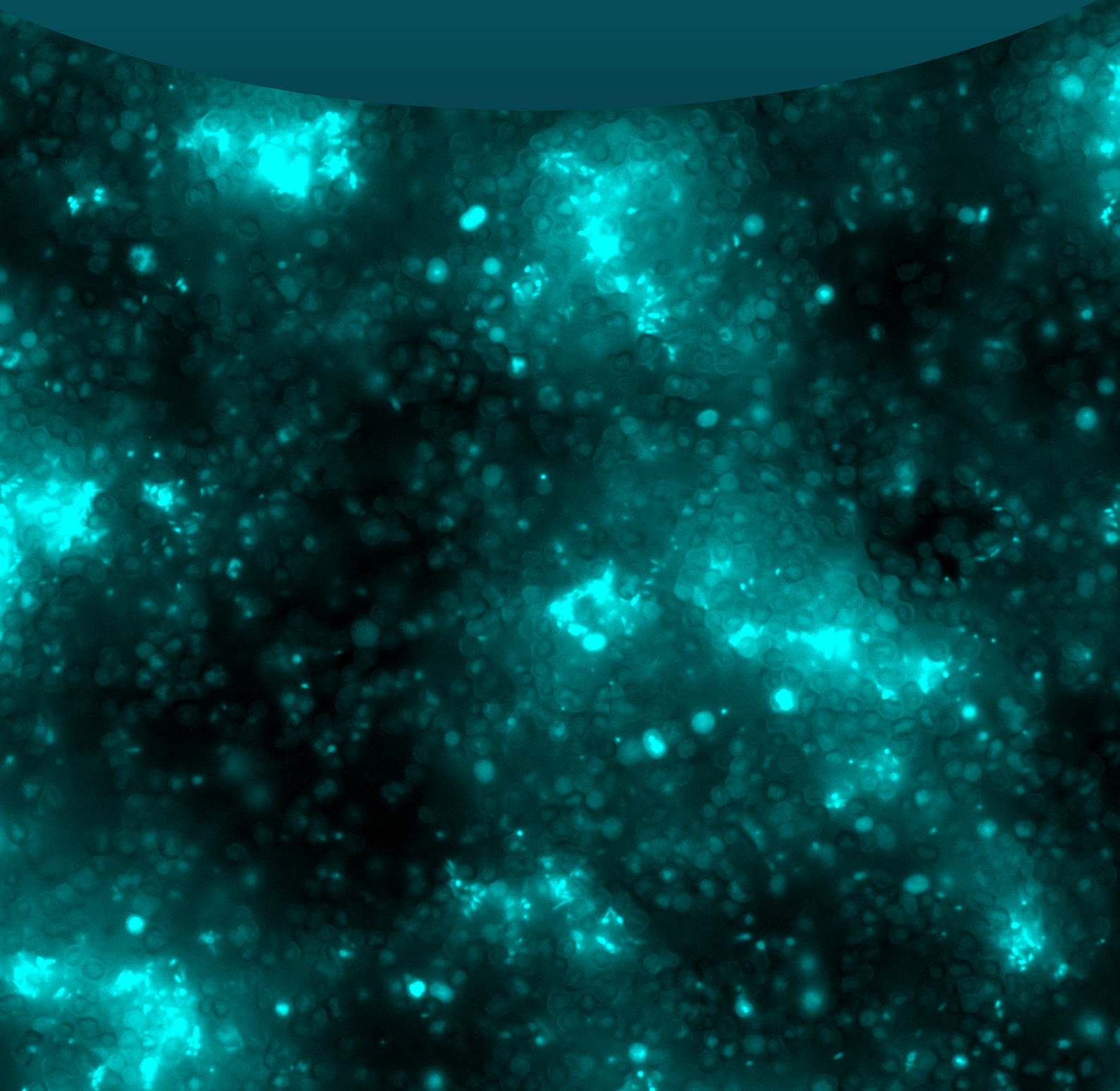




National Biofilms
Innovation Centre

A Guide to Industry Membership





Our Mission

WE ARE NBIC

The National Biofilms Innovation Centre (NBIC) exists to create a fusion of world-class interdisciplinary research and industry partnerships to deliver breakthrough science and technologies to control and exploit biofilms.

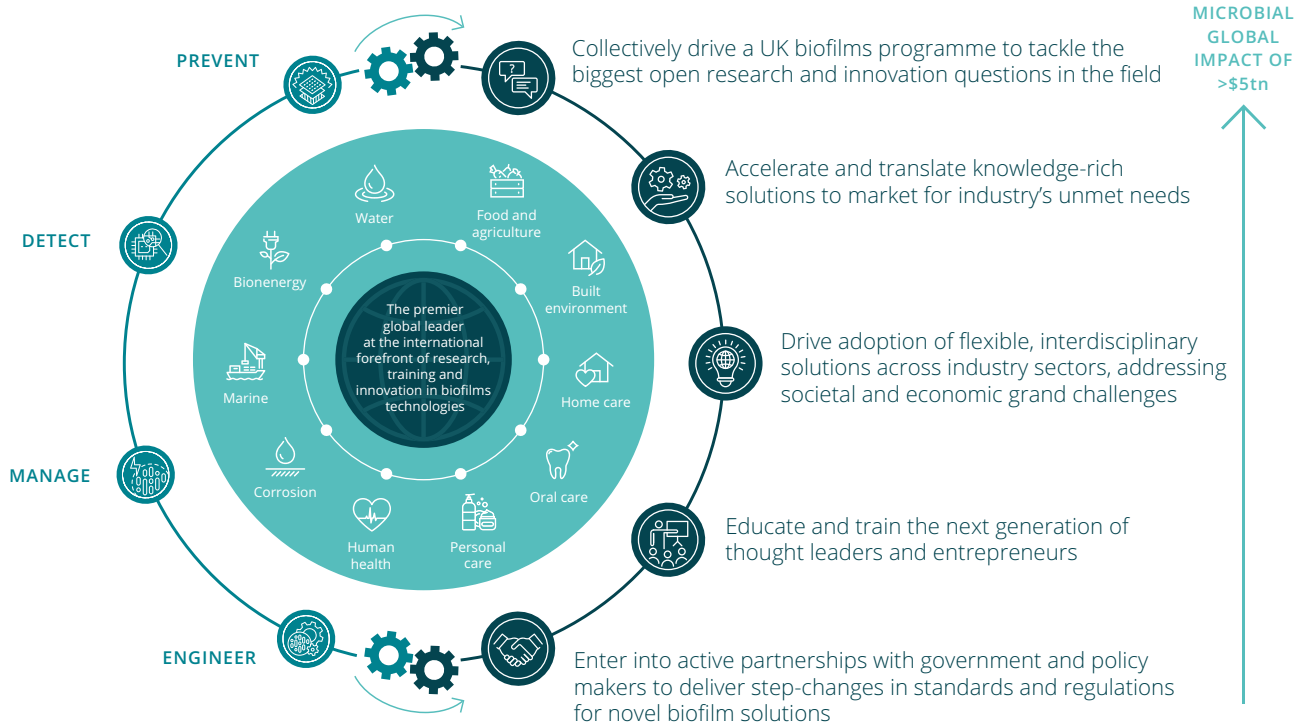
NBIC's mission is to drive global leadership in biofilm research, training, and innovation by tackling key challenges crucial to the UK's future prosperity.

Biofilms are central to our most important global challenges – from infections, antimicrobial resistance and food safety to water security, marine biofouling and corrosion - and exert significant economic, social and environmental impacts estimated at \$5 trillion per annum.

NBIC was established in 2017 by four lead universities (Edinburgh, Liverpool, Nottingham and Southampton), with funding from BBSRC and Innovate UK. NBIC's vision is to create a pioneering national centre by bringing together the founding universities, an expanded network of research institutions and industry partners, and fostering an inclusive approach that engages new companies and research organisations.

Values

NBIC harnesses its role as the UK's national centre and deploys its interdisciplinary research power, critical mass, connected infrastructure and energised innovation ecosystem to deliver future ambitions.



- NBIC is collectively driving a UK Biofilms Programme to tackle the biggest open research and innovation questions in the field, and deliver global leadership and breakthrough science and innovation to Prevent, Detect, Manage and Engineer (PDME) biofilms.
- NBIC has entered into active partnerships with government and policymakers to deliver step-changes in standards and regulations for novel biofilm solutions.
- NBIC strives towards global leadership via enhanced interactions with established global centres, while building new relationships and networks with countries with rapidly expanding economic and healthcare challenges.
- NBIC is educating and training the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs by delivering a co-created programme of training that addresses key skills gaps identified by our industrial and academic communities.
- NBIC is accelerating and translating knowledge-rich solutions to industry and the market via academic-industry collaborations, driving innovation and growth in multiple industrial sectors, nucleating new industries and spin-outs, and contributing to regional strengths via close engagement with regional partners.
- NBIC's delivery and ambitions remain agile and are informed by active consultation across academia, industry and end users, alongside evolving national and global priorities and challenges.

Driving Biofilm Innovation and Commercial Growth

NBIC connects world-leading scientists with industry partners to translate biofilm research into practical, commercial solutions. Our focus is simple: helping organisations better understand, control, and exploit biofilms through collaboration, expertise, and targeted support, driving biofilm innovation and commercial growth.

NBIC Industry Membership provides businesses with a direct route into this collaborative network, offering access to specialist expertise, facilities, and funding opportunities that support innovation, accelerate development, and help translate biofilm research into real-world applications.

A Collaborative Approach to Commercial Biofilm Innovation

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Partnering and Collaboration

NBIC's Innovation Team supports members through curated searches and targeted introductions to academic experts and industry partners with relevant experience in biofilm science and innovation.



Funding Support and Development Opportunities

Industry Members can take part in NBIC funding applications and receive tailored funding insights aligned with their sector, helping to identify opportunities for collaborative R&D and commercial development.



Skills, Talent, and Training

Membership provides access to entrepreneurship training, entrepreneurial skills development, and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities. These activities are designed to strengthen commercial capability, support innovation leadership, and help organisations build the skills needed to translate biofilm science into market-ready solutions.



Insight, Intelligence, and Communications

Members receive a quarterly membership newsletter highlighting funding calls, events, and sector developments, along with concessionary access to NBIC-funded reports and curated information relevant to the biofilm sector.



Events and Industry Networking

Industry Members are invited to the annual NBIC Members Day, an applied meeting focused on industry priorities, and receive concessionary access to NBIC meetings, webinars, and technical training throughout the year.



Access to Specialist Expertise and Facilities

Members gain visibility of the specialist capabilities, facilities, and expertise available across NBIC's university network, supporting informed decisions around research, testing, and scale-up of biofilm technologies.



Policy and Public Engagement

Industry Members benefit from access to NBIC's policy and public engagement activities, helping to inform research and innovation strategy and raise industry awareness of the state of the art in biofilm science. This engagement ensures member perspectives help shape future priorities and opportunities across the biofilm innovation landscape.

Pricing Model

NBIC tiered pricing model reflects the Member's size and type of organisation.

There are four tiers of industry membership within NBIC: Tier 0, Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3.

Tier	Company type/size	Membership fee per annum*
0	Not-for-profit Organization	£0.00
1	Micro	£500.00
2	SME	£2,500.00
3	Large	£5,000.00

* Membership fee per annum exclusive of VAT

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