

## West Midlands Science Parks

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The West Midlands Region currently has 8 science parks. They are hothouses eager to encourage and support the start up, incubation and development of innovation led, high growth and knowledge-based businesses.

They provide fertile environments where larger businesses and international enterprises can also develop specific and close interactions with particular centres of knowledge for their mutual benefit.

In addition, these science parks have formal and operational links with centres of knowledge creation such as universities, higher education institutes and research organisations.

They offer the advantages of being in a low-cost professional business base, where a company can move in and operate from day one. Services range from reception, phones, fax, photocopying, cleaning, security, secretarial, conference rooms and general office equipment. More advanced resources are available to aid company development such as technology transfer, venture capital, student placements and marketing services.

For more information about our science parks, view the following:

### **Aston Science Park**

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Aston Science Park is located just a few minutes walk from Birmingham City Centre and, therefore, has access all of the amenities associated with Britain's second city. It is surrounded by a wealth of business professionals from every aspect of commerce, industry and publicity. It also has links with the Region's major education and research institutions. The Park has a wealth of prestigious accommodation, including two incubator centres ranging from 1100 sq.ft to 4700 sq.ft, offering excellent working conditions designed to accommodate and encourage the development of start-up companies and SMEs within the knowledge-based sector.

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### **Birmingham Research Park**

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The Research Park is based on an eight acre site directly adjacent to the University Campus and the Queen Elizabeth medical centre. Within the Research Park is the Institute of Research & Development, where the accent is on technology-based companies. The Institute has attracted tenants in biotechnology, computer services, engineering, medical diagnostics and scientific instruments. Healthcare developments have also been prominent.

Many of the companies have been founded by academic staff of the University to exploit new technology arising from research, however external companies on the park can benefit from close working relationships with the University's 39 departments in science, engineering and medicine.

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## **Coventry University Technology Park**

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Coventry University Technology Park occupies some 8.1 hectares of prime development land just minutes from the main shopping area and transport facilities. Close to the heart of the city, the Technology Park is home to new and established businesses who share research, technology and development as their fields of expertise.

The TechnoCentre comprises of the Innovation Centre, the Conference Centre and the new Enterprise Centre. They are tailored to accommodate the needs of small and dynamic to medium-sized businesses. They also offer opportunities for information exchange, networking and partnerships. These specialist centres of excellence are ideal bases for young and expanding enterprises.

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## **Keele University Science Park**

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Keele University Science and Business Park is wholly owned by Keele University in Staffordshire. The role of the Science Park is to support the growth of innovative businesses, particularly those active in research and development within the West Midlands Region by providing a high quality location and business support services.

Linkage to the University fibre-optic network and computer system is possible. Companies also have access to university research facilities, hospitals and academic expertise as well as a network of West Midlands business support agencies.

A massive £3.3 million investment marks the next stage in the development of the Park. The funding will also be used to provide rental support for the medical technology businesses, which will be located in the new buildings. A medical technology business advisor plus a range of general and specialist business support services to the SME's will also be based on site.

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## **Malvern Hills Science Park**

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The Malvern Hills Science Park development is a pioneering collaboration between the QinetiQ and Malvern district local economic development agencies. Its position adjacent to QinetiQ provides access to the knowledge and technology of one of Europe's largest research organisations. The Park was established to facilitate the spin-out of companies eager to exploit QinetiQ's lead in technologies developed for military use but with potential commercial applications. At Malvern, QinetiQ specialises in Sensors, Electronics and Communications. It was at Malvern that many technological breakthroughs have been made in fields as diverse as Radar and LCD panels.

The science park provides excellent facilities to encourage the growth of high-tech companies. Tenants have access, through QinetiQ, to unsurpassed test and trial facilities including laboratories, aircraft, water tanks, anechoic chambers, environmental test facilities and ranges.

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## **Staffordshire Technology Park**

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Staffordshire Technology Park occupies a 44-acre site on the eastern outskirts of Stafford next to Staffordshire University. It provides a top quality environment that enables high-technology companies to prosper. The Park is intended to cater primarily for businesses involved in high technology and research. There are extensive links with the university, which is well known for its work in computing, engineering, science, design and technology. The University offers a wide range of facilities to support a variety of business needs.

Staffordshire University have recently opened a £1.3m high technology Business Village. Situated between the University Campus and the Technology Park, 25 of the 42 available units have already been occupied by graduate start-up companies.

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## **University of Warwick Science Park**

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As one of Europe's leading Science Parks, the University of Warwick Science Park (UWSP) offers a unique package of property and business services to provide an environment in which technology-based companies can grow. This is demonstrated by the fact that over 60% of the fastest growing companies in the Coventry and Warwickshire sub-region (as described in the Deloitte Touché Technology Fast50 Awards) are located on one of the Science Park's sites.

The Science Park's environment and innovation culture have made it an attractive location for international companies wishing to collaborate with the University of Warwick, or wishing to establish a base within the UK or Europe. The Park has been particularly successful in attracting companies in the area of Information, manufacturing and automotive technologies which are applicable on a global scale.

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## **Wolverhampton Science Park**

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Wolverhampton Science Park provides high quality accommodation tailored to specific needs. It is particularly suited to a range of technologically innovative science and engineering companies, as well as businesses in the creative industries. There are many opportunities for collaborations with the International businesses through the University's worldwide network of contacts.

The latest phase of development to the Park is the Creative Industries Centre, which offers a further 45,000 sq.ft of lettable space to meet continuing demand. Accommodation is a mix of engineering and laboratory workshops and office space.

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