SU2P Innovation Forum 24 March Agenda

Time	Session	Format	High-Level Focus
09:30-10:00	**Arrivals & Registrations**		
10:00-10:05	**Welcome Address** Prof. Keith Mathieson, University of Strathclyde	Short Address	Welcome and brief summary of the symposium.
10:05-10:30	**SU2P: A Model for Transatlantic Innovation** Sir Peter Knight, UK National Quantum Technology Programme	Keynote Address	Scotland's quantum and photonics capabilities as the foundation for a deeper transatlantic innovation partnership with California, accelerating progress in quantum, photonics, and advanced engineering.
10:30-10:45	**The Next Chapter for SU2P: Integrating Research, Industry, and Government for Global Impact** Dr. Armand Niederberger, Stanford University	Invited Talk	Lessons from the first Science Bridges programme and future opportunities for engagement.
10:45-11:30	**From Projects to Partnerships: Creating Long-Term Academic–Industry Value.** Alan Anderson (Optos)	Panel Discussion	How universities and companies can form durable, mutually beneficial partnerships that align incentives, support talent development, and strengthen innovation ecosystems. Panel members: Catherine Breslin (University of Strathclyde), Shahida Imani (Singular Photonics) and Benjamin Griffiths (Rigetti).
11:30-11:45	Coffee Break	Networking	Opportunity to visit the Technology Showcase and continue discussions.

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11:45-12:45	**Inside Scotland's Quantum & Photonics Engine: Rapid-Fire Insights** Alastair McInroy	Lightning Talks	A fast-paced overview of Scotland's photonics and quantum capabilities across fabrication, devices, applications, and commercialization.
All Day	**Scotland's Quantum & Photonics Technology Showcase**	Exhibition	Demonstrations and technology displays from Scottish quantum and photonics companies & Quantum Hubs.
12:45-14:15	Lunch Break	Networking	Opportunity to visit the Technology Showcase and continue discussions.
14:15-15:00	**Inside the Investor Mindset: Funding Quantum & Photonics** Alastair McInroy	Panel Discussion	How global investors evaluate technical readiness, commercial potential, and team strength in deep-tech ventures, with discussion of U.S.–UK investment differences.
15:00-15:45	**Creating Deep Tech Spin-Outs** Gerard Cunningham	Panel Discussion	How Scotland and California are building pathways from frontier research into deep-tech commercialization—highlighting funding routes, academic–industry collaboration models, and the structures supporting researchers to translate breakthroughs into viable spin-outs.
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break	Networking	Opportunity to visit the Technology Showcase and continue discussions.
16:15-17:15	**Engineering Sustainable Innovation Ecosystems** Prof. Tom Baer, Stanford University	Keynote Address	Creating and scaling deep-tech spin-outs, navigating public and private funding, and building commercial readiness.
17.30-19.00	**Drinks Reception**	Networking	Evening reception for attendees to connect across academia, industry, investment, and government.