Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council



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EPSRC – Strategy and Opportunities in NWTF Research Areas

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EPSRC – Powering UK science and prosperity

Our Vision

To make the UK recognised as the place where the most creative researchers can deliver world-leading engineering and physical sciences research.

Mission Statement

EPSRC invests in world-leading research and skills to advance knowledge and deliver a sustainable, resilient and prosperous UK.

Our diverse portfolio ranges from digital technologies to clean energy, manufacturing to mathematics, advanced materials to chemistry.

We support new ideas and transformative technologies which are the foundations of innovations that improve our economy, environment and society.

In partnership and co-investing with industry, we work to deliver both national and global priorities

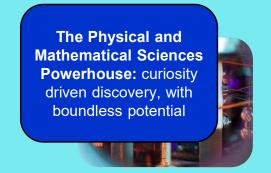




EPSRC's 8 Strategic Priorities

Discovery - led Research

Mission -**Inspired** Research



Frontiers in **Engineering and** Technology: unleashing our productivity potential

Digital Futures: the future of communications. computing and the internet

Engineering Net Zero:

decarbonising our economy and society, creating an alternative energy future & developing truly circular economies

Al, Digitalisation and **Data - Driving Value** and Security: powering transformative change and the next industrial revolution

Transforming Health and Healthcare:

improving quality of life through innovative technological solutions



International

Talent and Skills

Place

World Class Infrastructure

Impact

Business Engagement

Quantum

Technologies: realising

the transformative

An Effective Ecosystem for Engineering and Physical Sciences



Tomorrow's Engineering Research Challenges

TERC was initiated with a UK-wide community engagement activity from EPSRC to identify key challenges and the engineering research that is needed to tackle these challenges.

This process identified a spectrum of challenges at different levels:

- •high-level community priorities
- •cross-cutting themes
- technological challenges.

The high-level community priorities, crosscutting themes and technological challenges are all detailed in the report document, along with some recommendations from the cochairs and annexes containing details on the sources of the information gathered.



Technical Challenges



Ensure **space**research is sustainable, and design and develop technologies that will be used to explore and sustain life in space and on Earth.



Develop sustainable, integrated, and equitable transportation systems.



Accelerate environmentally sustainable and socially responsible creation and utilisation of **materials**.



Improve wholelife health and wellbeing by developing sustainable, inclusive, and resilient healthcare systems and technologies.



robotics and Al
into engineering while
ensuring ethical use with
transparent and equitable
decision making.



Foster socially and environmentally responsible approaches to engineering guided by our understanding of human behaviours and needs.



Unlock the full potential of nature-based engineering.



Deliver adaptable global engineering solutions that are compatible with our understanding of the planet's ecosystem.

Future Opportunities for NWTF

- Future Research Funding especially around TERC challenge areas
- Support for an open culture around Research Infrastructure
- New directions for research agenda shaped by industry and government challenges
- Interdisciplinary research opportunities (systems engineering, new materials)



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