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“The KTP scheme is a great way of gaining first hand experience of how young start up companies can take new ideas rapidly from the lab bench to commercial products. Watching the company grow provides great satisfaction.”

Why I got involved with KTP

Prior to my academic career I spent 14 years working in industry and had retained a keen interest in working with young companies in the early stages of their lifecycle. When DNA Research Innovations Ltd approached me as a consultant to further their product development work I jumped at the chance to work with them and we identified

KTP as an appropriate solution to the problems that they were hoping to solve.

My experience of KTP projects

Working with DNA Research Innovations Ltd was both a challenging and intellectually stimulating project that provided me with an opportunity to really get involved with industry, apply my

knowledge in a practical and useful way and to further my research in an exciting new area. Through KTP we were able to work closely together to further develop their technology for extracting and purifying DNA from human bio fluids that enabled the company to develop an important new product that improved their competitive position within the market.

How I have benefited as a result of KTP

I really enjoyed my time working on the KTP project as it allowed me to pursue my interest in working with a young company, as well as providing me with an opportunity to expand my research interests into new areas. KTP also provides a fantastic opportunity for academics to really apply their knowledge to practical situations as well as providing an invaluable contribution to teaching. Through KTP I have had access to new and exciting teaching resources, which can provide a variety of case studies supported by real, practical examples.

Why I would recommend KTP

I would recommend KTP to others. It gives you a tremendous opportunity to gain first hand experience of working with a young, dynamic start up company and experience the pressures and day-to-day demands of working in industry. KTP also provides an excellent opportunity to stimulate new research ideas that can assist enormously with future funding as well as providing practical examples and case studies that can be used for teaching.

Get involved

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