

Academia/Industry Collaboration in Higher Education

# **Advisory Boards**

Case study:



**King's College London  
Informatics Department**

# Composition

26 Senior representatives from industry (currently)

Representatives from regulatory and professional bodies (currently none)

Head of Department

Six other academics holding leadership positions (research and teaching)

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero  
Bloomberg

NatWest

London Stock Exchange Group

IBM

Unilever

Intercontinental Exchange

Nuclear Risk Insurers

Starling Bank

Siemens

Samsung

William Hill

Intel

Wolfram

# Frequency

Meets once a year

# How do we find them?

Outside members can apply (email address on webpage).

In practice: personal contacts.

# From the Website

Our Industry Advisory Board supports interactions between the Department and industry in a non-executive capacity. It includes **senior representatives** from **industry** sectors aligned with the research groups in the Department. In addition, the board includes representatives from **regulatory and professional bodies** and from **Academic and Research Committees**.

Members are appointed for **three-year term**. The board convenes once a year. **Benefits** for board members include **networking** opportunities; access to **academic partners**, SRC and Innovate UK projects; and access to a large **student population to undertake projects** of industrial relevance.

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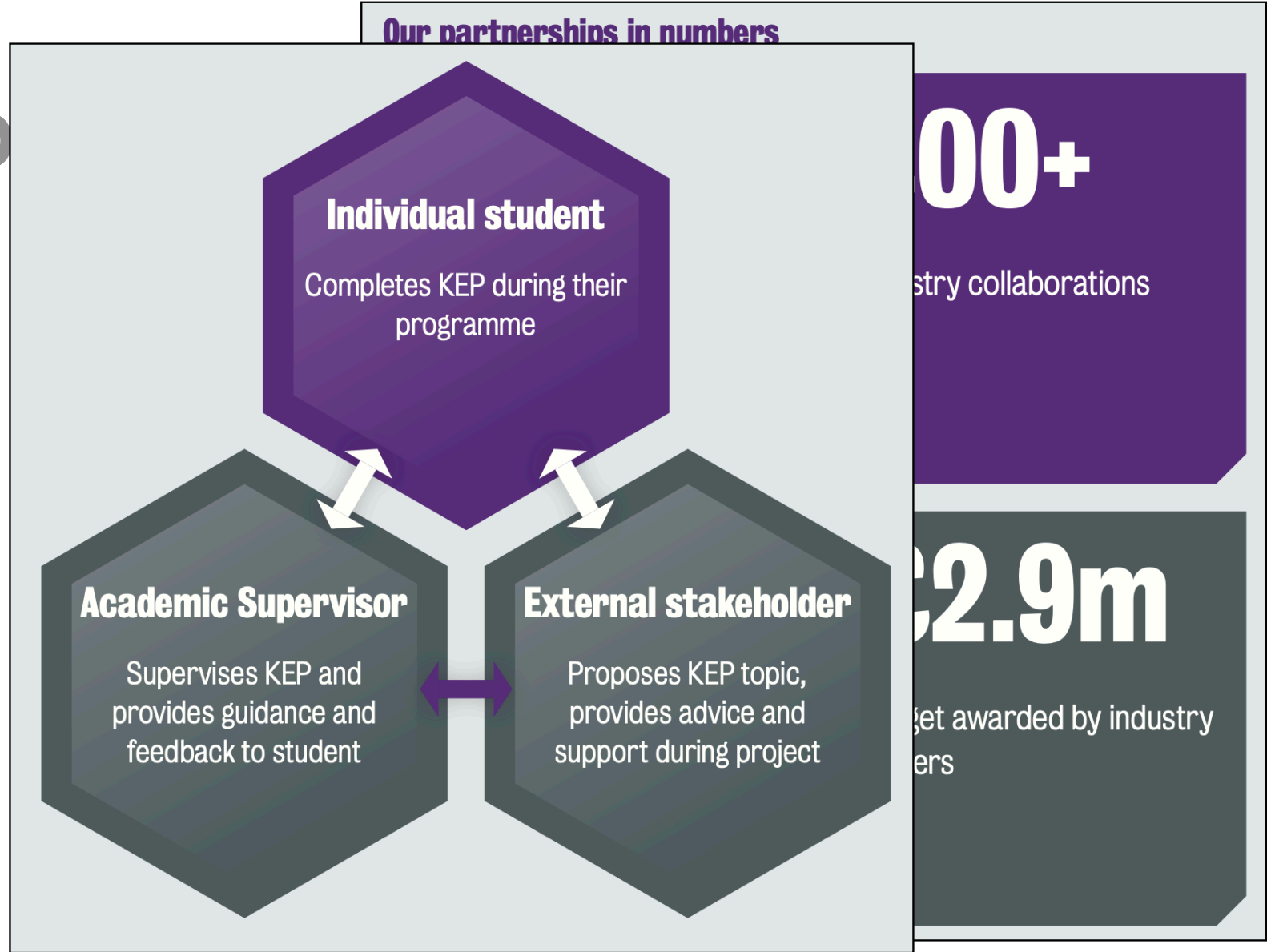


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**Our partnerships in numbers**

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# Comments

Works well for some tasks.

Some goals not achieved.

Industry members would like more frequent / more varied involvement.

Feeling: "not making the most of it".