

What are the opportunities for UK-Israel Research & Innovation collaboration?

In November 2021, the UK and Israel signed a memorandum of understanding to work more closely together on areas including science and technology.

The memorandum presents a major opportunity to strengthen the scientific relationship between both countries to support dynamic R&D systems, driving mutual productivity, sustainability, and economic prosperity. The UK and Israel are already innovation leaders with an excellent track record of partnership. Now, we're developing the infrastructure to catalyse outstanding, sustainable, and complementary collaboration for years to come.

Why UK-Israel?

In a survey and interviews, we asked 113 researchers and industry leaders from 44 organisations about the barriers and opportunities to UK-IL R&I collaboration.

57% of respondents already collaborate on UK-IL projects, including through BIRAX, British Council and Israel Innovation Authority programmes - and there is appetite for plenty more.

71% cited research excellence in the other country as a key factor.

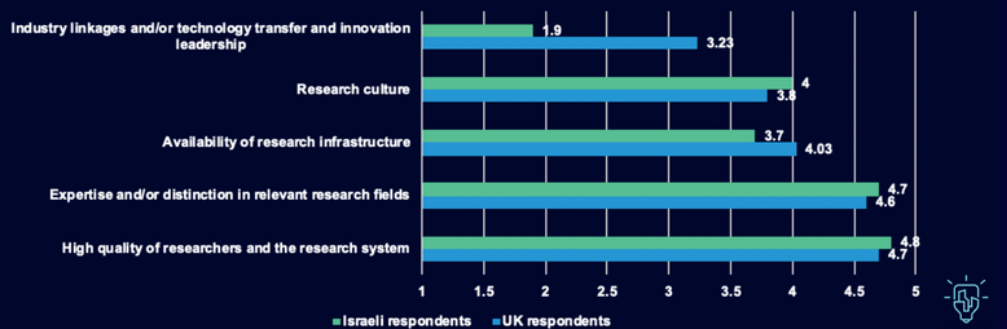
AI/ML is consistently cited as a growth area with complementary strengths in each country.

Respondents saw early-career opportunities as a way to create valuable career-long connections

Factors that have attracted partnering with the UK or Israel in R&I



Using a scale of '1 = not at all important, to 5 = very important', please rate which existing factors have already attracted you to the UK or Israel as a partner in science & innovation collaboration.



- "Our **legal systems** have a lot in common, our IP strategies, and [...] our mutual wish to improve our people's healthcare and further deliver it for the rest humankind."
- "Israel **regional positionality** and neighborhood opportunities"
- "close proximity and similarities between the research, innovation and business systems of the UK and Israel make **research commercialisation partnerships** a real area of opportunity"

Next steps

Drawing on successes to date, building a path forward to:

Communicate more widely on existing opportunities

Foster a shared strategic vision and agenda

Connect research and industry through innovation

Further excellence and complementarity to address Global Challenges

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