

## KTI Impact Awards 2016 – Judging Process

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 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.

### Judging Process

The judging panel comprises experts in the field of knowledge transfer from academia and industry. The panel will be chaired by Alison Campbell, Director of Knowledge Transfer Ireland.

Once the closing date for submissions has passed, each judge will be provided with a copy of the submissions within each awards category for review in line with judging notes that will be provided. The judging panel will then meet to review all submissions and will decide upon a shortlist of applicants within each category, as appropriate.

Shortlisted applicants will be informed in advance of the award and the winners of each category will be announced at the awards event to be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016.

### Key dates in the application and judging process:

<b>Call for Submissions</b>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Submission Deadline</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Shortlisted applicants announced</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Awards Presentation</b>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June

### Judging Criteria

Judges will evaluate each project, initiative or nominated individual on the basis of the specific criteria for each of the awards categories – these are outlined in the awards application forms. Each submission will be evaluated on its own merits but the following criteria will underpin the overall judging process:

- **Impact** – the project, initiative or individual detailed in the submission has impacted or benefited the particular awards category of knowledge transfer.
- **Evidence** – each submission should include evidence to support the impact of the project, initiative or individual being nominated for the award.
- **Clarity** – the project, initiative or individual’s actions and impact are explained in the submission to ensure the judges have a clear understanding of the project, initiative or individual in question and why they have been nominated for a particular award.
- **Compelling** – the project, initiative or individual detailed in the submission must be presented in a persuasive and powerful way and a compelling case must be made for them to win the award.
- **Role of the TTO or ILO** - the way in which the TTO or ILO has been pivotal to the project (in the categories where it is requested) must be apparent in the submission.