

# **ADDICTION HEALTHCARE GOALS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Contracts for Innovation (CFI) Strand  
Collaborative Research & Development Strand (CR&D)**



# Frequently asked questions (CFI and CR&D strands)

Area	Question	Answer
Adoption & scale	Are you seeking solutions just for the public sector?	As this call is being funded by the Department of Health and Social Care and the Office for Life Sciences there is a requirement for roll-out across the public sector UK wide, not just the private sector. However, targeting the private sector, or a particular service provider, can be part of your longer-term commercialisation plan.
Adoption & scale	Are there follow-on commissioning pathways if a funded innovation proves effective?	There is no formal pathway onto an accelerator programme, for example, or any obligation to directly purchase the innovation once it is market ready.
Collaborations	Is there a platform or facility to connect to potential collaborators (e.g. justice system, app developers?)	<p>If you want help to find a project partner, please see the information and links provided in the Support Information tab on each competition brief:</p> <p>Collaborative Research and Development Competition: <a href="https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2394/overview/33b56af8-353f-46ac-bb66-a0928731c0fc#supporting-information">https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2394/overview/33b56af8-353f-46ac-bb66-a0928731c0fc#supporting-information</a></p> <p>Contracts for Innovation Competition: <a href="https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2395/overview/3d49fbc4-6e09-4dd8-9ac8-8e5f88facd8d#supporting-information">https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2395/overview/3d49fbc4-6e09-4dd8-9ac8-8e5f88facd8d#supporting-information</a></p> <p>In addition, Innovate UK Business Connect has a wide network and can connect you to people and organisations to help accelerate your ideas and solve technology problems. Discover more <a href="#">here</a></p>

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Eligibility	Can a company based in US but with presence in UK be a part of the collaboration, either as lead or co-partner?	International organisations can lead in the Contract for Innovation competition strand. In the Collaborative Research and Development strand only UK registered organisations can lead, but international companies can be a sub-contractor if justified.
Eligibility	Can the costs associated with regulating Software as a Medical Device (SaMD) be included as part of achieving the required TRL level along with legal costs?	Yes, you must include any expected Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) or other approval body costs, including legal, regarding regulatory compliance or certification in your eligible project costs. Please find guidance on eligible costs here: <a href="https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/costs-we-fund/">https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/costs-we-fund/</a> .

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Eligibility	Is a university and an NGO working in healthcare eligible?	<p>As an academic institution you would be able to lead a Contracts for Innovation project and work with the NGO as a subcontractor.</p> <p>To lead a Contracts for Innovation project, you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be an organisation of any size, including those based in the EU, EEA or internationally</li> <li>• work alone or with other organisations as subcontractors</li> </ul> <p>Contracts will be awarded to a single legal entity only.</p> <p>As an academic institution you would not be able to lead a Collaborative Research and Development project, but you and the NGO could both be partners.</p> <p>To lead a collaborative project your organisation must be a UK registered business of any size.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic institutions and RTOs cannot lead.</li> <li>• Organisations that are not profit driven or do not have a commercial focus, including Community Interest - Companies (CICs) and charities, are not allowed to lead.</li> </ul> <p>To collaborate with the lead, your organisation must be one of the following UK registered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• business of any size</li> <li>• academic institution</li> <li>• Charity</li> <li>• not for profit</li> <li>• public sector organisation: Local Authorities, NHS service Providers, Primary Care providers</li> <li>• research and technology organisation (RTO)</li> </ul>

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Process	Is there support for the application process?	If you have any questions relating to the application process please contact Innovate UK's Customer Support Services team: <a href="mailto:support@iuk.ukri.org">support@iuk.ukri.org</a> ; 0300 321 4357 (Monday - Friday 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm). Innovate UK Business Connect also provide support for those making applications: <a href="https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/">https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/</a>
Scope	Both competitions highlight drug and alcohol addiction, must the application cover both?	Applications can focus on either drug or alcohol addictions individually. Or they could focus on multiple substances (this could be addiction to multiple different drugs, or to both a drug (or drugs) and alcohol addictions combined).
Scope	Are there specific types of trial that are in scope?	All types of trial are covered - early, mid and late, but we would expect to see mainly mid and late stage trials, bearing in mind TRL 6 - preferably 7 needs to be achieved by the end of the project for applications to the Contracts for Innovation strand and TRL 8 - preferably 9 for the Collaborative Research & Development competition.
Scope	Is there a minimum eligible TRL level at project start?	No but your plan must be credible and clearly demonstrate that you can achieve the key deliverables and that you can reach TRL 6 - preferably 7 by the end of the project for applications to the Contracts for Innovation strand and TRL 8 - preferably 9 for the Collaborative Research & Development competition.
Scope	Complex circumstances are mentioned in the competition scope (i.e., mental and physical health, housing, education, childcare) but employment and employment retention are not mentioned, are these this out of scope?	In the competitions briefs we recommend (not insist) you account for the complex circumstances of those living with addiction challenges, including mental and physical health, housing, education, childcare and possible involvement with the criminal justice system. This list is not exhaustive though so employment and employment retention would still be in scope.

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Scope	Is a digital health intervention that includes prescription medication, that was commercialised in the private sector (initially), eligible?	Yes, as long as you are continuing to carry out R&D in your project and have a clear plan to roll out in the public sector this is still in scope.
Scope	Do digital interventions have to intend to become a regulated medical device to be in scope?	Digital interventions can be in scope regardless of whether they will require regulation. We recommend you seek independent advice from a regulatory expert to ensure that your intervention can be adopted by your target audience and market.
Scope	Are psychedelic (eg LSD), psychoactive (eg MDMA) and novel psychoactive substances (eg SCRAs) in scope?	Yes, projects that focus on addictions to any illicit drugs or alcohol, however consumed, which may be encountered in a typical UK treatment service are in scope.
Scope	Are projects targeting addictions of pharmaceutical drugs in scope?	Yes, individuals with addiction to prescription drugs such as opioid analgesia or benzodiazepines who would be seen in an addiction service are in scope.
Scope	Can solutions include support for co-morbidities of the target groups? e.g. COPD.	As long as the primary target is the addiction then secondary support for co-morbidities would be in scope.
Scope	I have a technical question I need to discuss to check eligibility. Who should I contact?	Please contact Innovate UK's Customer Support Services team if you have any questions on eligibility or scope: <a href="mailto:support@iuk.ukri.org">support@iuk.ukri.org</a> ; 0300 321 4357 (Monday - Friday 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm).

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Scope	Will you have an advisory service or something we can use to understand which of the funds is more suitable for us?	<p>It is solely your decision as to which strand of competition your project aligns to and will benefit both project and the public the most, here are some key details below, but please refer to the competition briefs for full details.</p> <p>Contracts for Innovation in drug and alcohol addiction healthcare: <a href="https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2395/overview/3d49fbc4-6e09-4dd8-9ac8-8e5f88facd8d#summary">https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2395/overview/3d49fbc4-6e09-4dd8-9ac8-8e5f88facd8d#summary</a></p> <p>100% funding awards of up to £1.5 million are available for projects up to 24-months.</p> <p>Funding is targeted at support for development of innovations with the potential to demonstrate initial efficacy and UK market fit by the end of the project through achieving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 6 or 7</li><li>• Established user acceptability and fit in relevant UK settings</li><li>• A completed business plan and clear pathway for securing relevant IP, regulatory and certification requirements</li></ul> <p>Awards are open to single applicants from academia, research institutions, healthcare providers, and other eligible organisations.</p> <p>CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE</p>

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Area	Question	Answer (continued)
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Eligibility	Is there a requirement for “granting of a royalty free license” in the IP terms?	Only in relation to the Contracts for Innovation competition strand of this programme. The contract states, "to DHSC/OLS, a UK wide irrevocable, royalty-free, non-exclusive licence to use (including but not limited to copying or modifying) the Foreground IP, together with any Background IP supplied by the Contractor during the Project that is required to use the Foreground IP, at a fair and reasonable market price." Should you require more detail please email our Customer Support Service team <a href="mailto:support@iuk.ukri.org">support@iuk.ukri.org</a>
Eligibility	Do you need industry engagement at application stage for the Contracts for Innovation competition?	What is crucial here is that you must show that you are co-developing project plans with the input of those with lived experience and relevant treatment or service providers in those settings in which the intervention will be tested throughout your project. Industry engagement is not essential at the application phase but it is important to set out how you will develop a commercialisation plan.
Eligibility	Can a university potentially be subcontracted by a company for research work in a Contracts for Innovation competition? Or is there any other way to fund an university-business collaboration?	Yes, a business can subcontract a university for research work, but the university themselves can also be the lead in a Contracts for Innovation competition.

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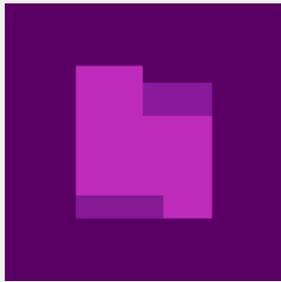
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Eligibility	Is there a maximum number of partners possible to be included in the application?	There is no formal upper limit, but we recommend you consider the role each partner will play in the project and ensure the consortium is manageable.

# For other queries and support please contact:

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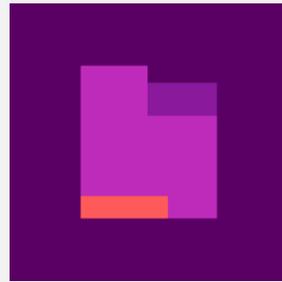
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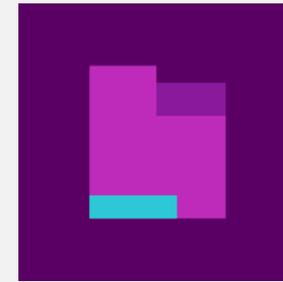
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