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Cutting-edge technologies now searchable via **_connect**

A new, free resource has been added to the Technology Strategy Board's **_connect platform, to make it easier for businesses to access technologies developed by some of the UK's leading universities.**

Pipeline is a new official group which offers a user-friendly, searchable directory of new technologies that are available to companies now. These range from fundamental science to consumer products that are ready for manufacture. At launch, over 150 innovative technologies or technology applications have been posted by 15 different institutions in England, Scotland and Wales, with many more due to be added over the coming months. A substantial number are being provided under Easy Access terms, meaning that the licence itself is free of charge.

Pipeline's ease of use comes from its use of a common data structure to classify all new technologies. This has been provided by Inngot, specialists in online IP profiling and valuation, who already administer the IP Central Community Network on **_connect**.

As well as providing consistent presentation for a diverse range of technologies and technology applications, **Pipeline** enables them to be found by category as well as keyword, using criteria such as market applications, development stage, types of know-how involved and benefits (both individually and in combination). Results are returned instantly, and detailed reports can be viewed and bookmarked or saved as PDFs. Users can also make contact with the originating university directly from the **Pipeline** platform.

Pipeline is live now, and free for universities to use and for businesses to search. Users already registered on the **_connect** platform should simply join the official group at <https://connect.innovateuk.org/web/pipeline> to access the technology search engine.

This initiative supports the Technology Strategy Board's mission to bring together business, research and the public sector to accelerate economic growth.