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Membership benefits

Why join PraxisUnico?

There are many ways in which you can get the most out of your membership.

We play a key role in **training, developing** and **representing** our profession.

PraxisUnico is the UK's leading organisation for commercialisation professionals. Our members represent higher education, public sector research establishments, law firms, venture capital organisations and industry itself. PraxisUnico works on behalf of its members and the profession to:

- Keep members informed of key information relevant to the commercialisation profession
- Help members build new networks within the profession and industry
- Drive professional development and recognition
- Provide members with practical tools and resources
- Disseminate best practice across the profession
- Influence policy-makers in support of the knowledge economy
- Act as the voice of the membership

To our members, PraxisUnico is a 'professional club'. A group of individuals who have come together through a like-mindedness and shared understanding. Our members benefit from the combined weight of this collective voice.

Membership benefits the organisation

Membership is on an organisational, not an individual, basis which means that everyone within the organisation has membership rights and access.

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Keeping you informed

Through our website, we provide a wide range of information for those working within the commercialisation profession. These range from practical tools and resources such as the Unico Practical Guides series to consultation responses, surveys and opinion pieces.

Members also have opportunities to participate in forums that help shape and inform our submissions to policy-makers.

Membership applies to the whole organisation, not just individuals, so everyone in your organisation can benefit from PraxisUnico materials and resources.

Helping you build new networks

The conferences, briefings and debates that we organise throughout the year are a great way for our members to network with colleagues from organisations from across the sector. Regular attendees and speakers include representatives from higher education, government, industry, professional firms, Public Sector Research Establishments and the NHS. Membership provides regular opportunities to share ideas and best practice.

We also facilitate events with collaborators that allow our membership to network with high-level representatives and important stakeholders from funding sources in government and elsewhere, and from other sectors and industries that influence and affect our profession - outside the core technology/knowledge transfer community.

Our training courses are also a great place for those new to the profession to begin to build their own personal networks, or to build on existing networks. Our members are the first to hear of new courses opening for registration.

Our network reaches around the world through our international collaborations with similar associations to:

- Share best practice in innovation management and training
- Facilitate the transfer of technology licensing across borders and boundaries
- Support UK spin-outs entering new markets

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Professional development and recognition

We are committed to supporting the profession and achieving professional recognition for its practitioners. We will continue to work with other professional organisations to enhance careers, professional growth and opportunities.

Helping you

Members regularly seek our opinion on matters affecting the profession. Our steering committees are formed of some of the most experienced senior staff from several of the leading technology/knowledge transfer organisations in the UK.

We keep our members fully informed of all sector-critical developments through rapid and regular email updates.

Access to our communication platforms

Members also have the use of the PraxisUnico website, email lists and regular e-bulletins to:

- post job vacancies, news and to promote events.

Speaking on your behalf

We work with our members to ensure their views are represented at the highest levels within Government and Whitehall, and major funding sources through responses to consultations and by publicising the results of our research.

PraxisUnico is one of the first points of call for policy makers and we are well placed to influence the policy-making process. We also work with the media to ensure that the sector's position is known on any hot topic.

Promoting your organisation

Our network of over 2700 individuals is responsible for the range of activities which facilitate the commercialisation of university, public sector and charity based research. Organisations and institutions can benefit hugely from becoming members. Membership allows opportunities for member organisations to promote their work for the benefit of the wider membership through our communication platforms.

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Opportunities to get involved

PraxisUnico is run by volunteers from within the profession. Whether by joining committees, contributing to workshops or delivering training, PraxisUnico provides members with the opportunity to affect developments in the profession at a national level.