

HE commercialisation specialist team

Our expert team can assist in developing your knowledge exchange and commercial enterprise activities.

- Specialist IP and commercial contract advice
- Commercialisation planning for inventions and spin outs
- Sourcing investment and funding opportunities
- Business and operational planning
- Mentoring and coaching
- Workshops
- Improving CPD and consultancy operations



Our team includes:

Professor John Lyon

Professor of Practice at Warwick Business School, John has chaired a number of company boards including Photopharmica where he is the current chair. He was previously Global Vice-President at Covance, one of the world's largest drug development service companies, with a focus on managing its drug development process. With a background in venture capital, audit with PricewaterhouseCoopers and management consultancy with Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte, John has a wealth of experience and expertise in knowledge exchange and management.

Caroline Quest

Currently Director of Enterprise and Business Development at Leicester University. Caroline was previously Director of Enterprise and Innovation, and founding Executive Director, of Queen Mary Innovation Ltd. She was also founding Executive Director of Queen Mary Bioenterprises Ltd, a high specification biosciences innovation and business incubation centre.

Dr Ederyn Williams

Currently Director of a number of university spin-out companies, Ederyn was previously Interim Director, Enterprise and Business Development Office at University of Leicester. Ederyn has a wealth of HE innovation experience having been successful as CEO of Warwick Ventures Ltd at Warwick University and Managing Director at Leeds Innovations.

Simon Smith

Simon is an experienced lawyer who has been involved in the legal aspects of university commercialisation for more than 20 years. He regularly advises HE institutions on spin-out companies as well as intellectual policy issues, complex intellectual property licensing structures and consultancy services arrangements. He is currently CEO of Taveners Law and was formerly at partner level at law firms in the City of London, Cambridge and Oxford.

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