

Vacancy for Expert Assessor – Future Telecoms

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Title: Expert Assessor – Future Telecoms
Fees: On a per assessment basis
Reports to: Assessor Engagement Team
Location: Remote with occasional travel
Contract: Flexible

Context:

At Innovate UK, we believe that diverse perspectives enhance innovation, and we strive to create an assessment process that welcomes experts from all sectors and communities. Whether you bring deep technical expertise, hands-on experience, or strategic insight, your contributions will play a vital role in shaping the future of UK innovation.

As part of Innovate UK's commitment to driving innovation and economic growth. Our pool of Expert Assessors play a critical role in ensuring a fair, transparent, and inclusive evaluation process for funding applications. Their expertise helps Innovate UK invest in groundbreaking projects with the highest potential for innovation and impact. By fostering diverse perspectives, we ensure that investment in innovation reaches a broad range of applicants, strengthening accessibility and equitable opportunities across industries.

Role Purpose:

The Expert Assessor will evaluate funding applications in a fair, transparent, and inclusive manner, providing clear, constructive, and evidence-based feedback to applicants.

Key Responsibilities and Accountabilities:

- Apply Innovate UK's assessment framework to evaluate funding applications in a fair, transparent and inclusive manner.
- Provide clear, constructive, and evidence-based feedback to applicants.
- Maintain confidentiality and declare any conflicts of interest.
- Engage with development opportunities to enhance assessment quality.
- Contribute to a diverse and inclusive assessor community by bringing your unique perspective and expertise.

In addition to this, you may have the opportunity to take part in assessment panels or portfolio reviews which are held online or in person depending on the requirements.

Note: Responsibilities may vary depending on the nature of the competition and your area of expertise.

Person Specification:

(S) – Assessed at shortlisting

We're looking for individuals who can demonstrate:

- Expertise gained through professional experience, applied practice, or lived experience in innovation-related fields. (S)
- Commercial acumen, developed in the private-sector or at the public/private-sector interface. (S)
- Understanding of innovation potential, market trends, and/or technology development. (S)
- Ability to evaluate technical, commercial, and societal aspects of innovation projects. (S)
- Strong analytical, communication, and time management skills. (S)
- Commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion in assessment practices. (S)
- Have an open mind to new ideas, with the potential to disrupt current practices. (S)

Formal qualifications (e.g., degree, certifications) are welcome but not essential. We value practical business experience and diverse routes to expertise.

Skills:

- Time management and ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to identify high potential innovation ideas
- Strong analytical and evaluation capabilities
- Excellence in written and verbal communication for concise, constructive feedback
- Ability to assess technical and commercial viability
- Proficiency in assessment frameworks and methodologies
- Risk assessment and management expertise
- Understanding of business cases and project management plans, including finances
- Digital literacy and proficiency with assessment platforms

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