



Party Manifestos

Science, research and innovation



Will deliver previously announced increases in R&D spend and ensure further growth so that overall we meet the OECD average of 2.4% of GDP within ten years, with a longer-term goal of 3%.
Will increase the number of scientists working in the UK and enable leading scientists from around the world to work here.



Would create a Green Investment and Innovation Centre to help finance the transition to a zero-carbon economy. This would replace the Green Investment Bank.



Labour would seek to stay part of Horizon 2020 and its successor programmes, and welcome research staff to the UK.
Meet the OECD target of 3% of GDP spent on R&D by 2030.



Will demand Welsh Universities are properly funded and represented at a UK level.



Campaign against any reduction in investment in UK universities and for their right to apply for EU funds on equal terms. Guarantee to underwrite funding for British partners in EU-funded projects such as Horizon 2020.
Ensure the UK is an attractive destination for overseas students. Would reinstate post-study work visas for graduates in STEM subjects who find suitable employment within 6 months and would give the right to devolved administrations to sponsor additional post-study work visas.
Protect the science budget, by continuing to raise it at least in line with inflation.
Long-term goal to double innovation and research spending across the economy.
Particular backing for private investment in green innovation.
National skills strategy for key sectors including low-carbon technologies.



Support new Industrial Strategy for Northern Ireland to accelerate innovation and research, and drive sustainable growth.
Call for continued participation in EU funding programmes which are open to non-EU members and which have been proven to be of benefit, such as research funding.



Scrap tuition fees for STEM and medicine students.



Will defend the interests of environmental scientists from across the EU who contribute to the success of Scotland's research institutes.
Will seek clarity on what will replace EU research funding such as Horizon 2020.
Will call for a Scottish representative to be a standing member of the UK Research and Innovation board.