



Innovate  
UK

# Advanced Manufacturing Supply Chains: Potential High Growth SMEs Applicant Briefing

Date: 23 March 2026

The webinar will start at 10:00

- Welcome, we are currently waiting for more people to join
- This briefing will be recorded. A copy of the slides and the recording link will be made available on IFS
- Please enter any questions that you may have into the Q&A Box
- For more information on the competition process, please [view our YouTube channel](#)



# Welcome and Introductions

**Kelly McGrath**

Competition Manager, Net Zero

**Heather Birch**

Innovation Lead, Advanced Manufacturing

**Nick Cliffe**

Deputy Director, Advanced Manufacturing



# Agenda

- Key Dates
- Competition Summary & Scope
- Eligibility Criteria
- Innovation Funding Service (IFS)
- Funding Rules
- Assessment
- Use of AI
- Additional Support
- Q&A



# Key Dates

Timeline	Date
Competition Opens	<b>18 March 2026</b>
Submission Deadline	<b>22 April 2026 at 11am</b>
Applicants informed	<b>27 May 2026 by 5pm</b>
Project start date	Start by <b>1 August 2026</b>
Project end date	End by <b>30 April 2027</b>

# Competition Summary & Scope



Innovate  
UK

# Summary

Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), will invest up to £2 million into **supply chain innovation** projects.

The aim of this competition is to enable **micro, small or medium sized enterprises (SMEs)** to **unlock barriers to commercialisation and scaling in the UK**.

Your proposal must focus on delivering an improvement in the **resource efficiency or resilience of an Advanced Manufacturing *frontier industry* supply chains (as defined in the Sector Plan)**.

We want to fund projects that deliver cross-cutting technologies which can be applied across the multiple frontier industries defined in the Advanced Manufacturing Sector Plan.

# Scope



## To be in scope you must:

- Already have built a basic version of the product or service, for example, a prototype or Minimum Viable Product (MVP) at TRL6 or higher.
- Your product or service must deliver an improvement in the *resource efficiency* or *resilience* of the supply chain.

This should be expressed in terms of the potential for your product or service to:

- **increase the output quantity or quality** of the supply chain per unit of primary resource input; or
- **maintain or increase the output quantity or quality** of the supply chain per unit, whilst decreasing the resource input from outside the UK

You must provide evidence of the above in your answer to the Scope question in your application.

# Scope

While you may currently operate within a single frontier industry, **your product or service must be capable of scaling** into adjacent advanced manufacturing frontier industries.

## Advanced manufacturing frontier industries in scope:

- automotive
- batteries
- aerospace
- advanced materials
- agri-tech
- space

# Scope



To support SMEs progress towards commercialisation and increasing the number of investable, scalable innovations, **up to 50% of your grant can be used to access support (via subcontracting)** in one or more of the following areas:

- commercialisation plan development and implementation, for example, licencing, manufacturing readiness
- financing strategy development and implementation, in line with your commercialisation plan
- revenue model analysis and development
- sales strategy development
- marketing plan development
- carbon plan development
- environmental, social, and governance (ESG) strategy development
- impact strategy development, including environmental impact
- impact management
- validated market research
- customer validation and testing
- assessing and achieving minimum required volumes for offtake
- risk analysis and forecasting
- risk management controls including sensors and data for real time risk monitoring
- investigate insurance
- intellectual property development and protection
- data, including best practice principles and requirements for energy performance certificate (EPC) assessment to determine scaling risk
- standards compliance and validation, including, for example, the Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) and Publicly Available Specification (PAS) 2035/30 accreditation
- regulatory support and insights
- operational costs of commercial pilot

# Scope

## **We are not funding projects that:**

- **do not outline** how your product or service solution could be used in the supply chain of **one additional** Advanced Manufacturing supply chain
- focus on technologies to directly reduce industrial energy consumption

## **We are not able to fund projects that focus on enabling areas such as:**

- energy
- regulations and policy
- educational resources and skills
- procurement
- behavioural science
- relationships to support incremental improvement in resource efficiency

# Eligibility criteria



Innovate  
UK



# Eligibility Criteria – Your Project



## Your project must:

- have a grant funding request of between £50,000 and £100,000
- last between three months and nine months
- start by 1 August 2026
- end by 30 April 2027

Any funded organisation needs to carry out their project work in the UK and must intend to exploit the project results from or in the UK.

Projects **must** always start on the first of the month, even if this is a non-working day.

You must not start your project until your Grant Offer Letter has been approved by Innovate UK. Any delays within Project Setup may mean we need to delay your project start date.

# Eligibility Criteria: Lead Organisation

## Lead organisation:

To lead a project your organisation must be a UK registered micro, small or medium sized enterprise (SME)

This competition is open to single applicants only.

More information on the different types of organisation can be found in our [Funding rules](#).

## Number of applications

A UK registered micro, small or medium sized enterprise (SME) can only lead on one application.

# Eligibility Criteria Subcontractors



## Subcontractors

Subcontractors are allowed in this competition, but they are **limited to no more than 50%** of the **total grant** claimed.

Subcontractors can be from anywhere in the UK and you must select them through your usual procurement process.

You can use subcontractors from overseas but **must** make the case in your application as to why you cannot use subcontractors from the UK.

You must provide a detailed rationale, evidence of the potential UK contractors you approached and the reasons why they were unable to work with you. We will not accept a cheaper cost as a sufficient reason to use an overseas subcontractor.

All subcontractor costs must be justified and appropriate to the total eligible project costs.

# Previously submitted applications

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

Previously submitted application	Not a Previously submitted application
<p>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).</p> <p>If you have previously submitted an application that reached our assessment stage, you can re-apply once more with the same proposal.</p>	<p>A brand-new application, project or idea that you have not previously submitted into an Innovate UK competition.</p> <p>or</p> <p>A previously submitted or ineligible application which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• has been updated based on assessor feedback</li><li>• <u>and</u> is materially different from the application submitted before</li><li>• <u>and</u> fits with the scope of this competition</li></ul>



# **Innovation Funding Service (IFS)**

# How to apply

The lead applicant must create an account:

## UK registered businesses

Use Companies House lookup using your company number. This facilitates our checks later if you are successful.

## Research organisations, academics and universities

To avoid being listed as a business and to ensure you receive the correct funding, enter your information manually on IFS



GOV.UK Innovation Funding Service

BETA This is a new service – your [feedback](#) will help us to improve it.

◀ Back

Create your account

### Your organisation

**i** Your organisation must be UK based to receive funding from Innovate UK

**Business**

**Find your organisation on Companies House**  
Enter your organisation name or registration number

**Companies House search results**  
Select your organisation from the options below

[NOMENSA LTD](#)  
04214477 - Incorporated on 10 May 2001  
13 Queen Square, Bristol, BS1 4NT

GOV.UK Innovation Funding Service

BETA This is a new service – your [feedback](#) will help us to improve it.

◀ Back

## Please sign in or create an account

**Used this service before?**  
Please sign into your Innovation Funding Service account.

**New to this service?**  
If you haven't used the new Innovation Funding Service before you will need to create an account.

### Innovation Funding Service Sign in

Email address  
Please enter your email address.

Password  
Please enter your password.

▼ [Need help signing in or creating an account?](#)

**My email and/or password isn't working**

If you applied previously using the old service, you will need to create a new account.

[Forgotten your password?](#)

# Application Questions



Detailed question guidance available on IFS

Application Form		Word Count	Appendix
Question 1	Applicant location (not scored)	100 words	No
Question 2	Animal testing (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
Question 3	Permits and licences (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
Question 4	International Collaboration (not scored)	100 words	No
Question 5	Export licence (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
Question 6	Trusted Research and Innovation (not scored)	400 words	No
Question 7	Need or challenge	400 words	No
Question 8	Approach and innovation	400 words	Yes – Optional PDF 2x A4 pages
Question 9	Team and resources	400 words	Yes – Optional PDF 2x A4 pages
Question 10	Market awareness	400 words	No
Question 11	Outcomes and outputs	400 words	No
Question 12	Wider impacts	400 words	No
Question 13	Project management	400 words	Yes – Mandatory PDF 2x A4 pages
Question 14	Risks	400 words	Yes – Mandatory PDF 2x A4 pages
Question 15	Added value	400 words	No
Question 16	Costs and value for money	400 words	No

# National Security and Investment Act - overview

Subject to certain criteria, UK applicants are legally required to tell the government about acquisitions of certain entities in 17 sensitive areas of the economy (called 'notifiable acquisitions').

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-security-and-investment-act-guidance-on-notifiable-acquisitions/national-security-and-investment-act-guidance-on-notifiable-acquisitions>

These 17 areas are:

- Advanced Materials
- Advanced Robotics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Civil Nuclear
- Communications
- Computing Hardware
- Critical Suppliers to Government
- Cryptographic Authentication
- Data Infrastructure
- Defence
- Energy
- Military and Dual-Use
- Quantum Technologies
- Satellite and Space Technologies
- Suppliers to the Emergency Services
- Synthetic Biology
- Transport

If there is significant uncertainty about whether an acquisition is notifiable, you may contact the government on **[investment.screening@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:investment.screening@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)** to seek a view or get legal advice from your own sources.

# UK Strategic Export Controls - overview

[UK strategic export controls - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-strategic-export-controls)

The UK government has put together this guidance for those who export or transfer goods, software or technology (including data, information and technical assistance) which might be subject to strategic export controls.

It explains what control lists are, as well as who they apply to and when, so that exporters can make sure they comply with the law.

Applicants should assess how these controls may impact the project and confirm if they will need a licence (see question 5).

# Q4 International Collaboration (not scored)

## **Does your proposed work involve any international collaboration or engagement?**

You must provide details of any expected international collaboration or engagement. You must include a list of the names and the countries any international project co-leads, project partners, visiting researchers, or other collaborators are based in. You must also include details of any subcontractors or service providers.

If your proposed work does not involve international collaboration or engagement, your answer must confirm this.

# Q6 Trusted Research and Innovation (not scored)

You must explain if your proposed project work relates to UKRI's Trusted Research and Innovation Principles, including:

- a list of any dual-use (both military and non-military) applications to your research
- a list of the areas where your project is relevant to one or more of the 17 areas of the UK National Security and Investment (NSI) Act )
- whether an export control license is required for this project under the academic export control guidance and the status of any applications
- a list of any items or substances on the UK Strategic Export Control List

We may ask you to provide additional TR&I information at a later date, in line with UKRI TR&I Principles and funding terms and conditions

# Question 7. Need or challenge

**What is the business need or market opportunity behind your innovation that requires pre-commercialisation support?**

**Explain:**

- the main motivation for the project, and why pre-commercialisation support is needed
- the business need or market opportunity
- any work you have already done to respond to this need, for example, if the project focuses on developing an existing capability or building a new one
- the wider economic, social, environmental, cultural or political challenges which are influential in creating the opportunity, such as incoming regulations
- where your business is in its commercialisation journey and how you have identified the pre-commercialisation needs to be supported by this funding
- any analysis you have undertaken, either by yourself or by an external organisation which has identified the need for pre-commercialisation support

Your answer can be up to 400 words long.

# Question 8. Approach and innovation



**Where will the focus of the innovation be and what pre-commercialisation support is required to scale your innovation?**

**Explain:**

- how you will respond to the need, challenge or opportunity identified
- how you will improve on any similar innovation that you have identified
- whether the innovation will focus on existing technologies in new areas, the development of new technologies for existing areas, or a totally disruptive approach
- the freedom you have to operate
- how this project fits with your current product, service lines or offerings
- how it will make you more competitive and commercially ready
- the nature of the outputs you expect from the project, for example, reports, demonstrator, know-how, new process, product or service design, and how these will help you to target the need, challenge or opportunity identified

Your answer can be up to 400 words long.

# Question 9. Approach and innovation



**How do you propose to access and resource the required pre-commercialisation support, and what form will this support take?**

**Explain:**

- the roles, skills and experience of all members of the project team that are relevant to the approach you will be taking
- the resources, equipment and facilities needed for the project and how you will access them
- the details of any vital external parties, including subcontractors, who you will need to work with to successfully obtain the support
- any roles you will need to recruit for

Your answer can be up to 400 words long.

# Question 11. Outcomes and outputs



**What would the pre-commercialisation support enable your business to achieve?**

**Explain:**

- your current position in the markets and supply or value chains outlined, and whether you will be extending or establishing your market position
- what will you be able to achieve as a result of the project, for example, fund raising, offtake agreement, manufacturing partner
- how you will grow your business and increase long term productivity as a result of the project
- how you are going to profit from the innovation, including increased revenues or cost reduction
- how the innovation and pre-commercialisation support will affect your productivity and growth, in both the short and the long term
- how you will protect and exploit the outputs of the project, for example through know-how, patenting, designs or changes to your business model
- your strategy for targeting the other markets you have identified during or after the project

Your answer can be up to 400 words long.

# Question 16. Costs and value for money



Innovate  
UK

How much will the project cost and how does it represent value for money for the team and the taxpayer?

You must include specifications for any subcontracted elements you expect to procure.

**In terms of your project goals, explain:**

- your total eligible project costs
- the grant you are requesting
- how you have identified the project costs, for example, supplier quotes
- how any proposed suppliers of the pre-commercialisation support have the required capability to meet your needs
- how you will ensure you get quality outputs from any subcontractors
- how this project represents value for money for you and the taxpayer
- how it compares to what you would spend your money on otherwise
- any subcontractor costs and why they are critical to your project

Your answer can be up to 400 words long.

# Project Impact questions

- Each organisation in your application will complete the Project Impact questions within the 'Supporting information' section
- The Project Impact questions ask for data about your business and innovation and its contribution to the UK economy, society, and the environment
- Visit the [Project Impact guidance](#) page for more information, the types of questions you will be asked and how to get further support
- By providing this data, you are enabling us to better understand the impact of our support. It will help us identify success stories and provide evidence to government and the public of the value of supporting innovative businesses



## For more information:

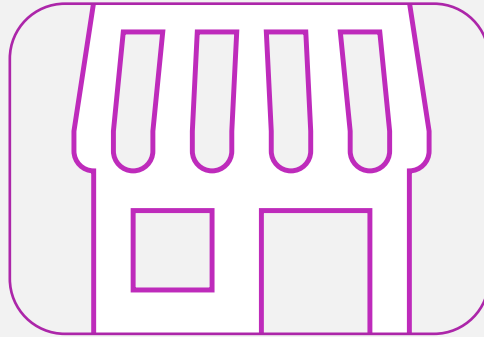
- [Watch Our Impact Management Framework video](#)
- [How is the Project Impact data collected? video](#)

# Your Project Cost Categories

View our [Application Finances Instructional Video](#)



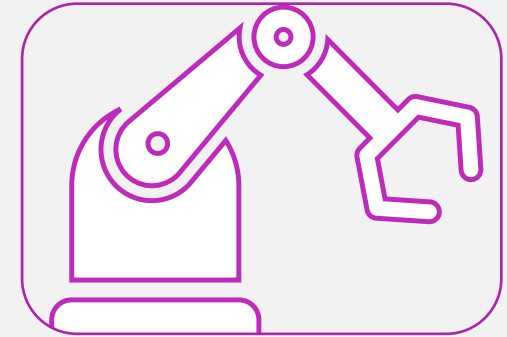
Labour



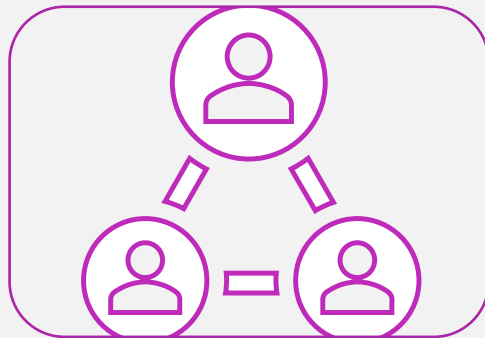
Overheads



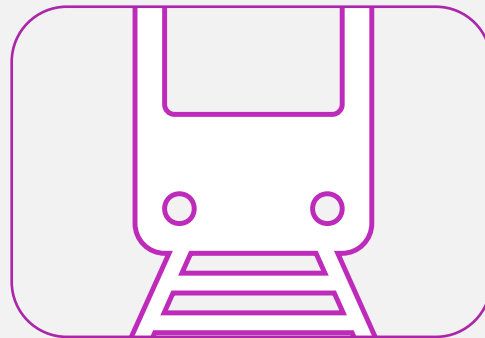
Materials



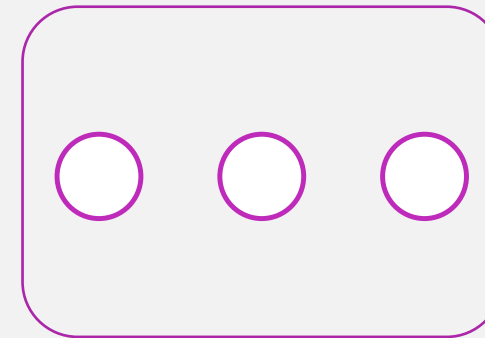
Capital Usage



Subcontractors



Travel &  
Subsistence




Other

# Your project finances


## Finances

Your organisation is required to submit its project finances. Your organisation's project costs can be seen in the 'Finances overview'.


[Your project finances](#)

 Incomplete

[Finances overview](#)


 Incomplete

## Finances


 Only members from your organisation will be able to see a breakdown of your finances.

Please complete your project finances.


[Your project costs](#)

 Incomplete


[Your project location](#)

 Incomplete

[Your organisation](#)

 Incomplete

[Your funding](#)

 Incomplete

## Your project costs

Add your project costs by category – refer to previous slide for link to instructional video

## Your project location

Enter postcode for where most of the project work will take place.

## Your organisation

Add details of your organisation including size, turnover and number of employees

## Your funding

Include your funding level percentage according to the competition's funding rules.

You can declare Other Public Sector Funding here if you have previously received public money for **exactly** the same activities

# Checking your finances are complete

## Finances summary

These organisations have not marked their finances as complete:

- Ludlow
- EGGS



This application cannot be submitted until all items in the finances section have been marked as complete by all partners.

		Total costs (£)	Funding level (%)	Funding sought (£)	Contribution to project (£)	Other public sector funding (£)
<b>Empire Ltd</b> Lead organisation	✓	200,903	30.00	57,803	140,632	2,468
<b>Ludlow</b> Partner	⚠	200,903	30.00	57,803	140,632	2,468
<b>EGGS</b> Partner	⚠	990	100.00	990	0	0
<b>Total</b>	⚠	<b>£402,796</b>		116,596	281,264	4,936

Check your finances have been correctly entered, with the correct costs, funding level % and funding sought figures, as per the eligibility criteria of the competition.

**IFS DOES NOT VALIDATE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS**


# Terms and Conditions

Before you can submit your application, **all** organisations in an application must agree to the draft terms and conditions for this competition. Please ensure you share the T&Cs with your legal team at the earliest possible opportunity.


## Terms and conditions

You must agree to these before you submit your application.

[Award terms and conditions](#)

 Incomplete

[Review and submit](#)

 [Print your application](#)



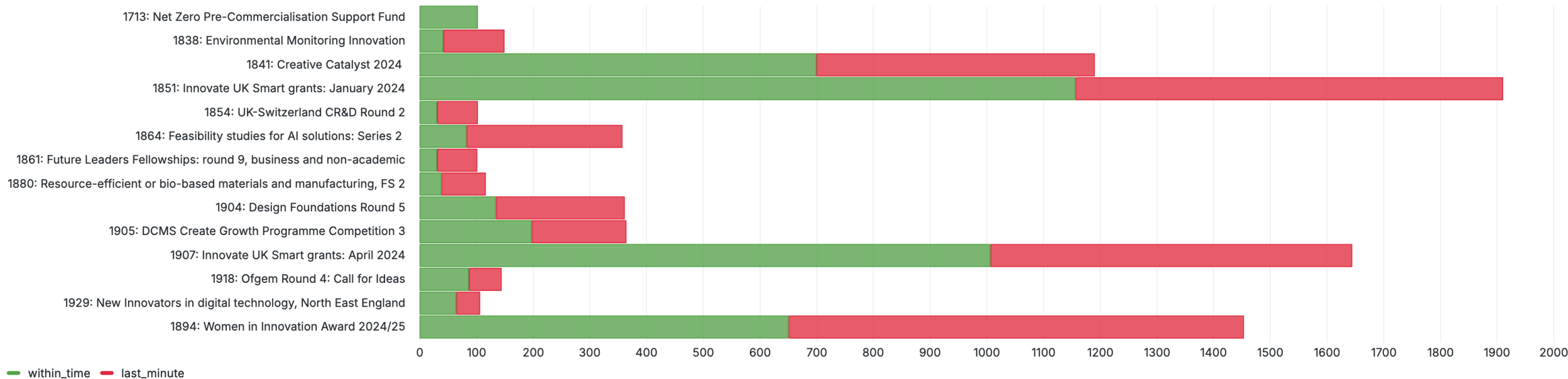
I agree to the [full terms and conditions](#) set out by the funding authority. I understand I need to agree to the final contract if my application is successful.

[Agree and continue](#)

# Submitting your application

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.



# Editing a submitted application

**test**  
Application number: 242  
Competition: 599 Covid de minimis round 2

Awaiting assessment

**Application submitted**

[Reopen](#)

Reopen by clicking here

**Terms and conditions**  
You must agree to these before you submit your application.

---

[Award terms and conditions](#) ✓ Complete

---

[Review and submit](#) [Print your application](#)

Remember to press  
'Submit application'

**Terms and conditions** Open all

---

[Award terms and conditions](#) ✓ Complete +

---

[Submit application](#)

Need help with this service? [Contact us](#)

# 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 accurate 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

# Funding Rules



# You are unable to claim funding if

- you are an **overseas organisation** - your company number begins with **FC**
- your organisation is **setup as a branch** - your company number begins with **BR**
- you are a **collaboration with no formal structure of ownership or control** - 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**

# Other Innovate UK projects

If you have an **overdue** 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
- please note if you have a live project in progress this does not prohibit you from entering this competition

# Compliance with the UK Subsidy Control Regime

On 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Subsidy Control (and State aid where relevant)

The Subsidy Control Act 2022 definition of a 'subsidy' means financial assistance which:

1. is given by a public authority. This can be at any level: central, devolved, regional or local government or a public body.
2. makes a contribution (this could be a financial or an in-kind contribution) to an enterprise, conferring an economic advantage that is not available on market terms.
3. affects international trade.

For awards made from 4 January 2023, the majority are subject to Subsidy Control Act 2022. EU State aid rules now only apply in certain limited circumstances.

## **Financial viability and eligibility**

Innovate UK is unable to award funding to organisations that are considered to be in financial difficulty. All applicant organisations are subjected to financial viability and eligibility checks to ensure they are suitable for public funding.

[General guidance on Subsidy control \(and State aid where relevant\).](#)

# Article 10 of the Windsor Framework

The EU and the UK formally adopted the [Windsor Framework](#) on 24 March 2023.

The Windsor Framework replaces the Northern Ireland Protocol, providing a new legal and UK constitutional framework.

Article 10 provides that European Union State aid rules will continue to apply to the UK in respect of measures which affect trade in goods or the electricity market between Northern Ireland and the EU.

Article 10 does not directly apply to subsidies for services and such subsidies will need to comply with the UK's subsidy control regime.

## **Undertakings in difficulty**

In the unusual circumstance of an award having to be made under the EU GBER regulation (State aid), the applicant must pass **'undertaking in difficulty' checks as defined by GBER (2014)**.

Guidance on [Article 10 of the Windsor Framework](#).

# Eligibility Criteria: Funding Opportunities



Funding for R&D projects split into **3** categories: feasibility studies, industrial research and experimental development. This competition focuses on industrial research.

**For 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



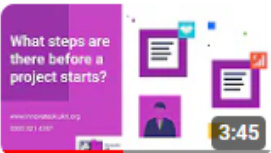


For general guidance on what our research categories are please visit:  
<https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/general-guidance/categories-of-research-and-development/#contents-list>

# Assessment



# Assessment

## [YouTube Playlist](#)

-  **How do our assessors assess?**  
Innovate UK • 8.1K views • 2 years ago
-  **How are successful applications selected for funding?**  
Innovate UK • 17K views • 2 years ago
-  **What steps are there before a project starts?**  
Innovate UK • 7.7K views • 2 years ago
-  **How are successful projects monitored?**  
Innovate UK • 4.1K views • 2 years ago
-  **How successful applicants receive their funding.**  
Innovate UK • 4.6K views • 2 years ago



# Project setup



If you pass the technical assessment, you will have a further eight steps detailed in your notification to complete in Project Setup before being able to start your project.

These are:

- Project details
- Project team
- Documents
- You will be allocated a Monitoring Service Provider (MSP)
- Bank details
- Finance checks
- Spend profile
- Grant Offer Letter

Please share the T&Cs with your legal team at the earliest possible opportunity to avoid any delays.

You are expected to complete all the steps above within **90 calendar** days of receiving your notification. Failure to do so may result in funding being withdrawn.

**Work can only commence on your project once you have received your Go Live email.**

# How you get paid

- Grants are claimed and paid out following authorisation, **quarterly in arrears**
- Organisations being funded at less than 100% will need to provide evidence that they will have funding available to meet their share of costs
- You can only claim for costs incurred between your project's start and end date
- Grant can only be paid into an approved UK bank account

# Bank account – Guidance



## Accepted business bank accounts – subject to change

- Advance Payment Solutions (Part of Cashplus Ltd)
- Allica Bank
- Allied Irish Banks
- Bank of Ireland (UK)
- Bank of Scotland
- Bank of America
- Barclays
- BNP Paribas
- C Hoare & Co
- CAF Bank
- Citi Bank UK
- Clear Bank
- Commerz Bank
- Coutts
- Danske Bank
- Deutsche Bank
- DNB Bank ASA
- Guaranty Trust Bank (UK) Limited
- Handelsbanken Plc
- HSBC
- J.P. Morgan UK
- Lloyds
- Metro Bank
- Mettle
- Mizuho Bank Ltd
- MUFG Bank Ltd
- Monzo
- NatWest
- Nordea
- Revolut
- Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS)
- Santander
- Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken Ab (Publ) [SEB]
- Starling
- The Bank of East Asia
- The Co-operative Bank
- Tide Bank
- Triodos Bank
- TSB Bank
- Ulster Bank
- Unity Trust Bank
- Virgin Money
- Wells Fargo Bank N.A.

# Additional Support



# Reasonable adjustments

We welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and are committed to making our application process accessible to everyone. This includes making [reasonable adjustments](#), for people who have a disability or a long-term condition and face barriers applying to us.

You can contact us at any time to ask for guidance. We recommend you contact us at least 15 working days before this competition's closing date to allow us to put the most suitable support in place. The support we can provide may be limited if you contact us close to the competition deadline.

You can contact Innovate UK by [email](#) or call 0300 321 4357. Our phone lines are open from 9am to 12pm and 2pm to 5pm UK time, Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).

# Reasonable adjustments – what we need from you

To apply for a reasonable adjustment we will need to collect some information from you, below is the list of what we need:

- Name
- Organisation
- Email address
- Phone number
- Competition you are applying to
- Application number if you've started an application
- Consent to pass info to Innovate UK Business Connect

This information must be given to Innovate UK Customer Support Services, Business Connect are unable to provide support without a referral from CSS

Further information on the process can be found here <https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/how-we-help/reasonable-adjustments-service/>

# Reasonable adjustments – what we can do

Below is a list of possible adjustments we can make, this list is not exhaustive and not every adjustment will be appropriate for you, adjustments will be made on a case-by-case basis:

- Proofreading
- Clarifying language
- Resources
- Introduction to experts
- Time management
- Note-taking

# Reasonable adjustments – what we can not do

The reasonable adjustments offered are designed to remove barriers to applying, they are not designed to make decisions for you or give you advice on an application. With that in mind, the support we offer does not include the below:

- Providing deadline extensions
- Choosing which competition to apply to
- Developing an idea
- Advising whether your idea is in scope for a competition
- Offering financial advice
- Helping with research

# Innovate UK Business Growth

*The indispensable partner for ambitious innovators*

We equip innovation-focused businesses to **make the best strategic choices** and **harness the right resources** to accelerate their growth.

Thousands of innovators benefit from our **intensive and tailored advisory support** to achieve their ambitious goals every year.

We are in their corner – do you want us in yours? Visit [iukbg.ukri.org](http://iukbg.ukri.org) to learn more.

**97%** of clients would recommend us

**94%** report that our service has had a positive impact on their growth

*“Innovate UK Business Growth gave us the tools to grow with confidence”*

Natali Georgieva, Co-founder at ALIANAz

# Who do we support?

- Ambitious, innovation-focused businesses that have won an Innovate UK competition, and are growing strongly or have high growth potential, may be contacted about support
- Registered at Companies House with up to 250 employees
- Management teams motivated to engage fully with us to help achieve growth milestones

# Cyber Action Toolkit

The NSCS has created a free [Cyber Action Toolkit](#) that gives clear bite-sized actions to protect small businesses, their money and reputation from cyber crime' The NSCS has created a free [Cyber Action Toolkit](#) that gives clear bite-sized actions to protect small businesses, their money and reputation from cyber crime

Search “NCSC cyber toolkit” or click here: <https://cybertoolkit.service.ncsc.gov.uk/>



The screenshot shows the landing page for the Cyber Action Toolkit. At the top left, there is a green shield icon followed by the text "Cyber Action Toolkit". At the top right, there are two buttons: "Sign in" with a user icon and "Get free toolkit". The main heading in the center reads "Start protecting your business with our free cyber toolkit", with "free" underlined in yellow. Below the heading, a sub-headline states: "The Cyber Action Toolkit gives you clear, bite-sized actions to protect your business's money and reputation from cyber criminals." At the bottom, it says "Provided by" followed by the logos for the National Cyber Security Centre and the UK Government.

# Contact Us

Whether you need help to set a strategic direction or with progressing your innovation, financing your growth or unlocking the potential of international partnerships.

visit our website:

[www.iukbg.ukri.org](http://www.iukbg.ukri.org)

or call us on:

**0300 123 3066**



## Contact Business Growth

The preferred way to get in touch with us is via email using the form below – we aim to reply within 2 working days. However, we will also be available by telephone during working hours (9am-5pm) and an answerphone will be available at all other times or when our lines are engaged (we will return your call as soon as possible). Please note that you cannot access our colleagues at Innovate UK through these channels.

If you're not from the UK, please [contact your local EEN branch](#).

You can also refer to [our FAQs page](#) to find answers to frequently asked questions about our services.

Telephone | 0300 123 3066

Name

Email

Telephone

Company name

Registered company name or intended trading name

Note: The service is offered to all Innovate UK competition winners but any suitable ambitious innovation-focused businesses with under 250 employees can be supported

# Useful Information

- UKRI's [General Guidance](#)
- Innovate UK Business Connect's [Good Application Guide](#)
- [Who we fund](#)
- Collaboration Agreement Guidance: [Lambert Toolkit](#)
- [Innovate UK: Shaping the Future](#)

## Funding opportunities

To find out more about the competitions currently available you can visit either the [Innovation Funding Service \(IFS\)](#) or the [funding finder](#) on the UKRI website. Through these links, you can review the competitions available and decide which ones may be right for you.

You can [sign up to our newsletter](#) to receive all the latest information on our competitions straight to your inbox or [register for email alerts](#) to get page updates from Innovate UK.

The government also offers [other opportunities for businesses to get finance and support](#).

Innovate UK reserves the rights to host competitions on a needs basis and will adjust each competition criteria and scope accordingly. We may occasionally run closed competitions that are for invited applicants only. These are run based on the challenge requirement or need.

# Q&A



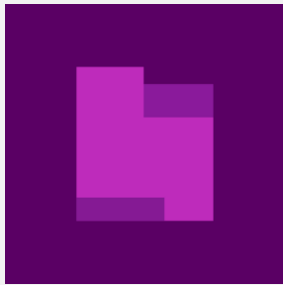
Innovate  
UK

# Contact

## Customer Support Services

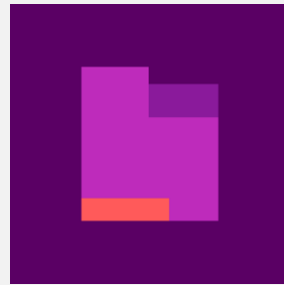
0300 321 4357 (Monday - Friday 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm)

[support@iuk.ukri.org](mailto:support@iuk.ukri.org)



**Innovate UK**

[ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk](https://ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk)



**Innovate UK  
Business Connect**

<https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/>



**Innovate UK Business  
Growth**

[www.iukbg.ukri.org](http://www.iukbg.ukri.org)

# Thank You

 @InnovateUK

 Innovate UK

 Innovate UK

 @weareinnovateuk