Title: List of patent applications made by UK universities

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Please find attached a spreadsheet which we hope will meet your requirements.

We cannot guarantee that the spreadsheet is a complete list of UK patent-holding universities. This is because we do not separate patent applicants into types, e.g. companies, private individuals, academic institutions etc. To arrive at the attached list we've done a search of UK applicants using the keyword 'university', which will have identified most universities. However, some will not have been identified by that search, such as Imperial College. In that case we've added it to the list, but there may be other UK universities with unusual names that are not included.

Furthermore, Imperial College has established a commercial arm to handle the licensing of their patents, in this case Imperial Innovations Limited. As we cannot say how many other universities do this we don't know if any such have been missed by this search.

We've listed all the university patents we found that reached publication stage during 2011, 2012 and 2013. As you are probably aware, publication usually occurs about 18 months after an application is filed and that is the earliest date at which we can make this information available. The spreadsheet also includes another date column showing which patents have been granted. Please bear in mind that some may still be in process.