



# Knowledge-Based Society in Practice

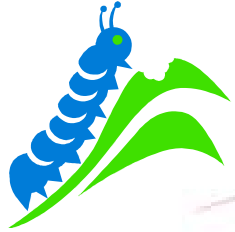
## HI-TECH SLOVAKIA

Bridging the gap between Academia and Industry  
The Science Park Solution

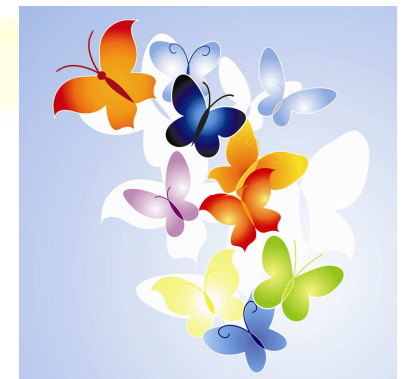
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# Transforming Science to Commerce



- Source of learning
- Research and Invention
- Creating Intellectual assets
- Industrial collaboration
- Foundations for new companies
- Attraction of investment
- Capital Investment
- Economic growth



# Role Of Universities



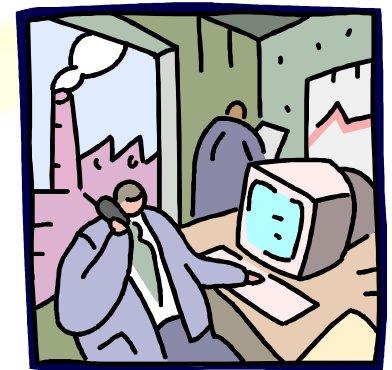
- A source of learning since 14<sup>th</sup> Century
- Generating Intellectual Property
- Developing Skills
- Nurturing potential
- Contributing to local economic growth



# Commercial Skills



- Understanding market places
- Knowing customers
- Planning a business
- Recruiting the right people
- Building a Business
- Growing a company.



# Metamorphosis

- Tangibility

- Proof of Concept
- Seed Capital
- Development Capital

- Location - Science Parks

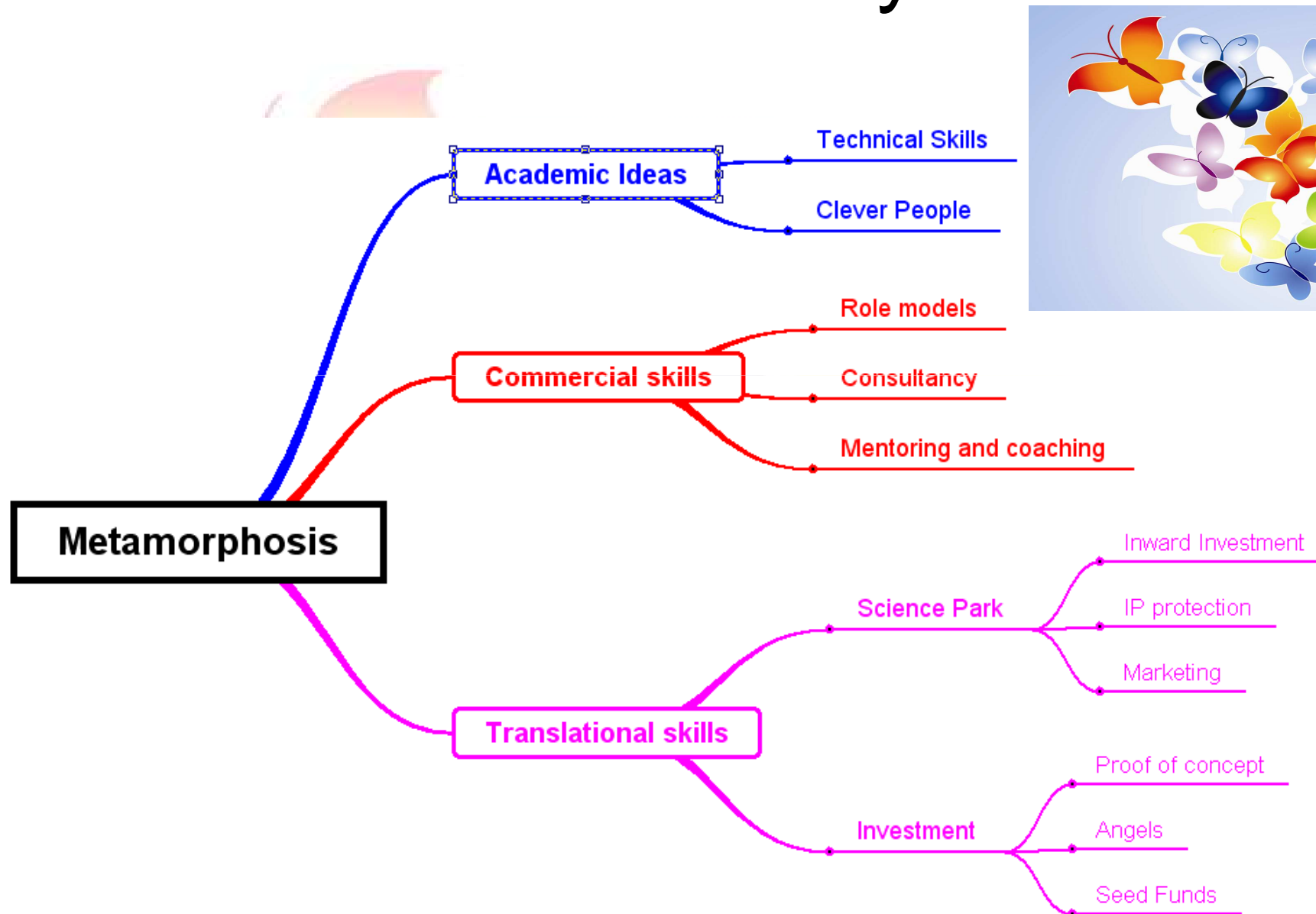
- Building
- Special internal fitting
- Shared resources

- Incubation - Innovation Centre

- Process
- Products
- People



# Summary





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