KTI Impact Awards Categories 2016

The KTI Impact Awards recognise and showcase the success in knowledge transfer carried out in Irish Higher Education Institutes and publicly-funded research organisations for the wider benefit of the economy and society. Across the following six categories, the awards recognise top performance in industry engagement and commercialisation of research and pay tribute to businesses, research performing organisations and the technology transfer offices who make this happen.

Category 1
Research2Business Collaborative Impact Award

Awards presented to:
Researcher(s) responsible for the project.
&
TTO / ILO or research contracts office that negotiated the underpinning collaborative agreement.
&
VP/Director of Research in recognition of the RPO fostering an entrepreneurial culture, facilitating the researcher's industry collaborations, and for promoting and supporting knowledge transfer.

The Research2Business Collaborative Impact award recognises and celebrates researchers in Irish publicly-funded research performing organisations (RPOs) who have developed successful collaborative research engagement with the business community. Through these endeavours researchers will have enhanced knowledge transfer and delivered impact for the businesses with whom they have worked and for their own organisation.

Timing: The demonstrable impact from the collaboration success must have been realised in 2015. However the collaboration itself may have occurred in prior years.

Category 2
Consultancy Impact Award

Awards presented to:
Researcher(s) responsible for the winning project.
&
VP/Director of Research in recognition of the RPO fostering an entrepreneurial culture, facilitating the consultancy activity within the RPO, and for promoting and supporting knowledge transfer.

The Consultancy Impact award recognises and celebrates a researcher/research group at an Irish publicly-funded research performing organisation (RPO). The researcher(s) will have provided consultancy advice to a business or public sector organisation that will have resulted in a demonstrable economic and/or public benefit. This award is not limited to the technology sector and can apply more broadly to other research areas for example the social sciences or humanities.

For clarity, research consulting is different from collaborative research. Its purpose is not the performance of new research but sharing of advice and assistance by the RPO. The client may be a business or public sector organisation.

Timing: Recognising that it can take some time from providing consultancy support to achieving an outcome, the consulting engagement may have taken place within the past 5 years.

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Category 3
Licence to Market Impact Award

Awards presented to:
Academic inventor of the winning product or service.
&
TTO or ILO for their role in supporting and facilitating the licensing agreement.
&
VP/Director of Research in recognition of the RPO fostering an entrepreneurial culture, facilitating the consultancy activity within the RPO, and for promoting and supporting knowledge transfer.

The Licence2Market award is in respect of a product or service that is active on the market or delivering customer benefit and value to the licensee. The product or service must be based on a licence to intellectual property rights (IPR) from the Irish publicly-funded research performing organisation (RPO).

Timing: The product or services must have reached the market in 2015. Recognising that in some sectors it takes time for products or services to come to the market, the execution of the underpinning licence may go back several years.

Category 4
Spinout Company Impact Award

Awards presented to:
Academic founder of the winning spin out company.
&
TTO or ILO for their role in supporting and facilitating the formation of the spin out.
&
VP/Director of Research in recognition of the RPO fostering an entrepreneurial culture, facilitating the researcher's involvement in the spin-out process, and for promoting and supporting knowledge transfer.

The Spinout Company Impact award recognises a spin-out company from an Irish publicly-funded research performing organisation (RPO) that has achieved a successful and significant event in the previous calendar year. For example, fundraising closed, product launched, overseas offices created, exit etc. The award celebrates both the company success and its heritage in the RPO, including the support provided by the TTO/ILO.

For clarity, a spinout company is one that is based on RPO research and at the time of formation was dependent on the exploitation of specific intellectual property rights (IPR) of the RPO. The RPO may have/had equity in the spin-out and will have licensed IPR to the company.

Timing: The spinout success must have taken place in 2015.

Category 5
Knowledge Transfer Initiative of the Year Award

Awards presented to:
The TTO or ILO responsible for the winning initiative in recognition of their role in making the initiative happen.

The Knowledge Transfer Initiative of the Year award recognises a commitment to the continuous development within the TTO or ILO.

It might be a new service offering to clients, a new internal process or practice, a new approach to marketing and communications, a new staff development initiative or something completely different. Chosen submissions reflect how the TTO/ILO is pushing forward with knowledge transfer.

Timing: The initiative must have taken place in 2015.

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Category 6
Knowledge Transfer Achiever
of the Year Award

Awards presented to:
The winning knowledge transfer achiever.

The Knowledge Transfer Achiever of the Year award recognises the personal achievement of a staff member in a TTO or ILO who has made a significant contribution to the business of that TTO or ILO. This category is open to any individual in any role at the TTO or ILO below Director or Head of Technology Transfer level at an Irish publicly-funded research performing organisation (RPO).

Timing: The nominated person must hold a current post in 2016 within the TTO or ILO.