

Appendix 3.

NESCA Acronym glossary

Higher Education Contexts / EPSRC UKRI

Acronym	Definition
BDM	Business Development Manager – a professional role in HEIs that facilitates partnerships, supports bid development, and maximises income generation from external collaborations.
CLASP IPS	Challenge Led Applied Systems Programme – Innovation Partnership Scheme. Former STFC initiative to connect academic research with industry challenges.
DA	Directly Allocated – estimated, shared-use costs that underpin a project. Includes PI/Co-I staff time those not employed to work directly on the project.
DI	Directly Incurred – costs that arise specifically from the conduct of a project and can be supported by an audit trail. Includes staff time for research assistants or other staff employed directly on the project.
ECR	Early Career Researcher – an individual in the early stages of an academic research career, often eligible for tailored funding or support schemes.
EDI	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – a fundamental principle within UKRI, ensuring inclusive research environments and equitable participation.
IP	Intellectual Property – includes patents, copyrights, trademarks, and design rights emerging from research activity.
KTPs	Knowledge Transfer Partnerships – Innovate UK programme linking businesses with academic institutions to deliver innovation through collaboration.
NESCA	North East Space and Communications Accelerator

OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer – typically an industrial partner in applied R&D projects; manufactures equipment or components used in final products.
RRI	Responsible Research and Innovation – a framework encouraging anticipation of ethical, social, and environmental consequences of research.
SC	Subsidy Control – framework ensuring compliance with the UK Subsidy Control Act 2022 when providing funding to organisations that could be considered as receiving an economic advantage (e.g. businesses or charities). Replaces the EU State Aid regime.
TR	Trusted Research – UKRI guidance for safeguarding international collaboration, national security, and sensitive technologies in research.
TTO	Technology Transfer Office – a university function responsible for commercialising research, managing IP, and supporting spinouts.