



A world-class research, innovation and enterprise cluster

Place-based innovation in the horticultural and food supply chain

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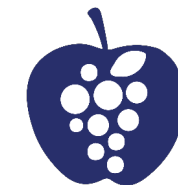
Growing Kent & Medway is a world-class research, innovation and enterprise cluster supporting growth in:

- **technology-driven horticulture;**
- **fresh produce packaging;**
- **food and drink processing and supply chains.**



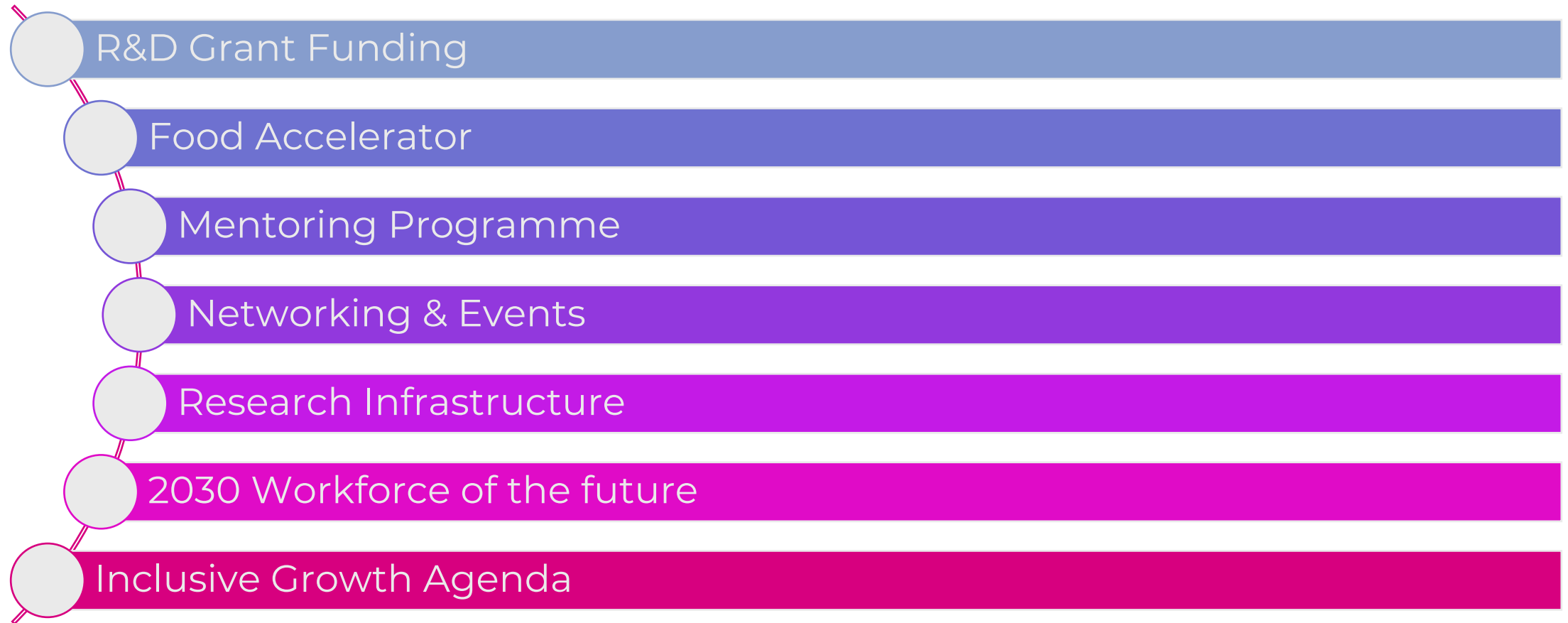
Regional Strength - GKM Partners

Collaboration and co-creation between researchers, businesses, investors and local stakeholders is essential.





Business Innovation and Growing Kent & Medway Cluster



Investment in flagship infrastructure

Green Tech Hub for Advanced Horticulture – NIAB at East Malling

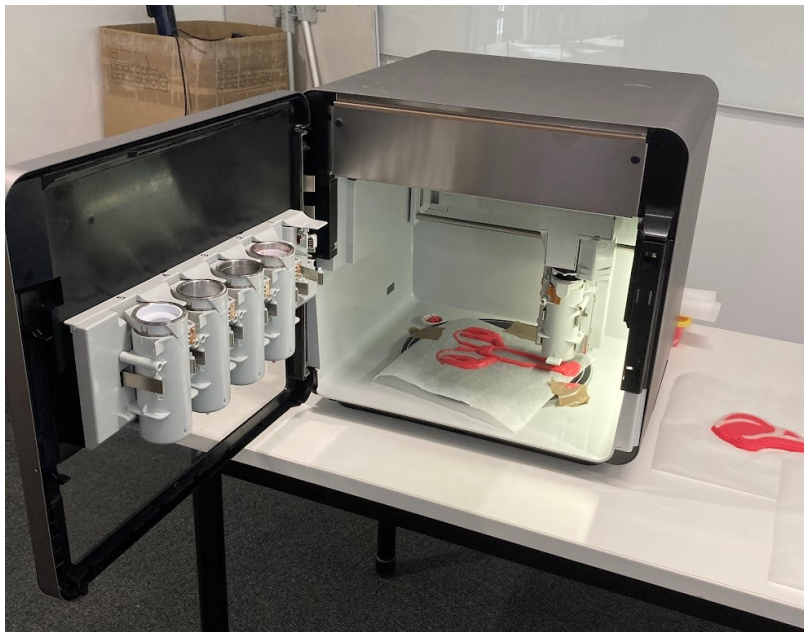
- Plant growth rooms, wine innovation centre, research glasshouse & meeting space



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Medway Food Innovation Centre

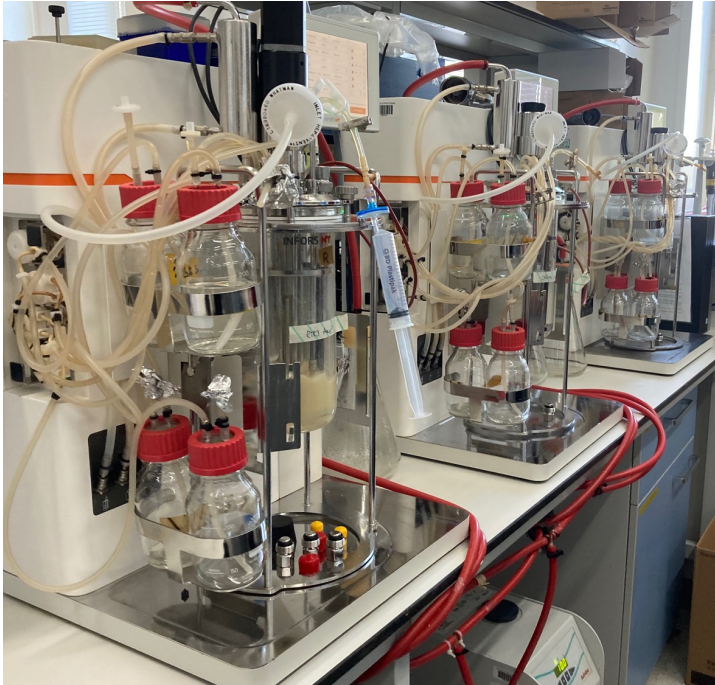
- Food processing, product development & packaging
- University of Greenwich



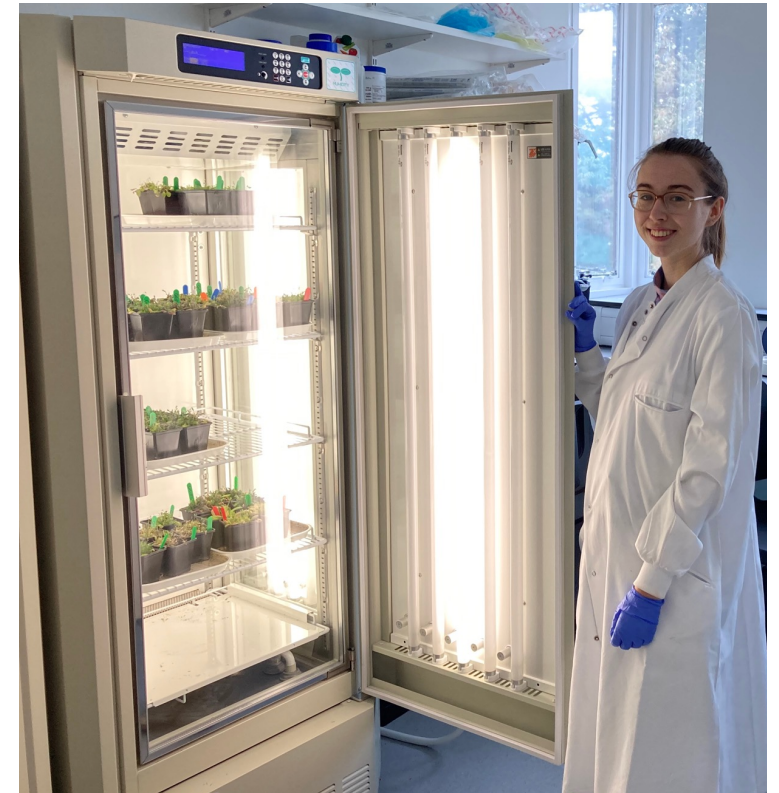
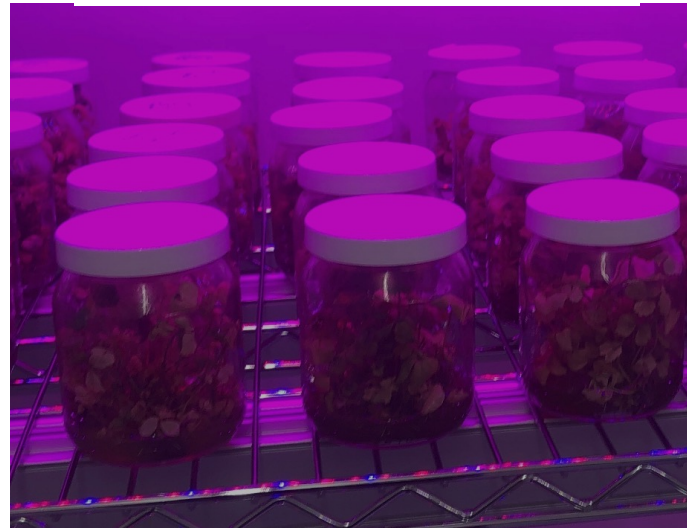
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Biotechnology Hub for Sustainable Food & Drink

- Fermentation technology, high-value compounds from plant materials, controlling pathogens and improving quality, flavour & aroma
- University of Kent



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Kent



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Industrial Agri-Engineering Hub – Canterbury Christ Church University

- Agri-engineering, automation, manufacturing, assistive technologies and applied data analysis



Food Accelerator & Mentoring

- For start-ups and all stages of businesses in plant-based food & drink space
- Connect with industry leading experts
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities and technical expertise
- Mentorship
- Helping to raise investment and grant funding
- Guidance on leadership, strategy & market development



Grant funding trailblazers

GKM is making up to **£5 million** available to support research, development and business innovation.

**Large-scale collaborative
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**Small-scale research and
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**Technology demonstrator
fund**



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