



Arts & Humanities  
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### **Knowledge Catalyst review**

The Knowledge Catalyst scheme was reviewed in Spring 2010. The evaluation considered the success of the scheme in encouraging knowledge transfer and meeting the needs of its users. In doing so, it identified lessons learned and areas of good practice to make recommendations concerning future AHRC support for the scheme.

The evaluation found that the scheme has successfully met its aims: to exploit the research base in the arts and humanities for commercial and/or cultural gain; and to make such activities accessible to organisations for whom Knowledge Transfer Partnerships are not appropriate.

The evaluation found that Design was the most heavily featured subject area in awards made by the scheme, followed by History. 'Post-92' institutions predominated in applications. The evaluation also found that limited companies are the most common enterprise partners, followed by charitable organisations. Half of all awards made had non-commercial enterprise partners.

A third of enterprise partners in awards made were based in the Creative Industries. The review recommended that targeted promotion and/or calls should be considered to increase take-up in priority sectors. It also suggested that the AHRC may wish to review the current requirement for a forty percent financial commitment from the enterprise partner to increase take-up more widely.