

## In Residence Scheme

**Smartline's** In Residence Scheme has been established to bring business and researchers together with the aim of producing collaborations that will result in high quality research and business growth.

### Aims of the scheme:

- To fund businesses and research staff to spend time together to build a strong understanding of **each other's interests, challenges and opportunities**.
- To identify potential novel research opportunities which are mutually beneficial for both parties.
- To explore the potential for joint research projects that will support innovation, the development of new knowledge, and economic opportunities.

### Outcomes can include:

- Identifying a research question.
- A joint application for research funding.
- A joint application for a Smartline Follow-On collaborative research scheme.
- An application for a Smartline grant.
- Joint publication of findings.
- Deciding on a type of research programme (e.g. Research Council Industry collaboration award / PhD / Masters Project).

### Benefits to business:

- Access to specialist expertise and research facilities (e.g. labs, published research, knowledge databases, technical assistance).
- **Access to Smartline's grants and collaborative research schemes.**
- Improved understanding of how to access higher education research resources and the benefits it can bring.
- Access to other research funding which, without an academic partner, would be unavailable.
- Through a bespoke research project to develop and/or evidence issues, services and **products to enhance a business's** viability, improve productivity and competitiveness.
- Publicity and awareness-raising of the Company.

### Benefits to research:

- Opportunity to build strong relationships with the private sector.
- Development of mutual understanding to enable applied, impactful, world class research.