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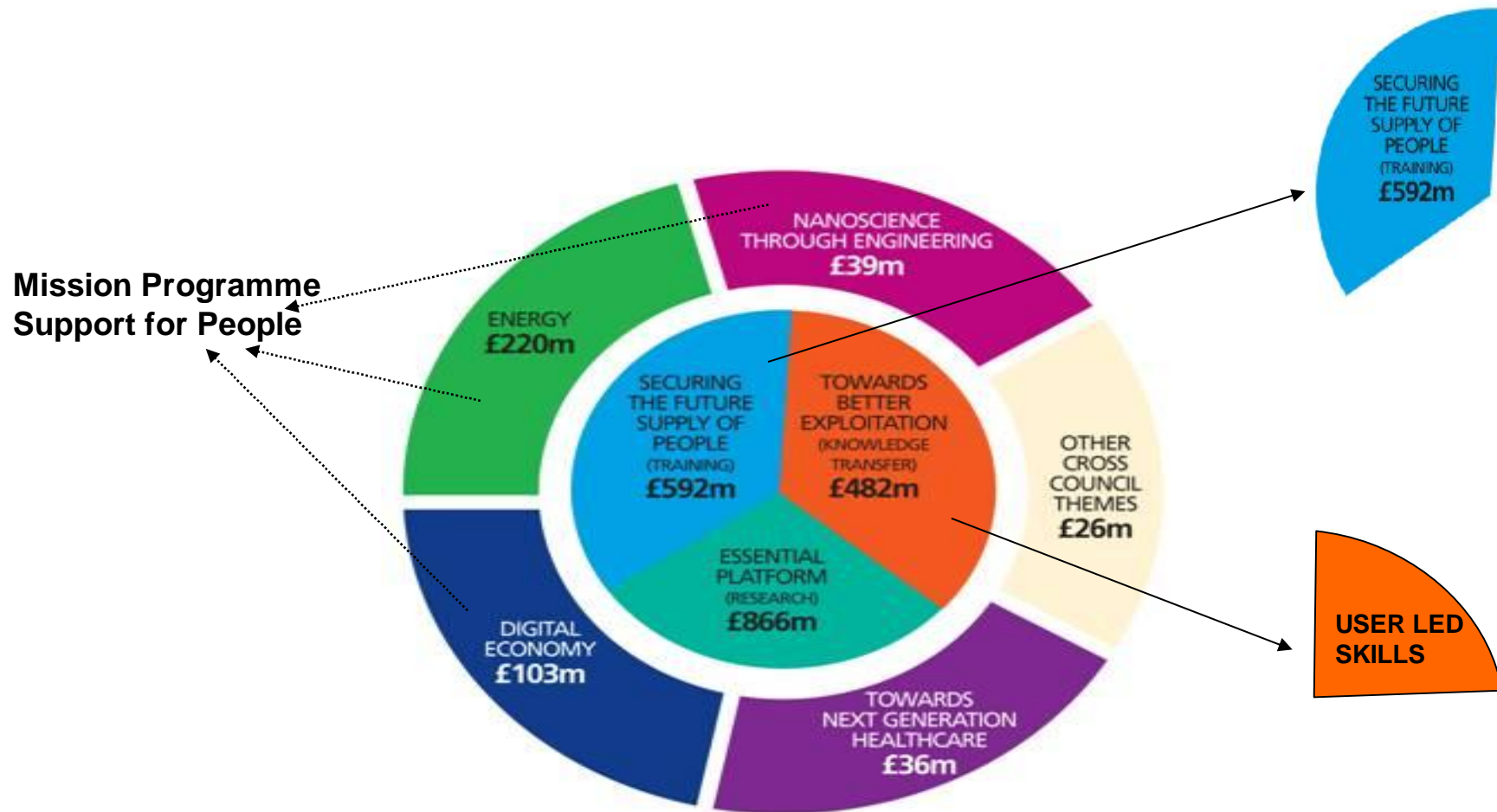
## Postgraduate Training Support

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# EPSRC Delivery Plan – 2008-11



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# Approaches to Postgraduate support

- Doctoral Training Accounts
  - 4 year blocks of funding allocated to Universities on basis of research funding
  - Flexibility over level of stipend and length of award
  - 45 Universities received DTAs in 2009
  - 10% CASE conversion target
- Project Students
  - Awarded on research grants

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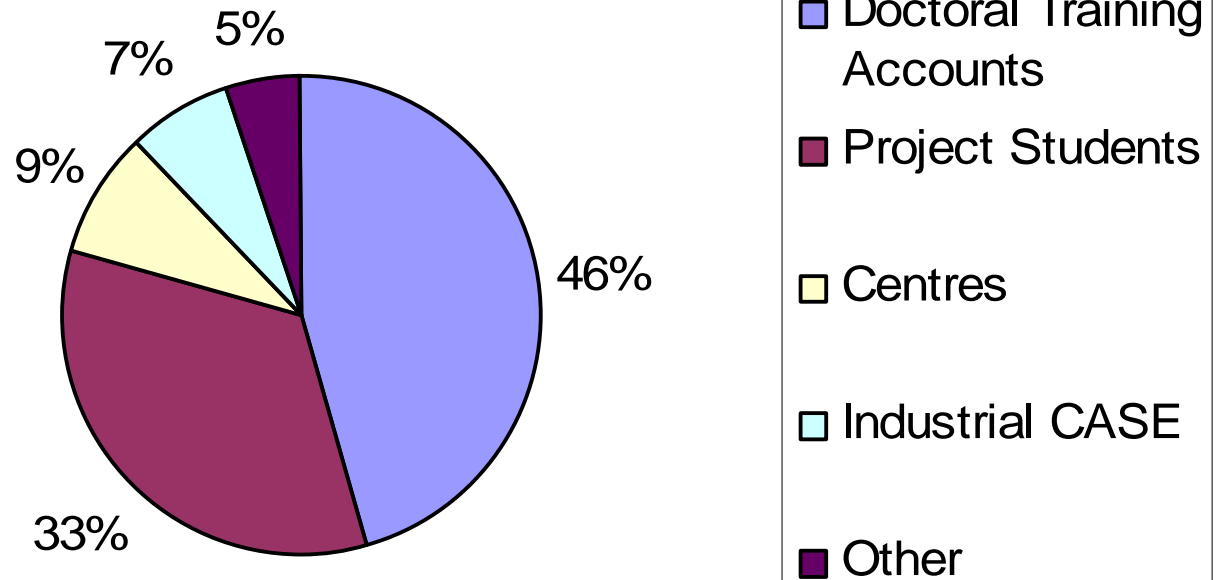
- Centres for Doctoral Training
  - 280 Million investment
  - PhDs are 4 years in length and students are trained in cohorts
  - Taught element and broadening skills
  - Currently 4 types: Investigator-led, Mission Areas, Industrial Centres and Life Sciences
- Industrial CASE
  - Allocated directly to companies
  - > 460 companies currently involved

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# Current Postgraduate Training Portfolio – 9500 students

## Postgraduate Training Portfolio - 2009





## Other Studentship Support

- Vacation Bursaries - £1M to 36 Universities in 2009
- PhD plus is a pilot being run with 14 HEIs intended to help universities retain their best PhD students.
- Enterprise Funding – 2.9M to 54HEIs in 2009

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# Themes from our recent review of People support

- Flexible provision that adds real value to the individual – no to automatic move to 4 year PhD
- Better career advice to students before entry – allow more informed choice about type of PhD
- Opportunities for PhDs to widen horizons as part of training (international, industrial experience)
- Increased emphasis on cohort training
- EPSRC statement of expectations of postgraduate training support and University statement of how EPSRC support is being used strategically

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