



Science & Innovation



SCIENCE = BRISTOL CITY REGION

As a city, Bristol can lay claim to a long tradition of scientific discovery, innovation and creativity, stretching from Brunel to Concorde and the A380 to the BBC and Aardman Animations.

In 2005, the Chancellor of the Exchequer conferred the title of Science City on Bristol, one of only six cities in England to receive this accolade.

The Science City designation recognised the Bristol city-region's world-class scientific research in the university sector and its concentration of commercial innovative research and development.

The Science City designation is also recognition of the strategic presence in of major companies such as Airbus and Rolls Royce, which together with a significant cluster of advanced engineering companies and suppliers make this sector one of the largest contributors to the sub-region's economic performance.

When the results of Bristol and Bath's Universities' Research Assessment Exercise (2001) are combined, they show that the area has the third most powerful research environment in the UK.

The Bristol city-region is home to leading digital companies both large and small, which are also global players, including Hewlett Packard Labs, Orange, BBC and Aardman Animations.

SPark, a new 77,000 sq metres science park for science and technology companies, is expected to be completed in 2008.

"Bristol has been responsible for some of the most innovative aircraft and engines ever produced."

**Martin Fausset,
Managing Director Rolls-Royce**