



FUELLING PROGRESS, NURTURING ECOSYSTEMS: THE OXFORD INNOVATION SOCIETY'S VISION FOR RESEARCH COMMERCIALISATION AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

For over 30 years, the Oxford Innovation Society (OIS) has been a vibrant nexus for the city's innovation community. It has strengthened relationships and sparked new collaborations between Oxford's academics, entrepreneurs and investors, and partners in business and industry.

In an increasingly digital world, with increasingly diverse challenges and opportunities, **now is the time for the OIS to transform and evolve**. We asked you, our members, and partners, what you wanted from your OIS in 2024 and beyond, and your answer was clear: you want a more diverse range of opportunities to engage with relevant stakeholders in support of your business goals and the innovation ecosystem in Oxfordshire.

That's why we're launching an **ambitious 12-month pilot programme of bespoke events** that meets the changing and varied needs of Oxford's innovation community, enabling in-depth discussion alongside large-scale networking.

- **OIS Investor Forums:** the perfect platform for those seeking investment opportunities or to engage with key players.
- **OIS Breakfasts:** fast-paced networking and problem-solving sessions where partners can address shared challenges; where industry can find the right consultant or meet technology founders developing our latest licences or our companies developing new technologies.
- **OIS Business Bites:** workshops to illuminate the legal, financial, marketing, and other core business aspects young companies need to know about.
- **OIS Annual Networking Event:** bringing together a broad spectrum of people, roles, and businesses from across Oxford's ecosystem, fostering connections and growth.
- **OIS Gala Dinner:** an exclusive three-course meal gathering innovation partners together to celebrate collective achievements and connect with relevant stakeholders.

And, from 2025 onwards, we aim to carve out a digital space for our members.

Our vision is a dynamic OIS with a rich legacy and a bright future. Everyone – from early-phase startups to big corporations – will have the opportunity to access what they need to thrive.

As the government seeks to transform the UK into a global hub for innovation by 2035, we will help nurture our world-class ecosystem here in Oxfordshire, driving creativity, capability, and collaboration.

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