

# Collaboration

Influenced by the pioneering and collaborative spirit of Rothamsted's founder, Sir John Bennett Lawes, the new **Lawes Open Innovation Hub** provides a dynamic and energising environment in which the exchange of knowledge, skills and ideas creates the perfect setting for new growth.

Built over two floors, a bridge links the Innovation Hub to the Rothamsted Research Centenary Building, symbolic of the collaborative ethos at RoCRE and encouraging an open relationship between commerce and academia as we work towards common research goals.

We have over 200 scientists onsite offering award winning expertise in a range of disciplines from genomics to field ecology, and with our extensive national and international network of collaborative organisations we are the perfect research partners.

The **Lawes Open Innovation Hub** offers a comprehensive range of world class facilities for our corporate partners:

- Mixed labs designed for collaborative research between commercial R&D teams and leading agricultural scientists
- Dedicated space for business support and knowledge exchange
- Multiple flexi offices
- An 'Agile Working Suite' provides hot desking space for short term assignments and occasional on site working
- An 'Internal Street' provides an attractive open meeting and social space to help spark collaborative discussion and a backdrop for your company's signage and promotional material, enhancing your profile within the Hub and inviting interest from residents and visitors.

Space within the hub provides an agile working environment to stimulate and engage your team, with a range of alternative areas to accommodate different activities. In addition to lab and office based personal workspace for productive activity, there are a number of informal meeting spaces designed to encourage the exchange and development of ideas, creative thinking and problem solving.

*"To remain internationally competitive in Bioscience the UK must have the highest quality research environments".*

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We appreciate an open innovation environment is a new way of working for many and can benefit users in different ways:

**Collaborative Research** - If embarking on a fixed-term project with a collaborative partner, we have the ideal environment to give you joint project space that works for all parties. We can provide you with shared laboratory space for up to 6 research scientists and use of a project office. We offer a full range of support services with access to a cold room, prep labs and common meeting areas.

**International R&D Soft Landing** - As an international Agri-Tech Research & Development company, with a Head Office outside the UK or Europe, an additional base within the Lawes Open Innovation Hub will increase your organisation's presence within the UK and provide a platform from which to engage with other Agri-Tech companies and associated research bodies. You will also have the support of Rothamsted's scientific services and guidance from the Rothamsted Knowledge Exchange and Commercialisation team.

**Consortia Building** - You might want to establish your multi partner agri related consortia here in our Innovation Hub, enjoying access to office facilities for up to 4 people, facilitating closer collaboration with Rothamsted. Additional desk space is available on flexible terms within the agile working suite to accommodate visiting colleagues and partners.

**Associate Service** - If you would like a presence at Rothamsted but without committing to taking permanent space, you might want to take advantage of our associate service. Your link to the centre as an agri related company or organisation will be acknowledged through signage, a poster, and on the RoCRE website. You will have time restricted access to the hot desks and open meeting spaces within the hub and discounted use of the conference centre facilities.

**Whatever your needs, we would welcome an early dialogue with you as to what arrangements may best work for you so that are able to create a tailored solution suited to your requirements.**

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