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Welcome

Europe Quantum Technology CR&D 2024

Applicant briefing

Date: 16 May 2024

The webinar will start at 10:00.

- We are currently on mute, whilst waiting for more people to join

- Please ensure that you are dialled in, either by computer or phone, so that you can hear the briefing.
- If you have any audio issues, please dial in from a fixed line.
- The briefing will be recorded and available for you

Agenda

- **Welcome and introductions**

- **Part 1**
Scope, eligibility criteria

- **Part 2**
The Innovation Funding Service, application finances, academic partners

- **Part 3**
Submitting your application, assessment, project setup for successful applicants and reasonable adjustments
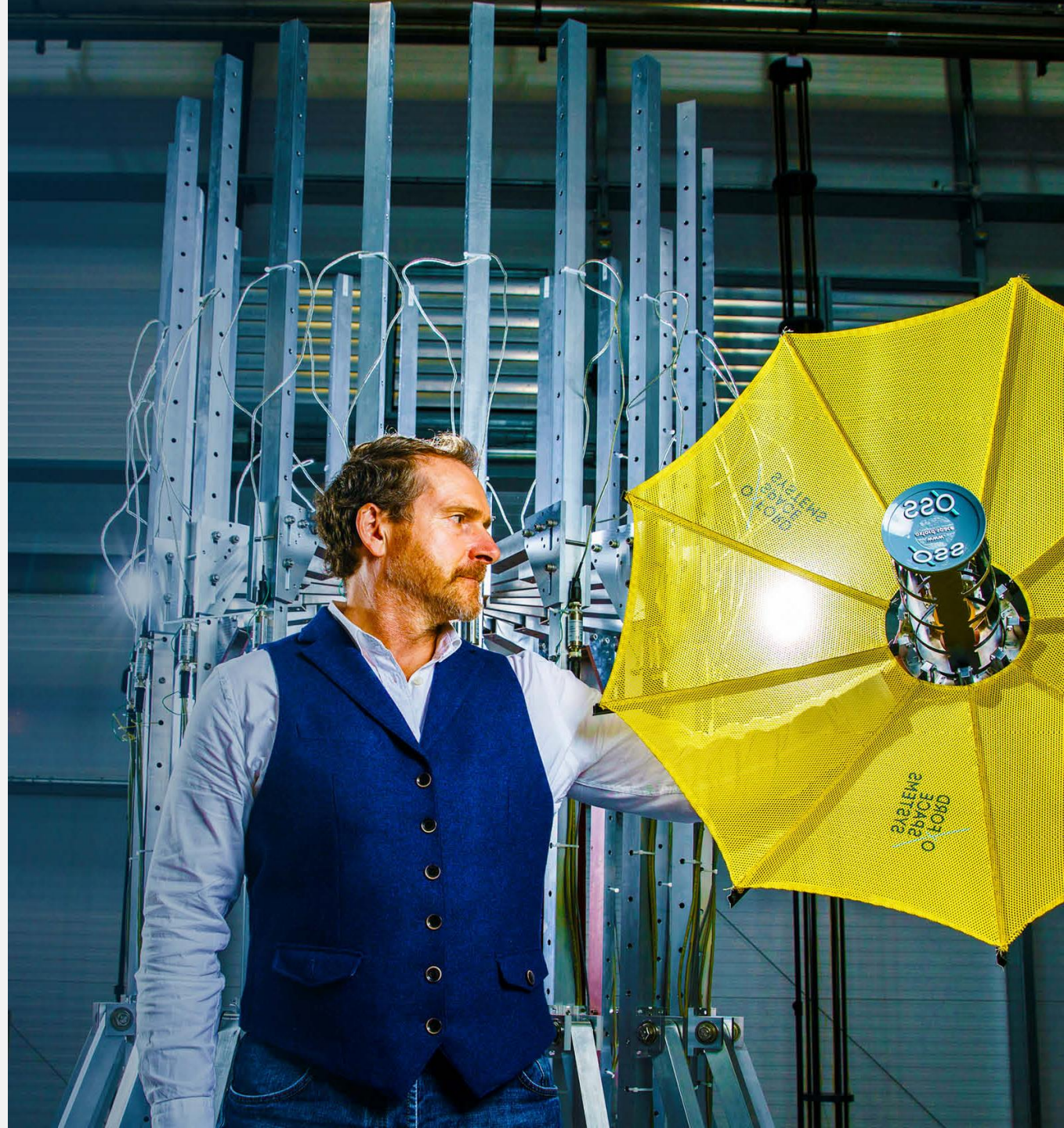
Welcome and Introductions

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Introduction to Innovate UK and UKRI

UK Research and Innovation

We work with the government to invest over £7 billion a year in research and innovation by partnering with academia and industry to make the impossible, possible. Through the UK's nine leading academic and industrial funding councils, we create **knowledge with impact**.

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- We are the UK's innovation agency

- We support business-led innovation in all sectors, technologies and UK regions

- A key delivery body of the Government's Innovation Strategy

Our Mission

To help UK businesses grow through the development and commercialisation of new products, processes, and services, supported by an outstanding innovation ecosystem that is agile, inclusive, and easy to navigate.

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UK ranks 4th in Global Innovation Index

- Innovation accounts for up to 50% of labour productivity growth

- Firms that persistently invest in R&D have higher productivity

- Innovating companies are more likely to export and generate growth

Pros & Cons of using AI to support you

With the advances in AI technology it is only natural to use technology to support you in applying to our competitions. Whilst we don't recommend or advise against it we would like to make you aware of the following which could potentially impact your project.

Pros

- Removes barriers for people with disabilities and non-English speakers
- Allows you to rephrase your content to meet the word count in a question
- Ensures all aspects of a question are answered
- Can aid a better understanding of:
  - intended/wider market
  - best practice in project management
  - complementary technologies and advances in the industry
  - expected project impacts

Cons

- It is not always correct in its assumptions and can get things wrong
- AI learns from the information you give it as well as what it has already learnt
- May provide a generic response meaning your application could use similar phrasing to others
- AI can be detected as non-human as it lacks expression and insight because it relies on logic to summarise information based on the question asked

Whilst AI offers many benefits, it is important you are aware that **you are potentially sharing your idea with the world,** so be careful what you share as you have no control over how it is shared on once you do.

Scope

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The aim of this competition is to fund business led, collaborative research and development (CR&D) projects focused on quantum technologies between the UK and international partners, in particular entities in the EU.

Your project must focus on one or more of the following:

- quantum sensing for applications such as industrial instrumentation, clinical devices, imaging, resource mapping, geological or oceanographic survey

- industrial products, processes, or services to advance scalable solutions such as chip scale quantum, photonic and optoelectronic systems for applied quantum technologies

- technologies for scaling quantum compute, for example, but not limited to, qubit processor, switching, networking, control systems, cryogenics

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Your project must demonstrate:

- a clear game-changing or disruptive innovative idea leading to new products, processes or services
- a strong and deliverable business proposal within your application that addresses and documents, market potential and needs
- sound, practical financial plans and timelines
- good value for money
- how you intend to deliver significant economic impact, return on investment (ROI) and growth through commercialisation, within two to three years of project completion
- clear potential to significantly benefit the UK economy or national productivity
- the benefit of participants from the countries working together and how this adds value
- a clear definition of where intellectual property (IP) can be used and shared between the participants and countries
- a clear route to market within two to three years of project completion

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We will not fund projects that do not involve use 'second generation' quantum technologies. These technologies use the generation and coherent control of quantum states, resulting in phenomena such as superposition or entanglement.

We will consider technologies involving single photon generation and quantum computing also to be in scope.

We will not fund projects that do not meet Innovate UK's eligibility criteria.

We cannot fund projects that are:

- dependent on export performance

- dependent on domestic inputs usage

- have non-civilian applications

Eligibility criteria

Previously submitted applications

This competition does allow you to submit a previously submitted application.

Previously submitted application	Not a Previously submitted application
A previously submitted application is an application Innovate UK judges as <u>not</u> materially different from one you have submitted before (but it can be updated based on the assessors' feedback)	A brand-new application, project or idea that you have not previously submitted into an Innovate UK competition OR A previously submitted or ineligible application which: • has been updated based on assessor feedback • <u>and</u> is materially different from the application submitted before • <u>and</u> fits with the scope of this competition

Eligibility criteria

Project eligibility	• Application lead must be a UK registered business • must be collaborative • be or involve at least one UK SME • involve at least one European member state registered organisation, which must be a separate legal entity
Total grant	up to £600,000
Project length	between 12 and 18 months
Project must start by*	1 December 2024

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Types of organisations we fund

- Business – Small or Micro, Medium or Large registered in the UK
- Research Organisation (RO):
    - Universities (HEIs)
    - Not for profit distributing Research & Technology Organisation (RTO) including Catapult
    - Public sector organisations and charities doing research activity

If you are 100% owned by a large parent company as a small subsidiary this means you are classed as a large company and will only be entitled to the relevant grant. For more information on company sizes, please refer to the [company accounts guidance](#).

Compliance with the UK Subsidy Control Regime

On 4th January 2023, the Subsidy Control Act 2022 came into effect.

This provides a framework for public authorities to design and award subsidies in a compliant way, whilst minimising any negative effects of subsidies both within the UK and Internationally.

Innovate UK offers funding in line with the UK's obligations and commitments to Subsidy Control. To ensure that Innovate UK remains compliant with the UK's international Subsidy Control duties in respect of:

- the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement;
- the subsidy control act 2022
- Article 10 of the Windsor Framework (successful applicants which are affected by the Windsor Framework will be funded in line with EU State aid regulations)
- Article 138 of the Withdrawal Agreement (some Union law applicable after 31 December 2020 in relation to the UK's participation in Union programmes and activities)
- the Subsidies and Countervailing measures within the WTO (ASCM)
- any other Free Trade Agreements active at the time of award

All awards will be conditional on compliance at all times with the UK's international obligations on Subsidy Control - this will be reflected in the terms and conditions of any award.

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Due diligence

Under the Subsidy Control regime, we will carry out financial health checks and ongoing concern assurances on your organisation.

Certify you are eligible

When submitting an application, you must certify that you are eligible for funding. If you are unsure, please take independent legal advice before applying. Should you be successful, we will complete these financial checks and assurances before confirming the grant offer.

- For more information on company sizes, please refer to the Company accounts guidance.
- Further information is available on our website in the general guidance.

Eligibility Criteria - EU State Aid Regulations – The Windsor Framework

If you are an applicant who is conducting activities that will affect trade of goods and/or electricity between Northern Ireland and the EU, as envisaged by [Article 10 of the Windsor Framework](#), then you must apply under European Commission State aid rules.

Undertaking in Difficulty

For applicants subject to the European Commission State aid rules, you will be required to prove that they were not an "Undertaking in Difficulty" (UiD). We will ask for evidence of this.

This test applies to:
- companies that are more than 3 years old
- companies where more than half of its subscribed share capital has disappeared as a result of accumulated losses.
- your parent or holding company

Certify you are eligible

When submitting an application, you must certify that you are eligible for State aid. If you are unsure, please take legal advice before applying. Should you be successful, we will apply this test as part of our viability checks before confirming the grant offer.

Further information is available on our website in the [general guidance under state aid](#).

If you are applying for an award funded under State aid Regulations, the definitions for company size are set out in the [European Commission Recommendation](#) of 6 May 2003.

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Eligibility Criteria: Funding Opportunities

Funding for R&D projects split in to 3 categories; feasibility studies, industrial research and experimental development.

For feasibility studies and industrial research projects, you could get funding for your eligible project costs of:

- up to 70% if you are a micro or small organisation
- up to 60% if you are a medium-sized organisation
- up to 50% if you are a large organisation

For experimental development projects which are nearer to market, you could get funding for your eligible project costs of:

- up to 45% if you are a micro or small organisation
- up to 35% if you are a medium-sized organisation
- up to 25% if you are a large organisation

For general guidance on what our research categories are please visit:
https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/general-guidance/categories-of-research-and-development/#contents-list

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Participation Rules

The aim of this funding opportunity is to:

- optimise the level of funding to business and
- recognise the importance of research base to project

At least 70% of total eligible project costs must be incurred by business.

The maximum level (30% of total eligible project costs) is shared by all research organisations collaborating on the project.

What is collaboration?

In all collaborative projects there must be:

- at least two organisations claiming grant within the application (including the lead)
- evidence of effective collaboration

We would expect to see the structure and rationale of the collaboration described in the application.

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Making more than one application

A UK registered business can only lead on one application but can be included as a collaborator in two further applications.

If an organisation is not leading any application, it can collaborate in any number of applications

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Other Innovate UK projects

If you have an outstanding final claim or Independent Accountant Report (IAR) on a live Innovate UK project, you will not be eligible to apply to this competition, as a lead or a partner organisation.

We will not award you any further funding if you:

- applied to a previous competition as the lead or sole company and were awarded funding by Innovate UK, but did not make a substantial effort to exploit that award

- applied to a previous competition as the lead or sole company and failed to comply with grant terms and conditions.

Key Dates

Timeline	Dates
Competition Opens	07 May 2024
Briefing Event	16 May 2024
Submission Deadline	28 August 2024 at 11:00
Applicants informed	27 September 2024

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Innovation Funding Service (IFS)

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Keywords

quantum

Innovation area

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UK registered organisations can apply for a share of up to £3 million for quantum research and innovation activities. You must collaborate with at least one organisation from a European Union Member State and may include other international organisations.

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Eligibility
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- be a UK registered business of any size
- be or involve at least one UK micro, small or medium-sized enterprise (SME)
- collaborate with an organisation of any size from one of the European Union Member States

Open now
Opened: 7 May 2024
Closes: 28 August 2024

Funding competition
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Competition opens: Tuesday 7 May 2024
Competition closes: Wednesday 28 August 2024 11:00am

Start new application

Or go to your dashboard to continue an existing application.

Summary | Eligibility | Scope | Dates | How to apply | Supporting information

Description

Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, will invest up to £3 million in collaborative research and innovation projects.

This programme is funded by the UK Government's International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF). ISPF is managed by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) and is delivered by a consortium of the UK's leading research and innovation bodies, including UKRI. The £337 million fund supports collaboration between UK researchers and innovators, and their peers around the world, on the major themes of our time: planet, health, technology and talent.

The aim of this competition is to facilitate collaboration between the UK and international organisations, and in particular entities in the EU, in order to accelerate research and innovation in quantum technologies and remove technological and market barriers to their successful commercialisation and adoption in the UK and internationally.

UK registered businesses must collaborate with at least one non-linked registered organisation from a European Union Member State. You may also invite organisations from other countries to join your project.

UK registered organisations must apply through the Innovation Funding Service (IFS) portal to Innovate UK.

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Lead Applicant: create an account

The lead applicant must create an account:

UK registered businesses

Use Companies House lookup as it speeds up our checks by providing your company number. You are unable to enter this at a later date.

Research organisations, academics and universities

Enter your information manually so you are not listed as a business on IFS and ensure you receive the correct funding.

Project Details

- **Application Team** - Collaborators can invite organisations who you are working with on the project. Contributors can invite colleagues from your own organisation to help you complete your application. All team members and Lead applicants must complete the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion survey embedded in IFS as part of your application.

- **Application Details** - Title, timescales, research category, innovation area and previously submitted application (y/n)

- **Subsidy basis** - Will the project, including any related activities, you want Innovate UK to fund, affect trade between Northern Ireland and the EU? All participants must complete this section.

- **Project Summary** - Short summary and objectives of the project including what is innovative about it

- **Public Description** - Description of your project which will be published if you are successful

- **Scope - How does your project align with the scope of this competition?** - If your project is not in scope, it will be ineligible for funding

Application Questions Detailed guidance available on IFS

Application Form		Appendix?
Question 1	Applicant location (not scored)	No
Question 2	Animal Testing (not scored)	No
Question 3	UK applicants only: Permits and licences (not scored)	No
Question 4	Need or challenge	No
Question 5	Approach and innovation	Yes - optional
Question 6	Team and resources	Yes - optional
Question 7	Market awareness	No
Question 8	Outcomes and route to market	No
Question 9	Wider impacts	No
Question 10	Project management	Yes - mandatory
Question 11	Risks	Yes - mandatory
Question 12	Added value	No
Question 13	Costs and value for money	No

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Application finances
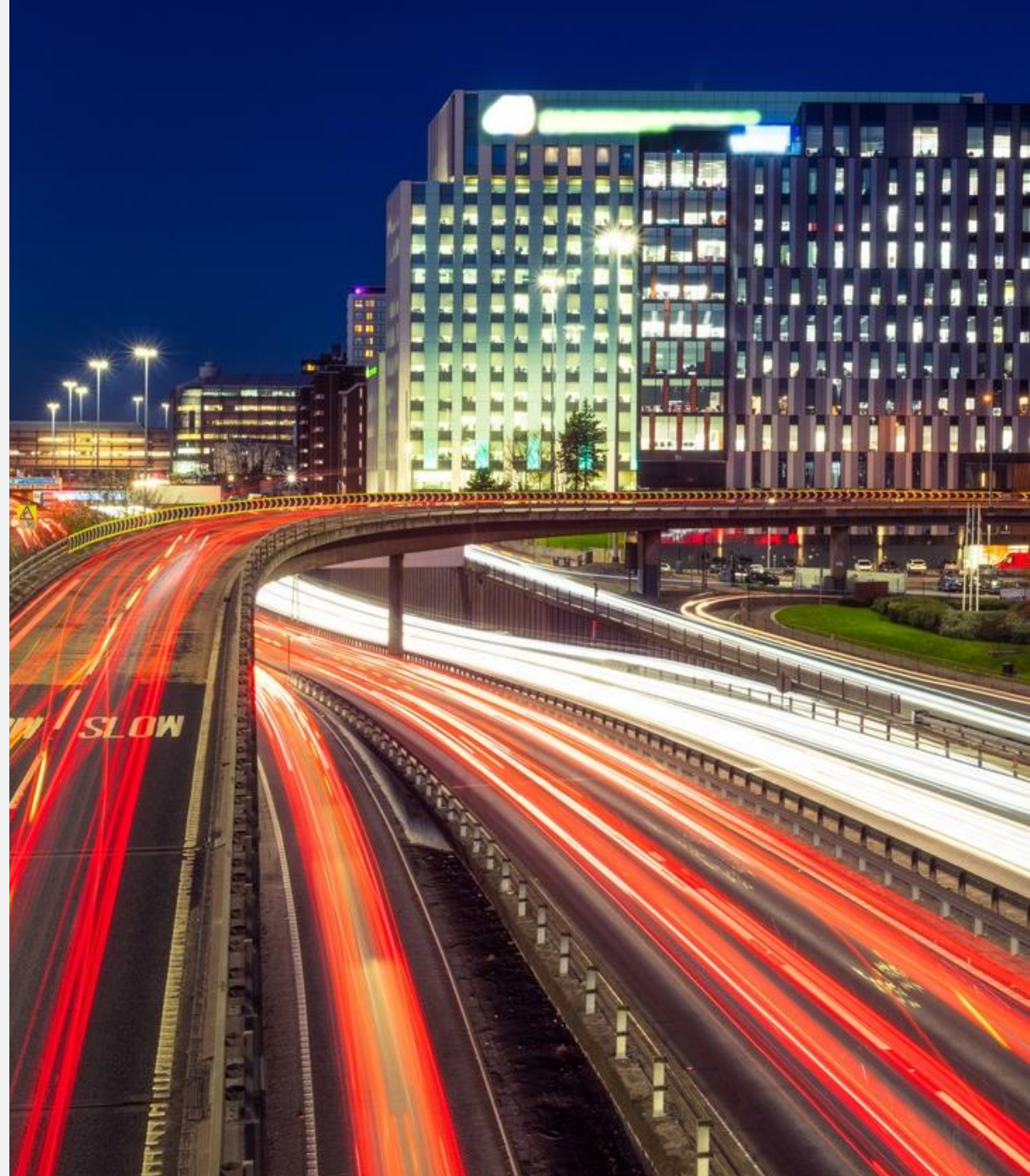
To claim funding

Your business does not have to be UK registered with Companies House when you apply but it must be registered before you can receive funding.

You are unable to claim funding if:
- you are an overseas organisation, so your company number begins with FC
- your organisation is setup as a branch, so your company number begins with BR
- you are a collaboration with no formal structure of ownership or control, so your company number begins with ML
- you are a Crown Dependency:
  - if your company is based in Jersey, your company number begins with JE
  - if your company is based in Guernsey
  - if your company is based in the Isle of Man

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British Overseas Territories

You are also unable to claim funding if your company is based in any of the British Overseas Territories (BOTs):

- Anguilla
- Bermuda
- British Antarctic Territory
- British Indian Ocean Territory
- British Virgin Islands
- Cayman Islands
- Falkland Islands
- Gibraltar
- Montserrat
- Pitcairn Islands
- Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
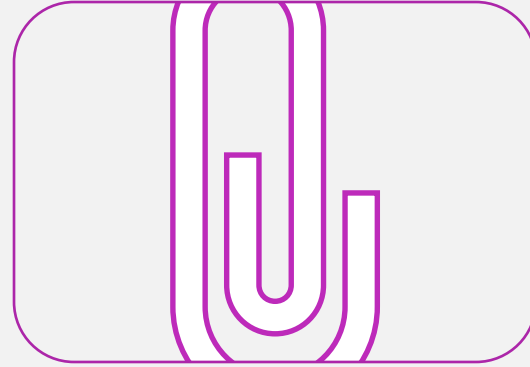- South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
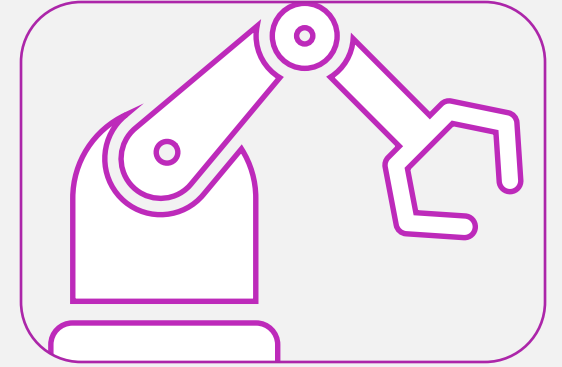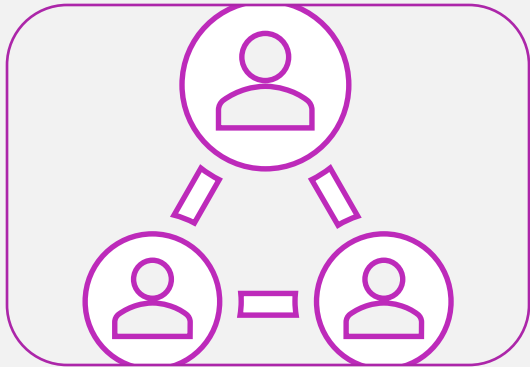- Turks and Caicos Islands

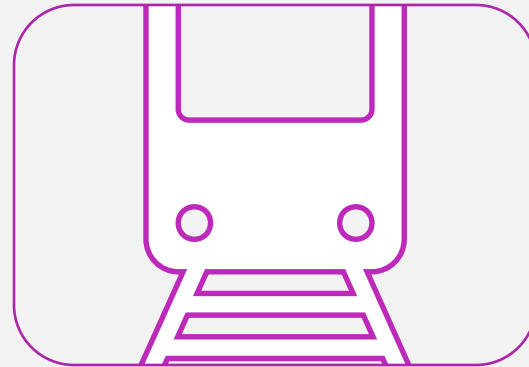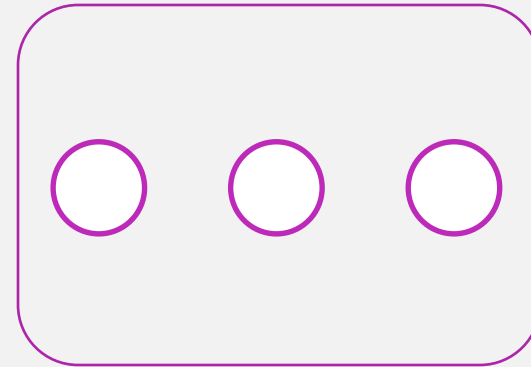# Your Project Cost Categories

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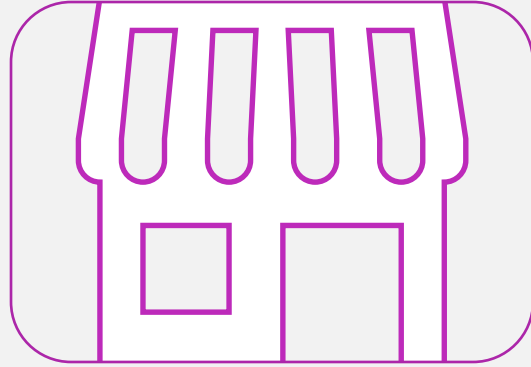
Overheads

Materials

Equipment Usage

Subcontractors

Travel & Subsistence

Other

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Labour

Costs supported:
- Roles and number of days spent working on project (time sheets required)
- 262 work days per annum (less Public holidays and entitlement)
- paid by PAYE
- Employers NI, annual salaries, pension, Health insurance

Costs not supported:
- Dividends & bonuses
- Holiday (excluding that mentioned in eligible costs)
- Training days
- Names not roles assigned to project costs

Labour £25,862 —

You can claim the labour costs of all employees you have working on your project.

▶ Labour costs guidance

If your application is awarded funding, you will need to account for all your labour costs as they occur. For example, you should keep timesheets and payroll records. These should show the actual hours worked by individuals and paid by the organisation.

Working days per year [232]

Number of staff and roles within the project

Role within project	Gross employee cost	Rate (£/day)	Days to be spent by all staff at this grade	Total costs	
Project Manager	50000	£216	120	£25,862	Remove
	0	£0	0	£0	Remove

Add another role

Total labour costs **£25,862**

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Material costs

Costs supported

Off the shelf items via 3rd Party suppliers

Items from stock with the replacement of items invoice (used as evidence of supply)

Costs not supported

Whole bulk buy invoices, when only partially used with project work

Items from stock that aren't being replaced

Equipment treated as assets

Materials £10,000 —

You can claim the costs of materials used on your project providing:

- they are not already purchased or included in the overheads
- they are purchased from third parties
- they won't have a residual/resale value at the end of your project. If they do you can claim the costs minus this value

Please refer to our guide to project costs for further information.

▶ Materials costs guidance

Please provide a breakdown of the materials you expect to use during the project

Item	Quantity	Cost per item (£)	Total	
Software	1	10000	£10,000	Remove
	0	0	£0	Remove

Add another materials cost

Total materials costs **£10,000**

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Subcontractors*

Costs supported

Justification required if non-UK supplier chosen

Independent contractor via 3rd Party suppliers

Linked supplier must be charged at cost

Description of work covered

Costs not supported

Intercompany uplifts or profits

Overseas contractors, if UK contractor available-without justification

You can subcontract work if you don't have the expertise in your project team. You can also subcontract if it is cheaper than developing your skills in-house.

▶ Subcontracting costs guidance

Please provide details of any work that you expect to subcontract for your project.

Subcontractor name

Robotics experts ltd

Country where the subcontractor will work

UK

Role of the subcontractor in the project and description of the work they'll do

facilitation and availability of robotics labs

Cost

36795

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*You will be required to provide invoices and a description of work

Travel and subsistence*

Costs supported
Rail, Car or Plane**
Mileage at HMRC rate
Hotel (Bed and Breakfast)
Reasonable food costs(overnight stay only)

Costs not supported
Fuel
First class travel
Entertaining or marketing
Visas
Unreasonable food costs(overnight stay only)

Travel and subsistence   £ 3,000 ▲

You should include travel and subsistence costs that relate to this project.

Purpose of journey or description of subsistence cost	Number of times	Cost each (£)	Total (£)	
Travel to robotics labs for testing	12	100	£ 1,200	Remove
monthly project meetings	12	150	£ 1,800	Remove

Add another travel cost

Total travel & subsistence costs   £ 3,000

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*You will be required to provide vouchers, tickets and invoices and ** must provide number of people travelling, the destination and purpose of visit

Overheads

Innovate UK's included costs are those incurred as a direct result of the project

Costs supported

Additional costs for administrative staff
Day to Day Calculation for those people listed in the Labour Costs Table, multiplied by the numbers of days working on the project work.

Costs not supported

Excessive costs of Senior Managers only overseeing project activities
Business as usual day to day rates for Administration
Uplifts of any kind

Overhead costs   £ 44,483 ▲

You can incur overhead costs associated with those directly working on the project as well as indirect (administration) overheads. To be eligible both overhead categories need to be directly attributable to the project. The indirect overheads need to be additional as well as directly attributable. Note that there are certain cost categories/activities which are not eligible. To find out which costs are ineligible/eligible refer to our project costs guidance.

▶ Overheads costs guidance

◯ No overhead costs

⦿ 20% of labour costs

◯ Calculate overheads

Calculate overheads

If you feel your overheads are higher than 20% you may calculate a value using the Innovate UK model in the spreadsheet available below. The model shows you which types of indirect costs associated with your project you may claim. For support with this option, please contact our Customer Support Service on 01793 44 2700. Any value claimed under this model will be subject to a review. This will assess the appropriateness of your claim if your grant application is successful.

Download the overhead calculation spreadsheet
Download as an Excel document overhead calculation spreadsheet.xlsx (16KB)
Download as an Open Office document overhead calculation spreadsheet.ods (10KB)

Upload your completed spreadsheet
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Capital equipment usage

<u>Costs supported:</u>

Usage costs for the period of use
A justification if greater than expected
Depreciation charge is included

<u>Costs not supported</u>

Purchase price of equipment
Usage costs for the whole of the project period
if only used for part of the time
100% write down within the project timeline**
*Please provide your Fixed Asset Register
**If not applicable

Capital usage   £750 ━

You can claim the usage costs of capital assets you will buy for, or use on, your project.

▶ Capital usage guidance

Please provide a breakdown of the capital items you will buy and/or use for the project.

Item description

Laptop

New or existing item
◉ New   ○ Existing

Depreciation period (months)

24

Net present value at the start of your project or the price you bought it for (£)

2000

Residual value at end of project (£)

500

Utilisation (%)

50

Net cost
£750

Other*

Costs supported

Facility usage**
Licence fees(or appropriate proportion)
Miscellaneous(not covered in other categories)
Quality certification***
Specific PPE
Dissemination costs

Patent filing costs (for SMEs only) limited to £7.5k

Costs not supported
Facility charge rates
Marketing

Trademark
Undefined mixed costs
Contribution in kind
Business as usual costs

*You will be required to provide invoices and basis of daily rates
**At daily or hourly cost
***Where required for sign off

Other costs   £0 ▲

Please provide details of any project costs which cannot be covered by the other cost categories.

▶ Other costs guidance

Please note that legal or project audit and accountancy fees are not eligible and should not be included as an 'other cost'. Patent filing costs of new IP relating to the project are limited to £7,500 for SME applicants only. Please provide estimates of other costs that do not fit within any other cost headings.

Description and justification of the cost   **Estimated cost (£)**

                                                                        0

Add another cost

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Funding

Funding rules

The level of funding awarded will depend upon the type of organisation and the type of research being undertaken in the project

Funding is calculated by project participant

IFS will advise the maximum grant % you can request based upon your answers to:

- type and size of organisation
- research category defined by the lead applicant in the Application Details section of the application

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Organisation or type of activity	Technical feasibility studies and industrial research	Experimental development
Business (economic activity)	Micro or Small – 70% Medium – 60% Large – 50%	Micro or Small – 45% Medium – 35% Large – 25%
Research organisation (non-economic activity)	Universities – 100% (80% of Full Economic Costs) Other research organisations can claim 100% of their project costs	Other research organisations must: • be non-profit distributing and • disseminate the project results and • explain in the application form how this will be done
Public Sector Organisation or Charity (non-economic activity)	100% of eligible costs	Must: • be performing research activity and • disseminate project results and explain in the application form how this will be done • ensure that the eligible costs do not include work / costs already funded from other public sector bodies
Research organisations (undertaking economic activities) Organisations receive funding related to the size of their organisation	Micro or Small – 70% Medium – 60% Large – 50%	Micro or Small – 45% Medium – 35% Large – 25%

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Academic partners

Why Je-S?

We use the Research Councils' Joint Electronic Submission System (Je-S) to collect academic finances.

The Je-S system automates the collection of Full Economic Costs (FEC) based costs from academic partners and tells them exactly what numbers should be used in the application form for their costs.

Also to collect project finance details from non-HEIs (e.g. RTOs) that are claiming they are carrying out academic quality work and want to be funded on an FEC basis.

Using Je-S means that Innovate UK follows standard Research Council guidelines on funding universities and enables Research Councils to easily co-fund Innovate UK projects.

The Je-S system is completely separate from Innovate UK and we cannot advise on its usage.

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Project costs – academic partners

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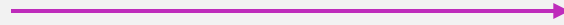
Enter the TSB Contribution column figures from *your* J-eS output document into the project costs section of the application.

Upload the Je-S with council status form as a PDF at the bottom of the screen.

Any queries, contact Je-S Helpdesk (not Innovate UK)

- jeshelp@je-s.ukri.org
- 01793 444164

TSB reference
This number is found at the top of your Je-S form

My REF

Financial resources
Please enter the following costs from the summary of resources section on your Je-S form

Directly incurred	TSB Contribution (please refer to the TSB contribution column)
Staff	11
Travel & subsistence	22
Other costs	33
Subtotal	£ 66

Directly allocated	
Investigators	44
Estates Costs	55
Other costs	66
Subtotal	£ 165

Indirect costs	77

Exceptions	
Staff	88

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Submitting your application

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Checking your finances are complete

Finances Summary

> ⚠ **The following organisations have not marked their finances as complete:**
> - EMPIRE LTD
>
> Return to the finances section to complete your finances
> This application cannot be submitted unless finances have been marked as complete by all partners.

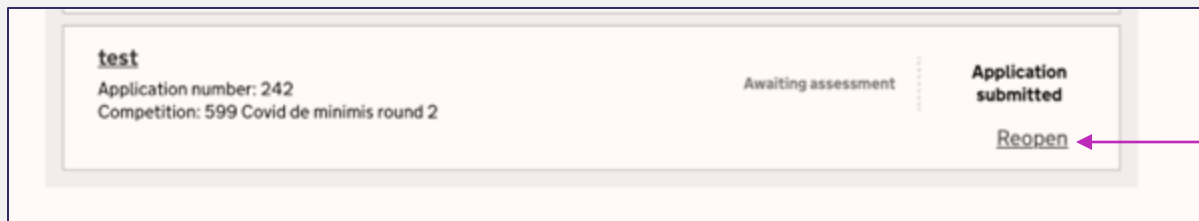|		Total costs	% Grant	Funding sought	Other public sector funding	Contribution to project
Barry Shaw Experts Ltd Partner	✓	£230,162	70%	£161,113	£0	£69,049
EMPIRE LTD Lead organisation	⚠	£282,655	70%	£197,859	£0	£84,797
University of Bath Partner	✓	£239,114	0%	£0	£0	£239,114
Total		£751,931		£358,972	£0	£392,959

All organisations have marked their finances as complete.

Research organisation participation is no greater than 30% of the total project costs.

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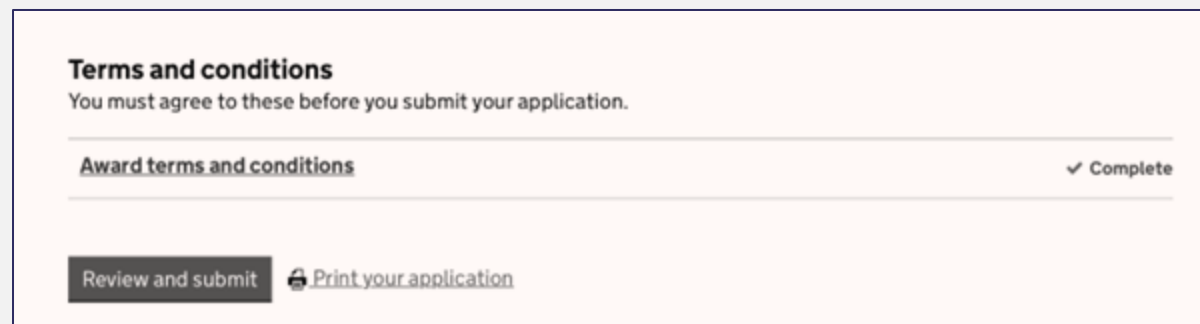
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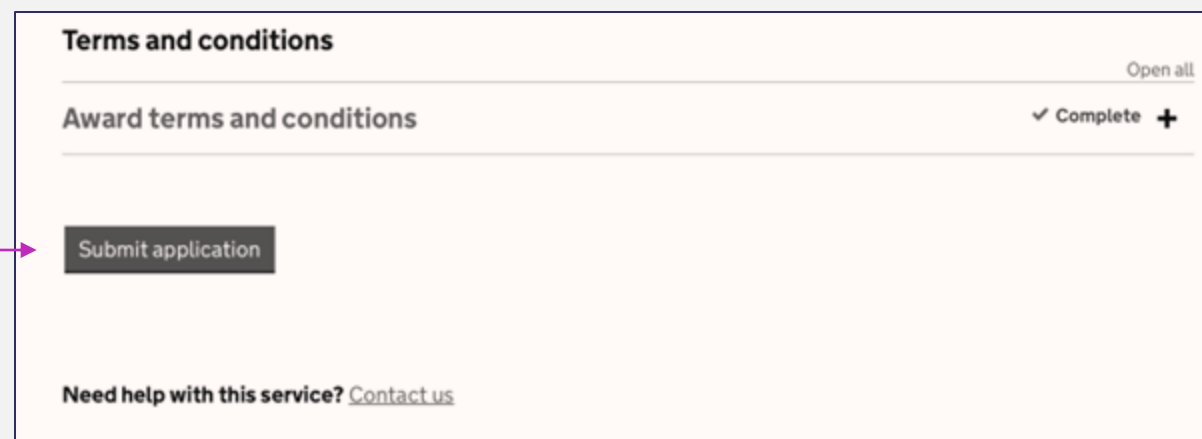
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Submit your application early!

Customer Support can help resolve any issues you might have when submitting but only if they are contacted before the deadline. Once the deadline has passed, your application cannot be submitted.

Remember that if there are collaborative partners, it is the lead applicant's responsibility to ensure all collaborative partners have completed their assigned sections and accepted the terms and conditions, before submitting.

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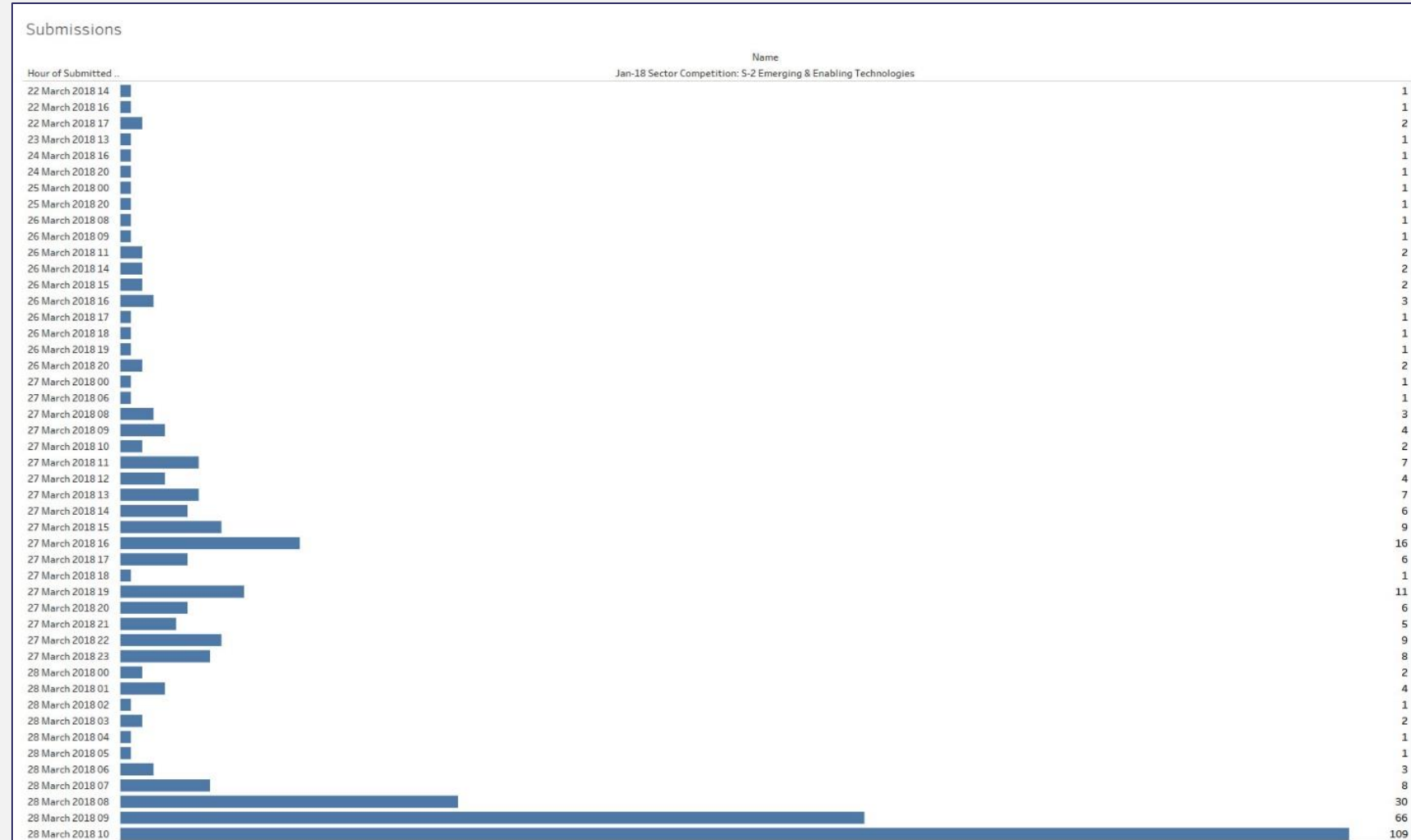
Assessment

How our assessors assess?

All eligible applications are assessed by an independent **pool** of assessors drawn from industry and academia.

We require our assessors to maintain confidentiality and declare any conflicts of interest, ensuring a fair and transparent process.

Assessors are unable to contact you regarding your application content. Therefore, your application should contain:

- a justification for a viable opportunity for growth and a level of innovation that necessitates public investment
- clear and concise answers
- the right amount of information
- no assumptions

We recommend you review the competition brief and guidance for help.

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How are successful applicants selected for funding?

Assessors will score each section of your application.

After the assessor process, Innovate UK will independently moderate assessor scores. Any outliers in scores may be removed and your total score will be updated.

You will then receive email notification to offer grant funding or to inform you that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.

Whether successful or unsuccessful in receiving grant funding, you will receive feedback on your application. It is intended to be constructive in nature and to highlight both the strong as well as the weak areas of your application.

For more information on the competition process, please go to: Competition briefing: applicant information - YouTube

Project setup for successful applicants

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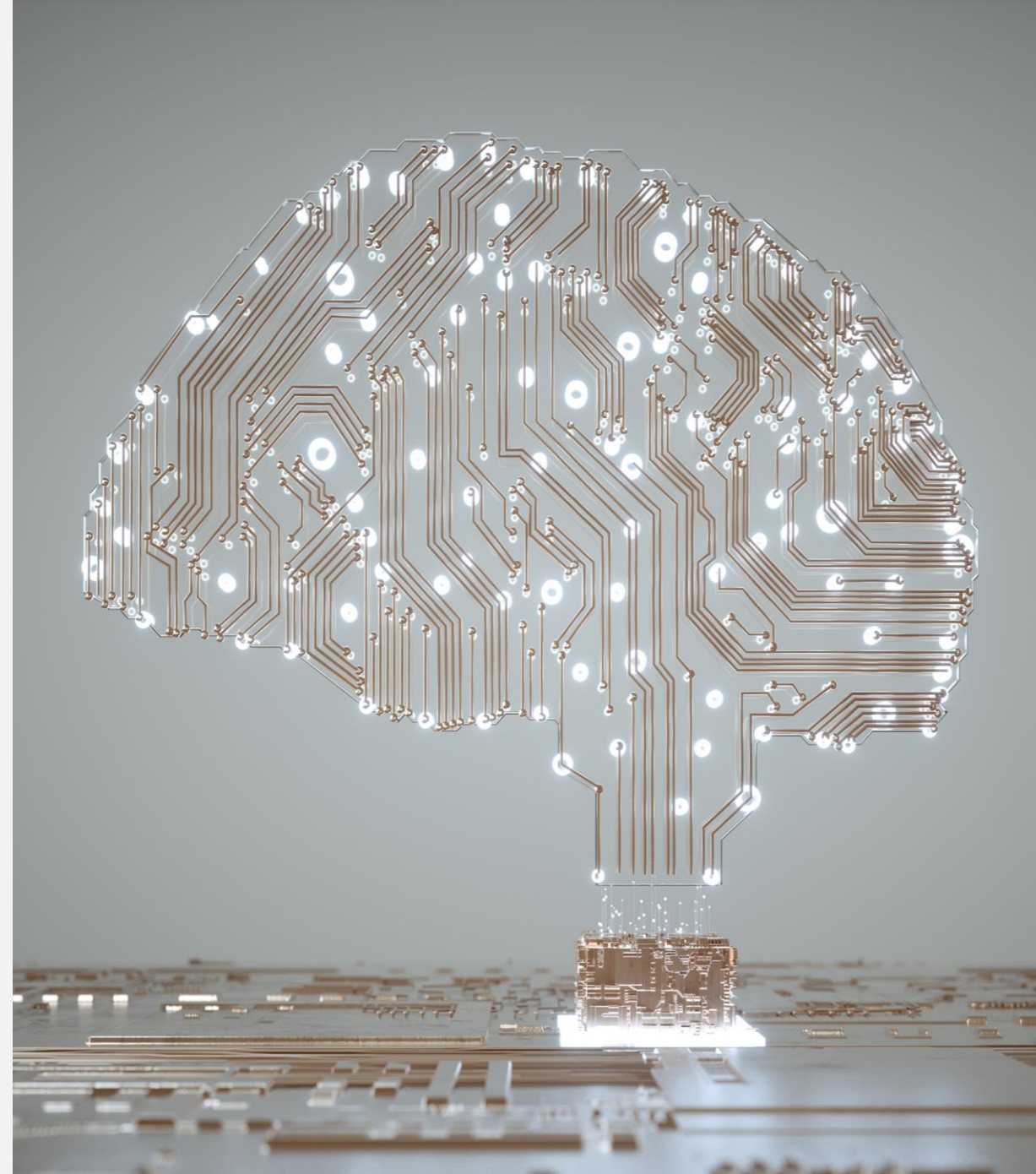
Notification

If you are unsuccessful in this competition

You can use the feedback from the assessors to develop your idea and apply into another competition that allows previously submitted applications

If you are successful in this competition

- you will be assigned a Delivery Executive who will guide you through the Project Set Up process
- you will have 5 days to complete the project team, project details and bank details
- you will then have 90 days to complete project set up – funding may be withdrawn if this is not completed within this timeframe

Please ensure all your contact details in the IFS portal are correct and up to date and that you regularly monitor it.

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Project set up

- All communication will be through IFS.
- Lead applicant must provide collaboration agreements and exploitation plans if applicable.
- Any partners with individual total project costs of **up to** £50,000 must provide evidence with a Statement of Expenditure (SoE).
- Any partners with individual total project costs **above** £50,000 must provide evidence with an Independent Accountants Report (IAR).

Project delivery

- All grants are paid quarterly in arrears and are only paid following quarterly reporting and necessary audits.
- Claims can only be made for costs incurred and paid between the project start and end dates.
- Monitoring of the project includes a visit from the appointed Monitoring Officer.

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Additional Support

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Innovate UK Business Growth

Bespoke growth and scaling support at the business end of innovation

- Intensive growth and scaling support tailored to the needs of each of our ambitious innovation-driven clients

- Offered alongside project funding to Innovate UK award winners, most of whom engage us. We are also available to all high growth potential innovative small or medium-sized businesses*

- Engagement at early, growth and scaling stages, with our core high growth service and enhanced Scaleup Programme

- Delivered by 290 innovation and growth specialists embedded in regional ecosystems across the UK, including a board of expert scaleup directors

subject to eligibility and currently in all nations and regions outside Scotland

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An innovation and growth specialist, or scaleup directors, work with a company's leadership to hone its commercial strategy and help it take targeted action to, for example:

- Build investment readiness
- Manage innovation effectively
- Enter global markets
- Providing local to national to international growth and scaling support

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Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

- We are on a mission to embed Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in everything we do, internally and externally.

- We believe that great ideas can, and do, come from anyone and everyone.

- We know that diversity and inclusion in businesses contributes to enhanced innovation, satisfaction, performance, and ultimately, commercial success.

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B2match

- We have created a B2match for this event to support you in finding your European or wider international partners. You can find this link here: https://find-partners-for-european-quantum.b2match.io/ . This link will be available to participants from any country and any type of organisation until 28th August 2024, in order to support partner search for this competition.

- Please keep checking this website as our number of participants will increase over the course of the competition life.

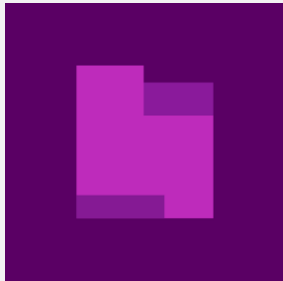- You do not need to be registered on the B2match in order to start or submit an application.

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