

Global Business Innovation Programme Robotics & Automation in Manufacturing South Korea

1.

The Global Business Innovation Programme (GBIP) helps ambitious UK companies developing cutting edge technologies in key sectors enter global markets of strategic importance and find international collaboration partners.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Successful applicants will benefit from an intensive 9 to 12 months three phased programme and bespoke support from an Innovate UK innovation and growth specialist throughout.

Get ready: Two day preparation workshop to build knowledge and understanding of the market and opportunities, including cultural aspects, how to do business, protecting Intellectual Property, and training on articulating your value proposition.

Visit the market: Explore the innovation opportunities first-hand through pre-arranged meetings and matchmaking events with key contacts, research organisations and potential collaborators and partners.

Exploit the opportunity: A follow up workshop and one-to-one bespoke support from an Innovate UK innovation and growth specialist to help you follow-up and maximise the opportunities identified through the programme.

By applying for a place, businesses commit to participating in all three phases of the programme to maximise the opportunities for the business and public investment. A senior person from the business will be expected to participate in all activities and should be the named applicant. Successful businesses will have a designated Innovate UK innovation and growth specialist to support them for the duration of the Global Business Innovation Programme, including developing an action plan to capitalise on the opportunities identified.

You will be expected to work with the Innovate UK innovation and growth specialist throughout the length of the initiative and provide feedback at six monthly intervals up to 2 years after the conclusion of the programme. Innovate UK will fund and organise flights, accommodation, and in-market travel and conference fees for successful applicants and overnight accommodation and dinner for the Get ready

workshop.

On acceptance to the Global Business Innovation Programme, a commitment fee of £1000 will be obtained from each successful company which will be returned after their involvement in all activities. Non-compliance with any part of the programme after formal acceptance may result in forfeiting some or all of the fee.

Please note, this application must be completed online. Only online applications will be accepted. The application will take approximately 1 hour to complete. All fields are mandatory. Your application will be reviewed by a selection panel. Places are limited and will only be offered to businesses that score sufficiently highly and agree to engage with all three phases of the programme. Successful applicants will be offered a place by 19th November 2025.

2. SUBSIDY & ELIGIBILITY

Our support is provided in line with the [Subsidy Control Act 2022](#). Further information about the Subsidy requirements can be found within the Subsidy Control Act 2022 (legislation.gov.uk). This programme operates under Subsidy scheme SC10723. Under this scheme Innovate UK Business Growth aims to support business development services.

EU State aid rules now only apply in limited circumstances. Please see the [Windsor Framework](#) to check if these rules apply to your organisation. If you are unsure about your obligations under the Subsidy Control Act 2022 or the State aid rules, you should take independent legal advice. We are unable to advise on individual eligibility or legal obligations. You must always make sure that the funding or support you receive is compliant with all current Subsidy Control legislation applicable in the United Kingdom.

A company must also comply with the following:

Be a UK registered trading company with up-to-date filed accounts

Employ less than 250 employees (in Northern Ireland a turnover of less than €50 million or a balance sheet total of less than €43 million)

Have no more than 2 County Court Judgements over £10,000

Have no disqualified directors

Your organisation is not owned or controlled by an entity or individual based in a [UK Sanctioned State or Regime](#) or the benefit will not flow to an organisation constituted or organised under the law of any UK Sanctioned State or Regime

1. I am eligible to apply for this programme.

☐ Yes

3. Robotics & Automation in Manufacturing

2. Applicant name

3. Position in company

4. Email

5. Mobile number

6. Office number

7. Do you hold a valid UK passport? If no, please state issuing country.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Issuing Country

8. LinkedIn

SAMPLE

4. COMPANY INFORMATION

9. Company name

10. Address

11. Postcode

12. Company registration number

13. Year of incorporation

14. Does your company own more than 50% of another company or does another company own more than 50% of your business?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please provide details.

15. Website

16. How many people do you employ?

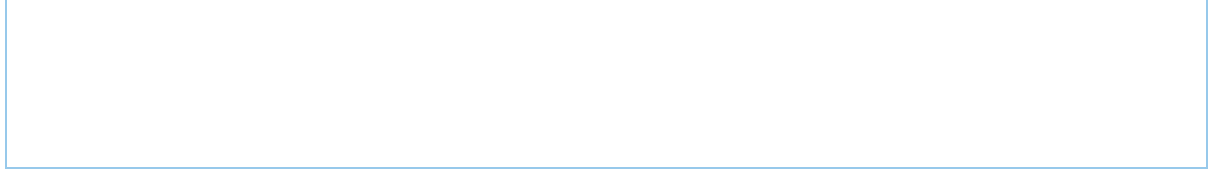
17. What is your annual turnover?

18. What is your company stage?

- ☐ Early stage
- ☐ Growth
- ☐ Scale

19. What has been your growth turnover year on year for the past 3 years? (Percentage e.g. 10%)

20. How is your company funded? (e.g. investment, sales, grants)



SAMPLE

5. APPLICANT QUESTIONS

**21. How does your application fit with the scope of this programme?
(Max word count 200)**

SAMPLE

22. Please provide an overview of your company and business including its technology, R&D activities, history of innovation and experience in the market and sector. (Max word count 200)

23. Explain your technology including stage of development (e.g. early R&D, prototyping/testing or full product in market) with reference to its features, advantages and benefits. (Max word count 200)

24. Please indicate which international markets your business is currently active in. (Max word count 200)

25. Why are you interested in working with South Korea? (Max word count 200)

26. This Programme seeks to create collaboration opportunities. Please provide a list of 5 organisations you are keen to meet in South Korea and explain your interest.

27. What is your interest in this Global Business Innovation Programme and what do you hope to gain from participation?

28. How do you intend to exploit your participation in this Global Business Innovation Programme? (Max word count 200)

29. Have you previously participated in a Global Business Innovation Programme? If yes, please indicate the benefit and impact you derived from participation. (Max word count 200)

30. Have you applied for or are you currently a participant on another Global Business Innovation Programme? If yes, please provide details. (Max word count 200)

31. Have you benefited from Innovate UK or other grant funding?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain

32. Have you received support from Innovate UK Business Growth?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please name your Innovation & Growth Specialist

33. What intellectual property do you own?

34. How did you hear about this GBIP opportunity?

- ☐ Innovate UK
- ☐ Innovate UK Business Growth
- ☐ Innovate UK Business Connect
- ☐ DBT

☐ Other (please specify):

SAMPLE

6. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

35. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If yes, please specify

36. Do you have any caring responsibilities? If yes, please tick all that apply

- ☐ None
- ☐ Primary carer of a child/children (under 18)
- ☐ Primary carer of disabled child/children
- ☐ Primary carer of disabled adult (18 and over)
- ☐ Primary carer of older person
- ☐ Secondary carer (another person carries out the main caring role)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

37. What is your religion or belief?

- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ No religion or belief
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Christian
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Muslim

☐ Sikh

If another religion or belief, please specify

SAMPLE

7. TERMS & CONDITIONS

If your application is successful you will be expected to pay the £1000 commitment fee on or before 26 November 2025. The commitment fee will be refunded after completing the programme.

If you fail to fully participate in all aspects of the programme your commitment fee may not be refunded.

As the applicant, I support the statements as described above and acknowledge I have read all supporting documentation related to the Global Business Innovation Programme application form.

By submitting this application I agree to the following:

38. Agreement

	Yes	No
I agree to pay the refundable £1000 commitment fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am able to attend the onsite workshop on 12 & 13 January 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am able to attend the visit to South Korea 27 Feb - 7 March 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am able to attend the virtual workshop 10 February 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am able to attend the exploit the opportunity workshop on 28 April 2026	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes

No

I am willing to work with an Innovation & Growth Specialist

☐☐

I hold a valid passport and am willing to comply with South Korea travel requirements

☐☐

This programme is evaluated to measure impact. As a participant of the programme you will be expected to provide information relating to the pre and post financial position for up to 5 years after the visit. Please confirm you will comply with this requirement.

☐☐

8. Privacy Policy

PRIVACY POLICY

We take your data very seriously and are committed to the privacy and security of it. Our [Privacy Statement](#) explains the types of personal data we may collect about you and how we'll store and handle that data, and keep it safe.

If your application is successful, to expedite your visit, we will have to share your personal data (e.g. your name, email address) with our partners in South Korea. South Korea is not the subject of an [Adequacy Decision](#) and lacks adequate data privacy laws equivalent to the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation.

As such, your personal data cannot freely be transferred without certain safeguards in place. Therefore, to ensure that delegates are able to undertake the visit, we will ensure that there are adequate safeguards in place to protect their personal data. We will require your consent to share personal data with our partners in South Korea.

39. I consent to personal data being transferred to partners in South Korea.

☐ Yes

☐ No

9. WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) reserve the right to withdraw support at any time even after you have been accepted onto the programme. If your company is deemed to be ineligible for support due to any information that may become available to UKRI after the date of acceptance, you will be notified immediately and the commitment fee refunded to you within 7 business days of the letter of notice.

I confirm the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I have authority to sign on behalf of the applicant company. By submitting this application I agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set out herein.