We will be showcasing the emerging linkages between regional clusters that are accelerating growth in innovation and technology sectors nationwide, while drawing upon insights from successful global clusters.

Guests will be able to connect with leading scientists, government ministers, business leaders, and investors to actively contribute to shaping the UK's journey towards becoming a scientific superpower.

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Agenda

08:00 – Registration and Networking

09:00 – Welcome

09:10 – Opening Keynote: Making Britain the Best Place to Innovate

09:30 – Panel Discussion: What does a good industrial strategy look like?

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP – Confirmed

Vicky Pryce, Chief Economic Adviser at the Centre for Economics and Business Research – Confirmed

Professor Irene Tracey CBE, Vice-Chancellor, University of Oxford – Confirmed

10:15 – Keynote: The Special Relationship: Why PsiQuantum came home from the US

PsiQuantum – Mark Thompson, Chief Technologist and Co-Founder – Confirmed

10:30 – Break

11:00 – Panel Discussion: Is the UK Investable?

Chair: Tim Smith, News Editor, Sifted – Confirmed

Euan Ashley, Associate Dean – School of Medicine, Stanford University – Confirmed

Spencer Collins, EVP and Chief Legal Officer, ARM – Confirmed

Andrew Williamson, Managing Partner, Cambridge Innovation Capital – Confirmed

Sheelpa Patel, CMO, Oxa – Confirmed

11:45 – Panel Discussion: Powering Progress: Innovative Projects Connecting the UK

Chair: Barbara Ghinelli, Chief Scientific Advisor, Advanced Research Clusters – Confirmed

12:25 – Lunch

13:15 – Keynote: Making the UK a Scientific Superpower

Andrew Griffith, Minister of State for Department of Science, Innovation & Technology – Confirmed

13:35 – Panel Discussion: Innovation Constellation – Connecting Clusters to Accelerate R&D Across the UK

Chair: Dr. Andy Williams, Chair, Oxford–Cambridge Supercluster Board – Confirmed

Dipesh Shah OBE, Chair – Oxford to Cambridge Pan–Regional Partnership – Confirmed

14:20 – Keynote: Leveraging the NHS and the UK's Unique Position

Roland Sinker, National Director for Life Sciences, NHS England – Confirmed

14:40 – Break

15:10 – Panel discussion: Innovative Sectors Driving the Future of Healthcare

Dr Jon Wilkinson, Director of Business and Innovation, ICR (London Cancer Hub) – Confirmed

15:50 – Panel Discussion: Creating a Global Supercluster

Steve Rees OBE, Vice President of Discovery Biology – AstraZeneca – Confirmed

16:35 – Closing remarks