

Creating a Scientific Superpower



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5 June 2025 | 08:00-17:00

Creating a Scientific Superpower

Following the resounding success of last year's event, the 2025 Creating a Scientific Superpower conference is set to bring together the brightest minds, visionaries, and leaders to shape the UK's future as a global scientific superpower.

This year's conference will feature a day of dynamic discussions, networking opportunities, and enterprising insights exploring how to build a globally competitive ecosystem that advances innovation and productivity.

Attendees will have the chance to engage directly with leading scientists, government ministers, business leaders, and investors who are actively shaping the UK's journey to global scientific leadership. The event offers an exceptional platform to exchange ideas, foster partnerships, and contribute to the nation's roadmap for science and innovation.

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Agenda

08:00 – 09:00 Registration and Breakfast Networking

09:00 – 09:10 Welcome and Opening Remarks

09:10 – 09:30 Keynote Address: The UK's Economic Future and Innovation

09:30 – 10:15 Panel Discussion: Investing in the UK Innovation Ecosystem

Ed Bussey, CEO, Oxford Sciences Enterprises
Jim Stretton, MD, Advanced Research Clusters
Dan Glazer, Partner, Wilson Sonsini

10:15– 10:35 Keynote Address - Vision for the OxCam Growth Corridor

Lord Patrick Vallance, Minister for Science

10:35 – 11:00 Networking Break

**11:00 – 11:45 Panel Discussion: Beyond Oxford and Cambridge:
How Science-Led Growth Can Deliver for the Whole UK**

Chair: Dan Thorp, CEO, Cambridge Ahead
Professor Irene Tracey, Vice Chancellor, University of Oxford
Professor Deborah Prentice, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cambridge
Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council

11:45 – 12:05 In Conversation with Shaun Grady, Chair, AstraZeneca UK

With: Rachel Wolf, Founder, Public First

12:05 – 12:55 Lunch and Networking

12:55 – 13:45 Turbocharging the UK Economy with AI

Chair: Carolyn Esser, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Darktrace
Dr Daniel Hulme, CEO, SATALIA
Arti Garg, Chief Technologist, AVEVA
Jacob Ayres-Thomson, CEO, 3AI

13:45 – 14:30 Panel Discussion: Innovation Driving the National Industrial Strategy

Chair: Rain Newton-Smith, Director General, CBI
Paul Newman CBE, CTO and President, Oxa
Oriël Petry, Senior Vice President, Airbus
Dr Simon Harwood, UK Capability Development Director, Leonardo

14:30 – 14:50 Afternoon Break

15:10 – 15:30 Keynote Address: Ellison in Oxford – Unlocking the Potential of the UK's Supercluster

Lisa Flashner, COO, Ellison Institute

15:30 – 16:15 Panel Discussion: Building Globally Significant S&T Destinations

Chair: Dr Andy Williams, Chair, Oxford-Cambridge Supercluster Board
Roxanne Varza, Director, Station F, Paris
Daniel Clark, Business Development Director, New York City Economic Development
Beth O'Neill Maloney, Executive Director, Kendall Square Association
Dr Kathryn Chapman, Executive Director, Innovate Cambridge

16:15 – 16:20 Closing Remarks

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