

**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference**  
**UK science and innovation policy - funding and investment, commercialisation**  
**and IP management, and the international positioning of UK research**  
*Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020*



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| 8.30 - 9.00   | Registration and coffee  |
| 9.00 - 9.05   | <b><u>Chair's opening remarks</u></b><br><b>Daniel Zeichner MP</b> , Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Life Sciences and Vice-Chair,<br>All-Party Parliamentary Group on Medical Research   |
| 9.05 - 9.25   | <b><u>The way forward for science and innovation funding</u></b><br><b>Dr Sarah Main</b> , Executive Director, Campaign for Science and Engineering (CaSE)<br>Questions and comments from the floor  |
| 9.25 - 10.00  | <b><u>The UK's future role within the international science and innovation community</u></b><br><b>Beth Thompson</b> , Head of Policy and Advocacy, UK and EU, Wellcome Trust<br><b>David Rogers</b> , Deputy Director, Investment Strategy, UKRI<br>Questions and comments from the floor   |
| 10.00 - 10.10 | Break  |
| 10.10 - 10.50 | <b><u>Priorities for science spending - current and new public funding streams, leveraging private and third sector investment, and where Britain can lead on emerging technologies</u></b><br><b>Andrew Muir</b> , Director and Fund Principal, UK Innovation & Science Seed Fund and Director, Early Advantage Fund and Director, Midven<br><b>Professor Mike Trenell</b> , Director, National Institute for Health Research Innovation Observatory<br><b>Dr Rebecca Wilson</b> , Head of Strategic Partnerships, The Francis Crick Institute<br>Questions and comments from the floor   |
| 10.50 - 10.55 | <b><u>Chair's closing remarks</u></b><br><b>Daniel Zeichner MP</b> , Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Life Sciences and Vice-Chair,<br>All-Party Parliamentary Group on Medical Research   |
| 10.55 - 11.05 | Break  |
| 11.05 - 11.10 | <b><u>Chair's opening remarks</u></b><br><b>Mark Marfé</b> , Senior Associate, Intellectual Property, Pinsent Masons   |
| 11.10 - 11.20 | <b><u>Priorities for protecting the content of research in an open research landscape</u></b><br><b>Lorna Dukes</b> , Head of Education and Knowledge Exchange Policy, IPO   |
| 11.20 - 12.20 | <b><u>Maximising the UK research base commercially - improving IP management, supporting spin-outs and overcoming barriers to strengthened university-industry partnerships</u></b><br><b>Katie Mills</b> , Head of Innovation, Schneider Electric<br><b>Alice Hu Wagner</b> , Managing Director, Strategy, Economics and Business Development, British Business Bank<br><b>Mark Marfé</b> , Senior Associate, Intellectual Property, Pinsent Masons<br><b>Tamsin Mann</b> , Head of Policy, PraxisAuril<br>Questions and comments from the floor with <b>Lorna Dukes</b> , Head of Education and Knowledge Exchange Policy, IPO |
| 12.20 - 12.30 | Break  |
| 12.30 - 12.55 | <b><u>Priorities for supporting continued and investment and innovation in STEM research</u></b><br><b>Mike Biddle</b> , Programme Director, Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund, Innovate UK<br>Questions and comments from the floor  |
| 12.55 - 13.00 | <b><u>Chair's closing remarks</u></b><br><b>Mark Marfé</b> , Senior Associate, Intellectual Property, Pinsent Masons   |