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Contracts for Innovation

Battery Innovation for Dual Use and Defence Phase 1

Applicant briefing

Date: 01/10/2026

The webinar will start at 2:00

- 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 in the Q&A box
- For more information on the competition process, please [view our YouTube channel](#)

Welcome and introductions

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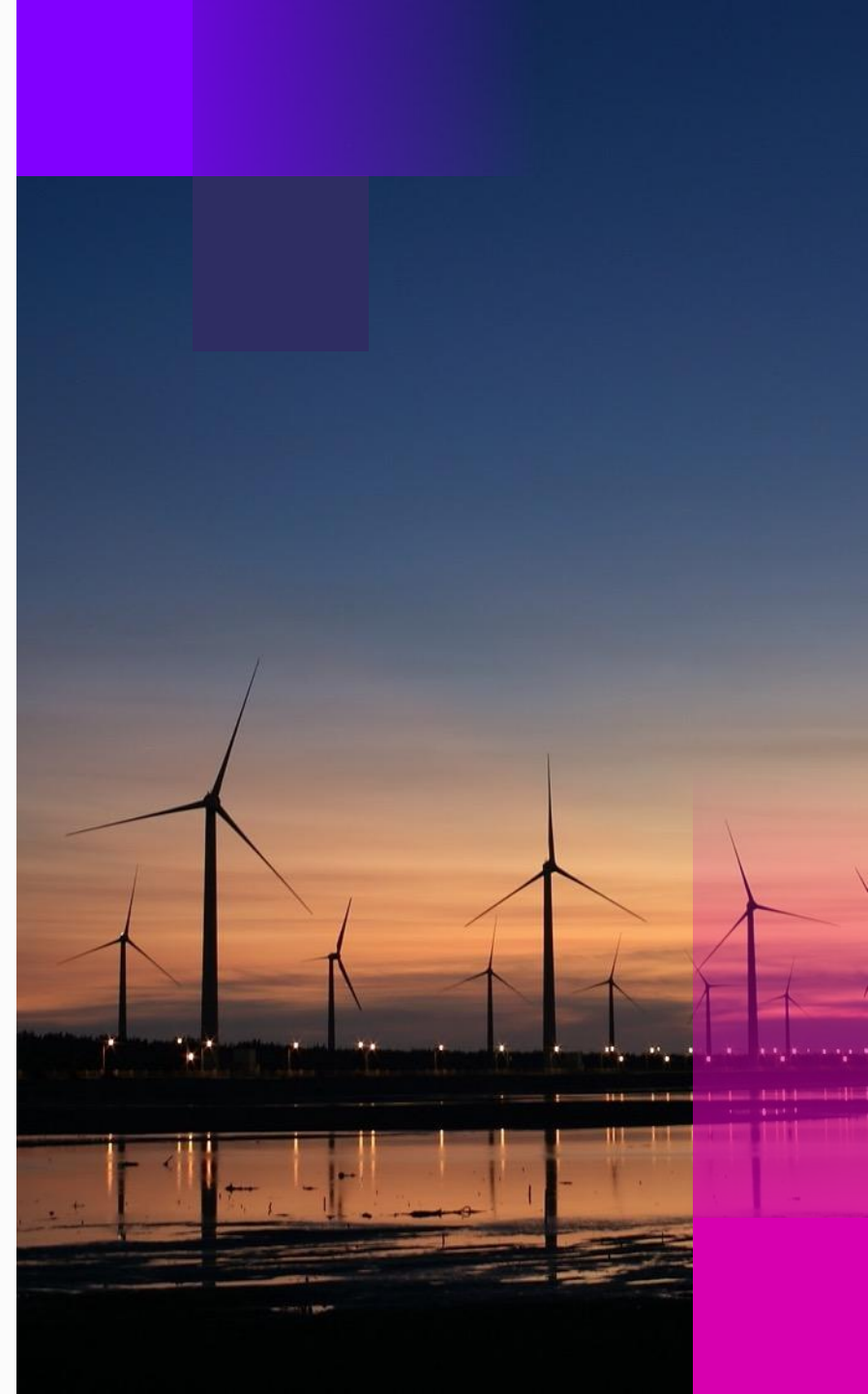
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DSTL



Agenda

- Battery Innovation Programme Update
- Batteries in Defense
- Competition Summary & Scope
- Contracts for Innovation
- Eligibility Criteria
- Innovation Funding Service (IFS)
- Funding Rules
- Assessment
- Use of AI
- Additional Support
- Q&A





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THE UK'S MODERN INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

Battery Innovation Programme Update

Albert Gibbs – Innovation Lead Aerospace

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Battery
Innovation
Programme

**The Battery
Innovation
Programme turns
scientific insight
into the industrial
confidence now
driving UK
innovation.**



Built a national battery innovation ecosystem entirely from scratch.



Delivering world-class, industry-focused academic breakthroughs with the Faraday Institution.



Built clear routes from science to scale-up, driving commercial impact through UKBIC and AMBIC.

Battery Innovation Programme Ecosystem

From the lab to the factory floor


£2.4 bn
SME pipeline (2024)

 **7**
Open-access
prototyping and
pilot lines


56 GWh
Under construction

 **4th**
Highest VC
investment
globally (2024)

 **27**
Spin-outs

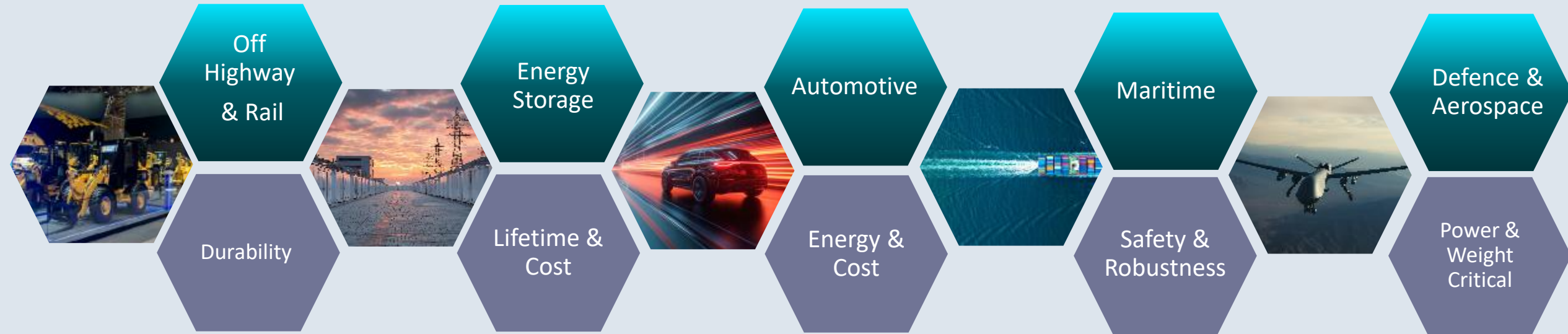
 **25+**
Associated
Universities

 **4**
Battery skills
Initiatives

 **500+**
Researchers

 **4**
Volume auto
Manufacturers

The Sectors Challenges



Focused different solution to various sectors to enable targeted innovation aligned with sector demand and UK needs.

How we are working together

Battery Innovation Programme



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Innovation
Programme

Automotive | Aerospace | Off highway | Storage | Maritime | Defence



Research
Technology Transfer



Collaborative R&D
Investor Partnerships



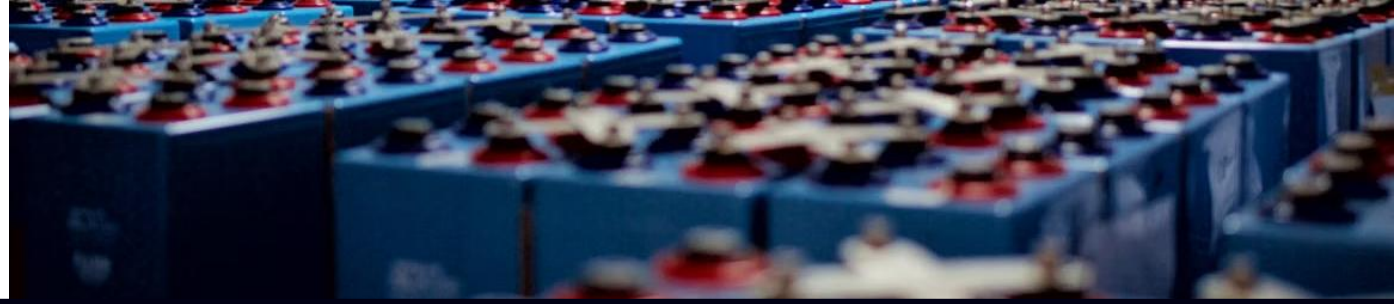
Scale up capability
AMBIC

Skills Programmes: PhDs, MEng, Level 2&5 skills

International Missions: GBIP, GEM & Inward Missions

Future ambitions: UK Lab Network and Safety facilities

Defence batteries



Vision: Defence will protect and enhance mission assurance through a resilient, interoperable and a high-performance battery ecosystem that strengthens interoperability with allies and partners, supporting a prosperous UK

Defence uses thousands of different types of batteries

Many existing and new capabilities are electric and hence increase the demand for batteries

Defence by its nature is a competitive endeavour – need to be better than the enemy

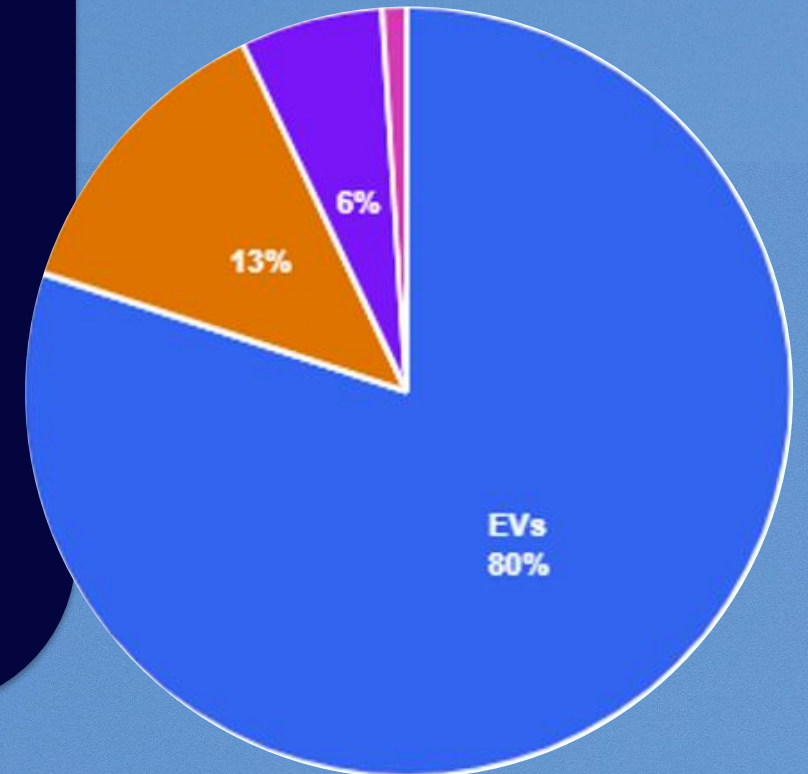
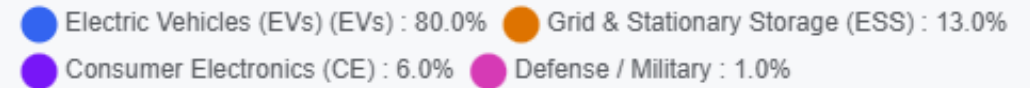
- For electrical capabilities batteries can provide capability advantage e.g. range, speed, endurance etc.
- Need better batteries where possible

Security of battery supply is a growing concern

Defence battery challenges



Estimated Share of Global Battery Use by Sector



Defence is a tiny part of global battery market

- UK is an even smaller part of that

Note: Defence battery demand hasn't decreased, it has in fact increased over the past decades but not as fast as civil demand

- Rise of EVs, BESS and data centres
- Defence is now a small voice in the advanced battery market

Need to explore adjacent markets where possible to help industrial base

- Can defence use the same cells as commercial markets?
 - Which cells, what markets?
- Or even are there some niche markets that could use defence format batteries
 - rugged, prequalified etc. – but expensive

Interesting open source article

- [The Battery Gap: Building Industrial Strength for a Military Edge | Royal United Services Institute](#)

Cell dilemma

Historically many defence Li-ion batteries were built around the 18650 format since that is what was widely available

Now drones built around 21700 and pouch cells

Most popular small cylindrical cells are now 21700

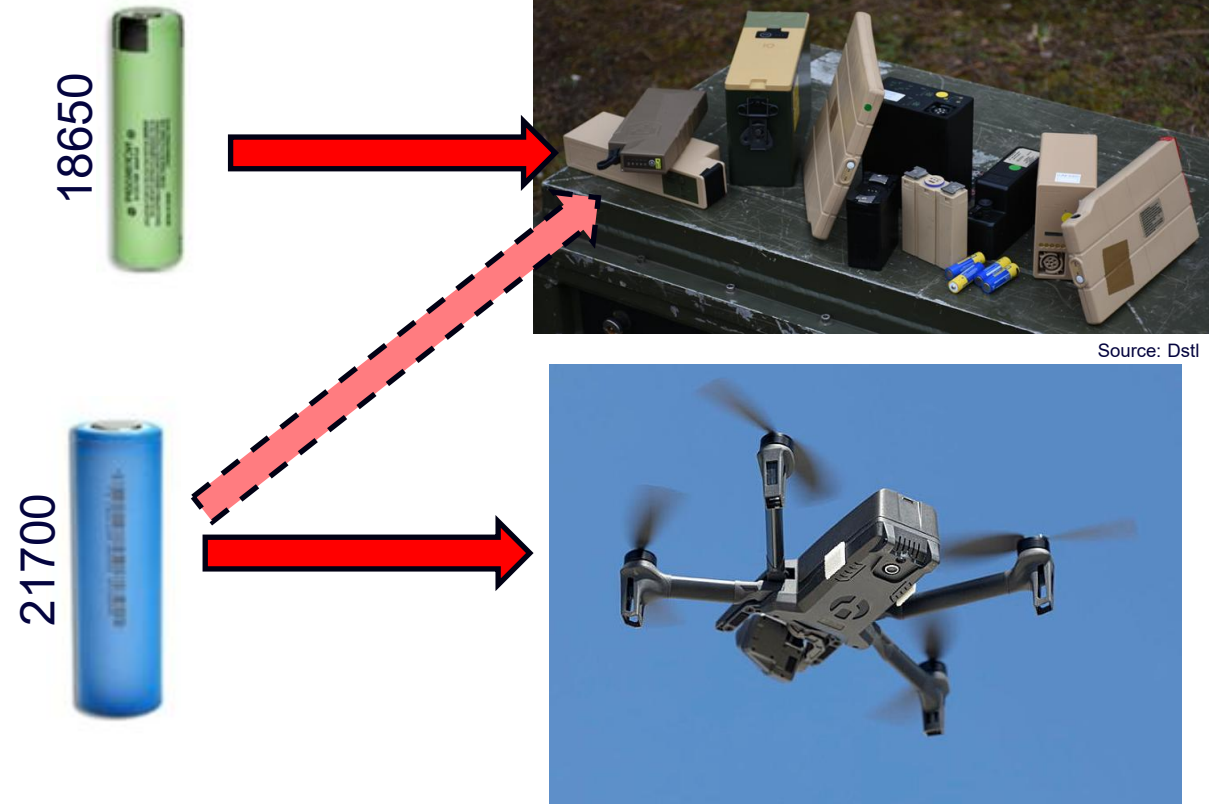
- Also Nascent pouch stds around 21700 footprints
- SAE JA1016

EV cells are too large for many defence applications so those gigafactories aren't the solution

Battery production is a volume game

Which cell formats can defence support

- Can it support multiple formats or only one
 - If one which one?
 - Could e.g. existing defence soldier batteries use drone cells?
 - Esp STUB and BB-2590 of interest to understand
- Which best align with adjacent civilian markets?



Source: Dstl

Source: Defence Images

Challenge topics

1. UK-based supply of high-performance cell manufacturing technologies (e.g., pouch cells, primary cells, Li-S, Li-Si, Li-metal anodes, or Na-ion), with resilience demonstrated through secure domestic sourcing, minimal foreign dependency, and scalable production for defence requirements.
2. Define the most effective standardisation level cell, battery pack, interface, or use case to enable seamless dual-use battery integration between civil manufacturing lines and defence applications.
3. UK based design and manufacture of battery packs utilising 18650 and 21700 cells from secure supply chains protected against disruption with evaluation of 21700 viability compared with 18650s to inform future military standards for industry.(for example, personal soldier battery packs, drone battery packs, portable generator replacements, such as 21700 based BB-2590 and Soldier Tactical Universal Battery (STUB).
4. Explore how existing defence standard batteries (e.g. Li-ion 6T, BB-2590 etc.) could find dual use applications in civilian markets for which an existing rugged, standardised battery would add value.
5. Explore how civilian automotive battery modules could be used for defence applications.
6. UK-based low-volume and custom cell manufacture.
7. Progression of a UKHP cell production facility.
8. UK-based development of BMS systems.



Example military batteries



Small Tactical Universal Battery
(STUB)



PRC-148/152



BB-2590



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Competition summary & scope



Battery Innovation for Dual-use and Defence Phase 1

SUMMARY

A programme focused on engaging the UK supply chain and investigating how current technologies can be developed or pivoted to suit challenges set by the defence sector.

OVERVIEW

£2,000,000

in year spend

20–40

companies

~£50,000

per application
100% funded

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

01

Competition opens 28th of September and closes on the 4th of November at 11:00 am

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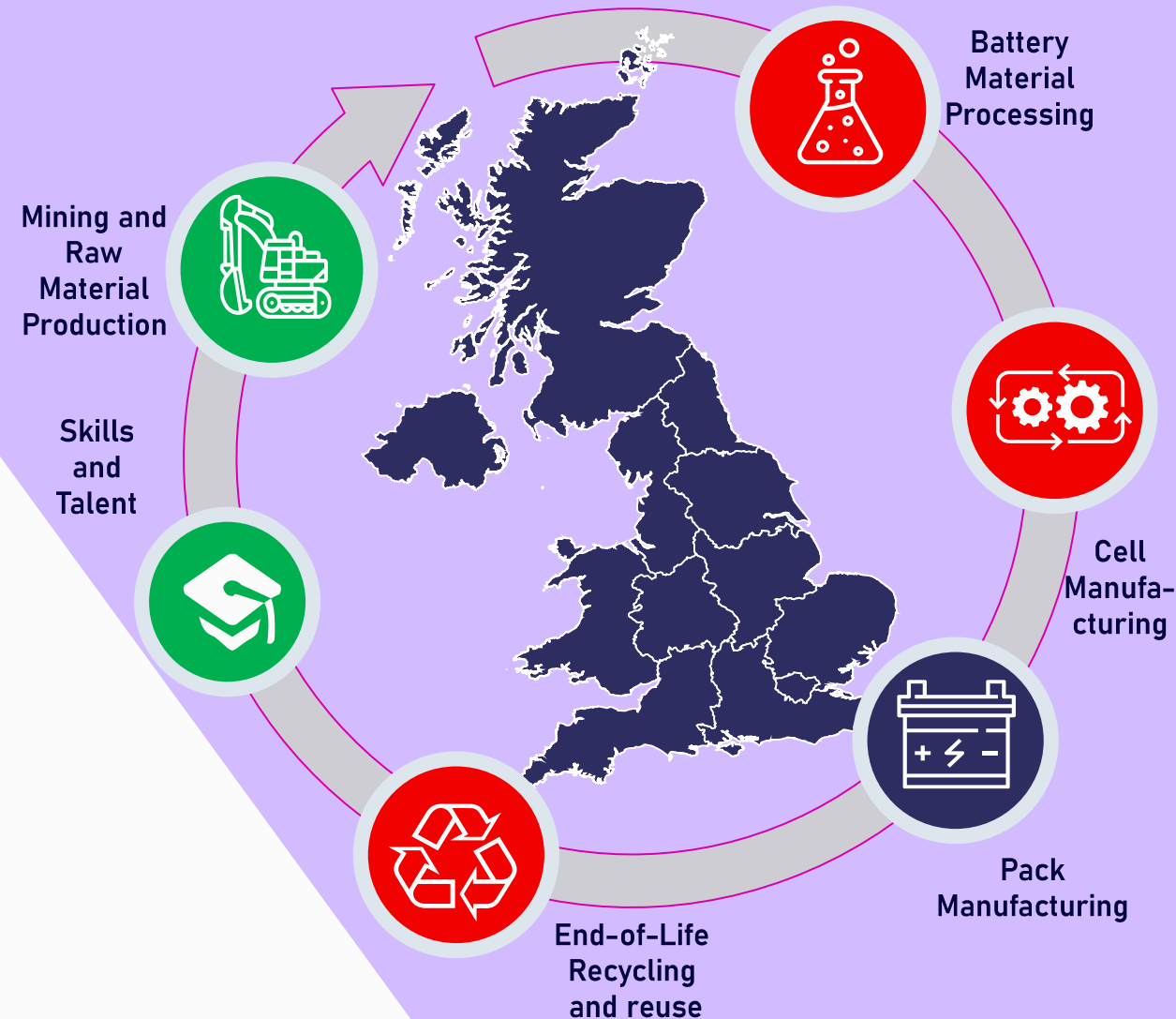
Projects start on the 1st of January with a 3-month project length

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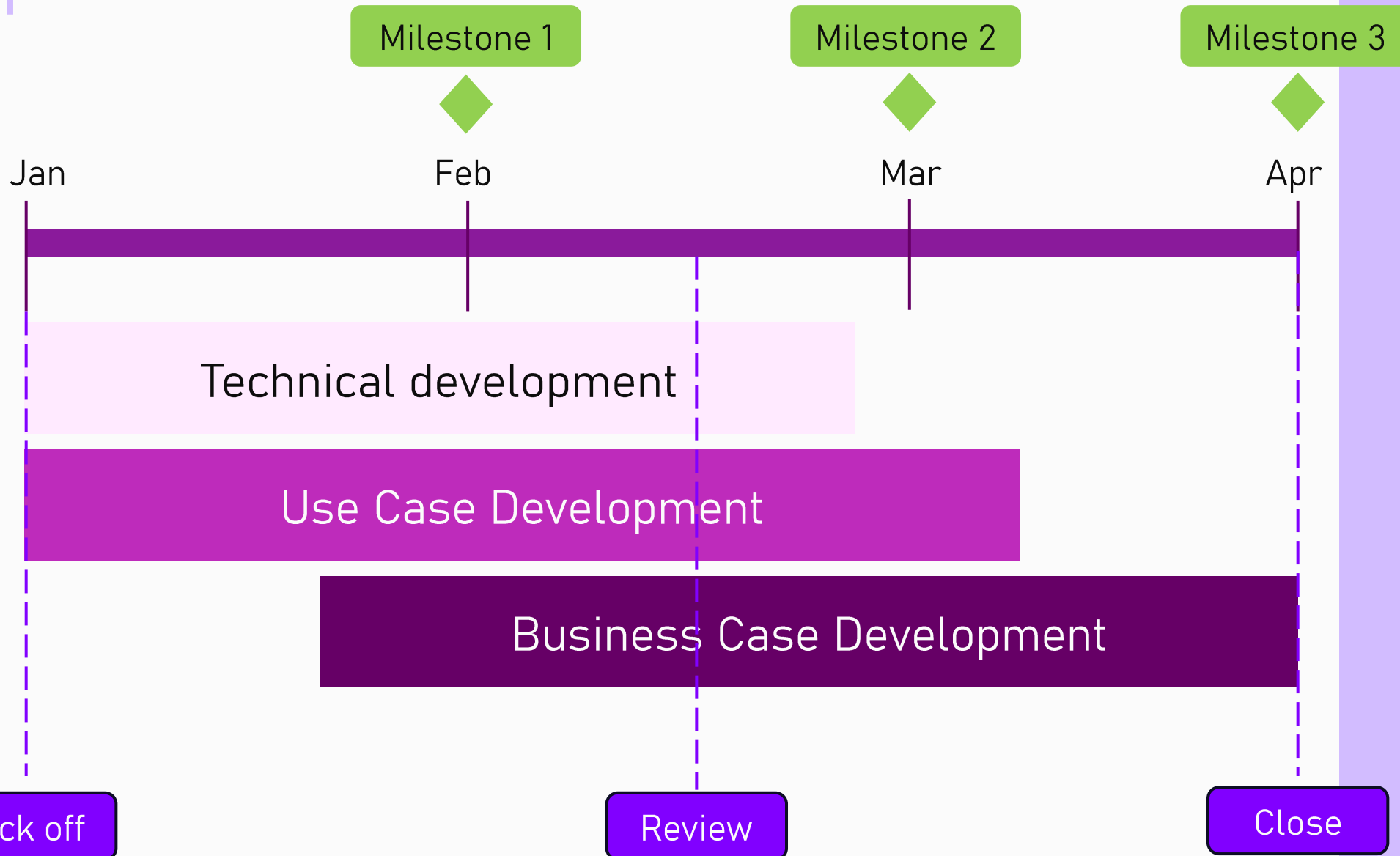
The scope and challenges have been supported by DSTL and MOD

Challenge Areas

1. UK based supply of high-performance cell manufacturing technologies
2. Define the most effective level of standardisation
3. UK-based design and manufacture of battery packs
4. UK based low volume and custom cell manufacture.
5. Progression of a UK High Power (UKHP) cell production facility.
6. Explore how existing defence standard batteries could find dual use applications in civilian markets for which an existing rugged, standardised battery would add value.
7. Explore how civilian automotive battery modules could be used for defence applications.
8. UK-based development of Battery Management Systems (BMS) systems.



Deliverables



Deliverable 1: Use case

Deliverable 2: Business case

Milestones

Milestone 1

EXAMPLE WORK: Stakeholder engagement, problem statement definition, technical and user requirements, capability gaps identification, security concerns review, data handling considerations, existing IP and legislation review.

Milestone 2

EXAMPLE WORK: Draft use case report, business case outline, technical progress report with interim conclusions and expected endpoint, reference data and evidence base collection.

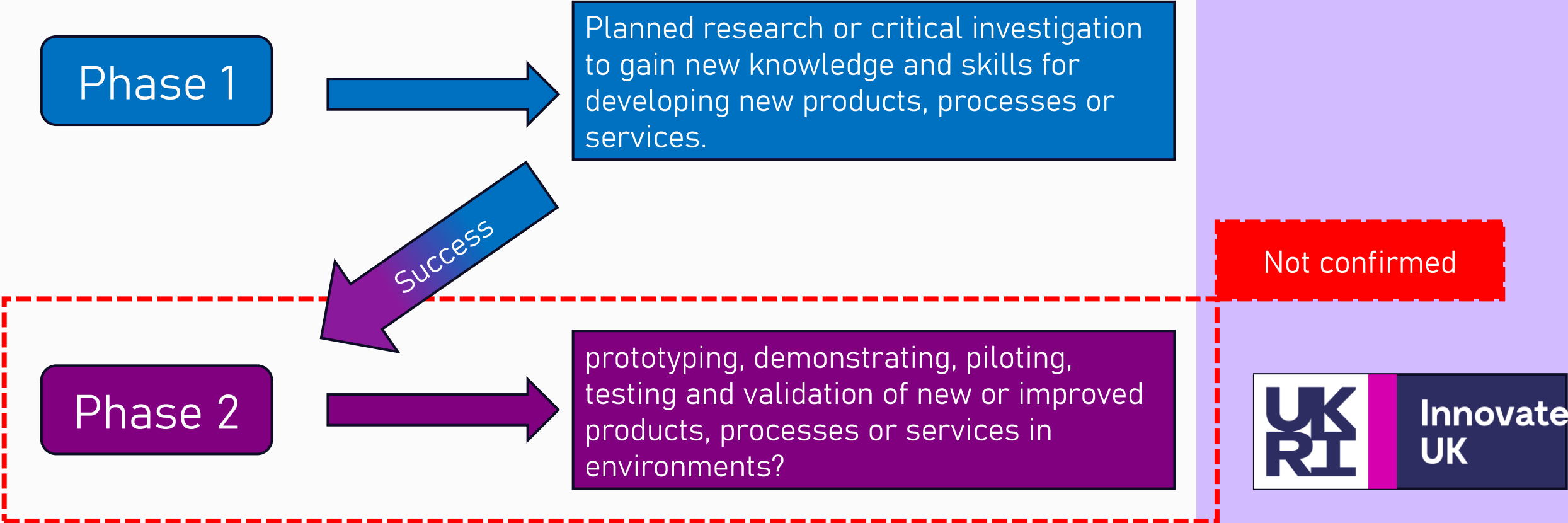
Milestone 3

EXAMPLE WORK: Final use case, final business case, final technical reports, phase 2 plan.

Note:

Ensure that your milestones have the required detail, or there is a risk delaying of the project start date.

This is phase 1 of a potential 2 phase competition. The decision to proceed with phase 2 will depend on the outcomes from phase 1 and assessment of a separate application into a subsequent phase 2 competition.





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About Contracts for Innovation

Contracts for Innovation





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Helping government, helping businesses

Helping government:

Contracts for Innovation helps government organisations solve tough challenges by connecting them with innovative organisations.

Helping businesses:

Contracts for Innovation offers innovators the chance to win a government contract to help demonstrate and develop their new technologies.

over 100 public sector organisations participated

average annual sales grow 30%



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What are Contracts for Innovation?



Pre-commercial procurement



Requires a lead customer



Outcome-driven solutions



Well-defined challenges



100% funded R&D services procurement contracts

Contracts for Innovation: Key Features

Development Contracts

- 100% funded R&D (procurement contract for R&D Services)
- Payment made on completion of milestones

Contract with Lead Applicant

- Any subcontractors remain accountable to the lead

IP rests with Supplier

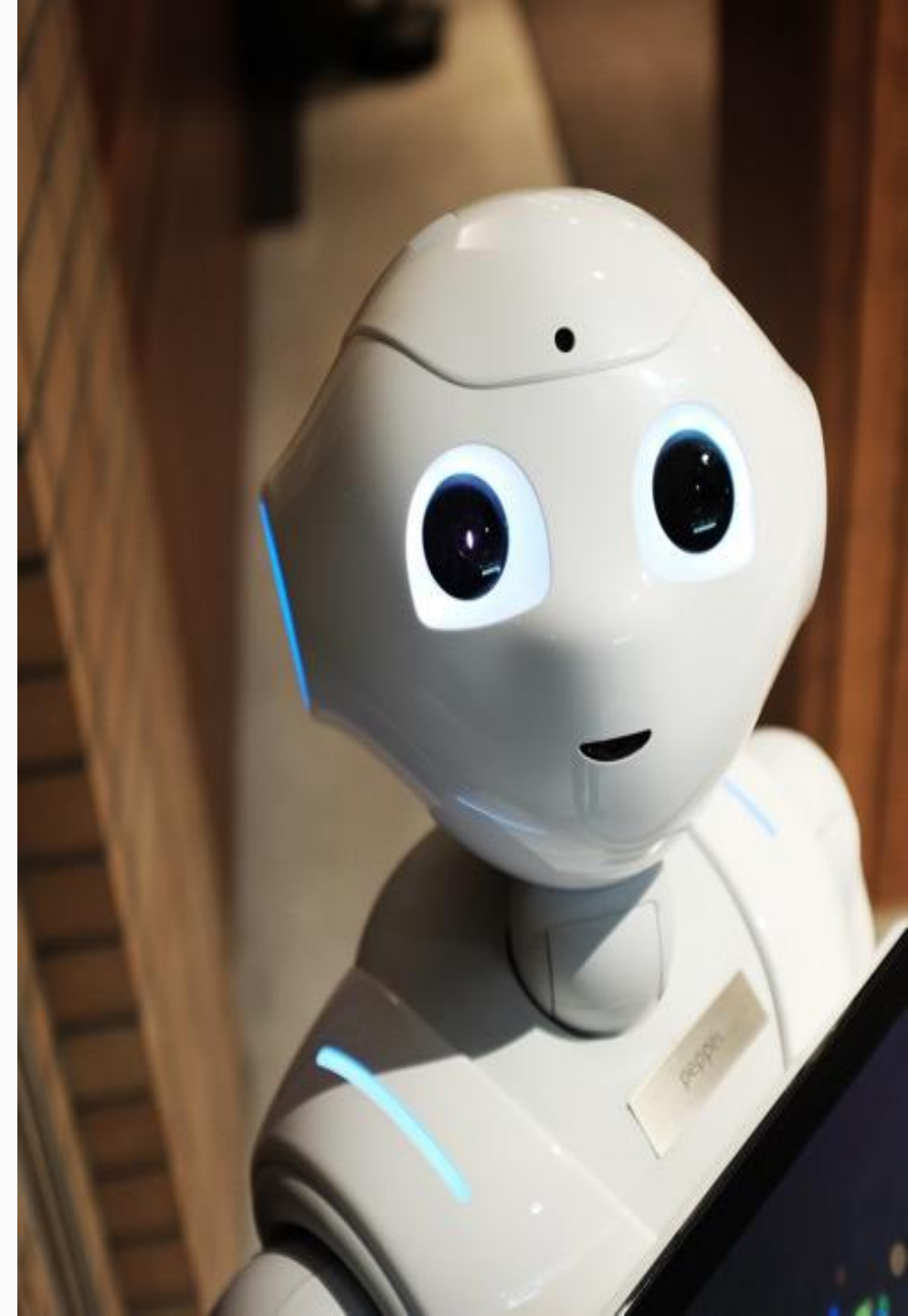
- Certain usage rights for the Public Sector (licenses etc)
- Companies encouraged to exploit IP and will be assessed on this basis

Eligibility

- Open to all organisations. No limit on the size or type of company
- Open to companies not currently engaged in the sector
- Research organisations may also apply
- All organisations must demonstrate a route to market

Applying to a Contracts for Innovation competition

- In addition to the technical criteria, you will be assessed on your plans to commercialise your technology; value for money; potential benefits
- This is a contract to deliver a specific outcome – be sure you can deliver what's in your application
- You must include VAT (if registered), as this is a contract for R&D services and the award is classed as trading income
- You **must not** include profit within your application
- Explain the problem your project is looking to solve and who your target customers will be
- We cannot increase your costs once you've been awarded a contract.
- Familiarise yourself with the contract – our terms and conditions are non-negotiable





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Eligibility criteria



Eligibility criteria – your project

Your project must:

- be single applicant only
- have a total grant funding request of between £20,000 and £50,000
- last up to 3 months
- carry out all of its project work in the UK
- intend to exploit the results from or in the UK
- start by 1 January 2027
- end by 31 March 2027

Eligibility criteria – Lead organisation

To lead a project your organisation must:

- be an organisation of any size
- be based in the UK, EU or EEA or internationally
- work alone or with the subcontracted skills and expertise of others from business, research organisations, research and technology organisations, or the third sector (charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups)

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

There is no limit on the number of applications you can submit

Eligibility criteria – Subcontractors

Subcontractors **are** allowed in this competition.

Subcontractors can be from anywhere 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 suppliers 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 project costs.

Previously submitted applications

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). If you have previously submitted an application that reached our assessment stage, you can re-apply once more with the same proposal.	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



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Innovation Funding Service (IFS)



To create an account select the radio button that aligns with your organisation type to apply as the project lead or partner..

For pre-existing businesses and Research organisations
Use Companies House lookup using your company number.
This facilitates our checks later if you are successful.

Academic Institutions

Are asked to enter their name and select from the list of organisations presented

If your organisation is yet to be formed

You will need to enter your information manually, should you be successful, you will need to be a registered organisation to receive funding.

This is a screenshot of the 'Innovation Funding Service' sign-in page on the GOV.UK website. The page has a black header with the GOV.UK logo and the service name. Below the header, there is a 'BETA' notice and a 'Back' link. The main heading is 'Please sign in or create an account'. There are two columns: 'Used this service before?' with a 'Sign in' button, and 'New to this service?' with a 'Create account' button.This is a screenshot of the 'Choose your organisation type' page. It has a black header with the GOV.UK logo and the service name. Below the header, there is a 'BETA' notice and a 'Back' link. The main heading is 'Choose your organisation type'. There is a section 'You can lead this application as:' with a radio button for 'Research'. Below this, there is a section 'This is the organisation that will lead the application.' with four radio buttons: 'Business', 'Research', 'Research and technology organisation (RTO)', and 'Public sector or charity'. A 'Save and continue' button is at the bottom.This is a screenshot of the 'Enter your research organisation's details' page. It has a black header with the GOV.UK logo and the service name. Below the header, there is a 'BETA' notice and a 'Back' link. The main heading is 'Enter your research organisation's details'. There is a section 'Choose your organisation from the list.' with a search bar containing the text 'bath' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there is a list of organisations: 'Bath Spa University' and 'University of Bath'. At the bottom, there is a link 'Need help with this service? Contact us'.

Application questions – **unscored** questions

Application Form		Word count	Appendix
Question 1	Applicant location	400 words	No
Question 2	Animal testing	Multiple choice	No
Question 3	Permits and licences	Multiple choice	No
Question 4	International Collaboration	400 words	No
Question 5	Export licence	Multiple choice	No
Question 6	Trusted Research and Innovation	400 words	No

Application questions – scored questions

Application Form		Word count	Appendix
Question 7	Proposed idea or technology	400 words	Yes - optional
Question 8	Technical project summary	400 words	No
Question 9	Current state of the art and intellectual property	400 words	No
Question 10	Project plan and methodology	400 words	Yes – mandatory
Question 11	Technical team and expertise	400 words	No
Question 12	Costs and value for money	400 words	No
Question 13	Commercial potential	400 words	No

NATIONAL SECURITY AND INVESTMENT ACT

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 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:

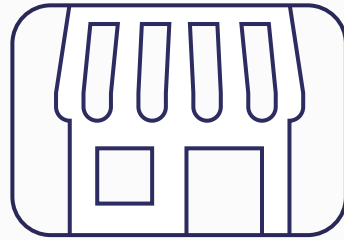
- a list of any dual-use (both military and non-military) applications to your research
- a list of the areas where your project is relevant to one or more of the 17 areas of the UK National Security and Investment (NSI) Act)
- whether an export control license is required for this project under the *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

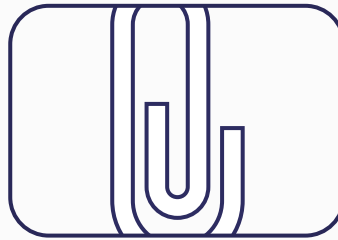
Your project cost categories



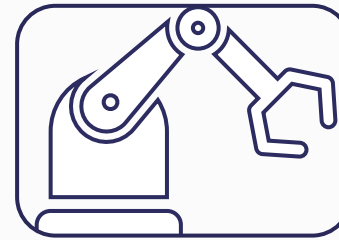
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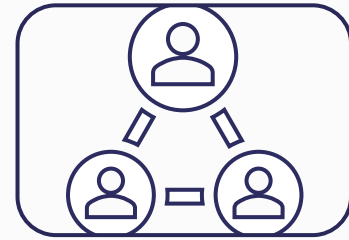
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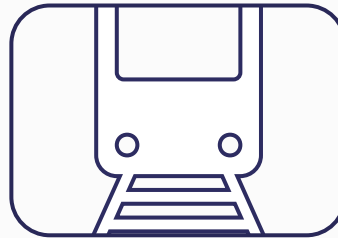
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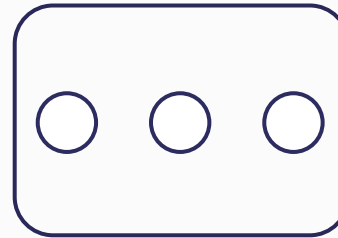
Capital Usage



Subcontractors



Travel &
Subsistence



Other

View our [Application Finances Instructional Video](#)

Your project finances

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 payment milestones

Enter each milestone and deliverable information. Where appropriate, link the milestone with a payment request

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

Please complete your project finances.

[Your project costs](#)

✓ Complete

[Your project location](#)

✓ Complete

[Your organisation](#)

✓ Complete

[Your payment milestones](#)

✓ Complete

VAT

Once you have completed your costs you will be asked to confirm if you're VAT registered.

If you select "yes", IFS will automatically add on VAT calculated at 20%

If you are a VAT registered organisation you will **not** need to enter your project costs inclusive of VAT as the application from will calculate the VAT for you

If you are not VAT registered then you can quote without VAT but you will not be able to increase invoice values to cover VAT later on

Make sure not to double count your VAT as it may increase your project costs and make you ineligible

'Thomas Ltd. ' Total project costs	£113,799
Are you VAT registered?	
If you are VAT registered, VAT will be calculated at 20%	
☐	Yes
☐	No
☐	By ticking this box you are accepting that the project costs for your organisation are eligible as defined in the project costs guidance (opens in a new window) .

Project cost summary

Finances								
Close all								
Funding breakdown								
✓ Complete —								
Return to your project finances to complete or make changes to your organisation's financial information.								
	Total	Labour (£)	Overheads (£)	Materials (£)	Capital usage (£)	Subcontracting (£)	Travel and subsistence (£)	Other costs (£)
Thomas Ltd.	£136,559	24,784	15	25,000	4,000	50,000	0	10,000
Organisation								
View finances								

Ensure the highlighted costs fit the criteria for this competition.

The maximum project costs for this competition are £XX

The lead organisation can see a summary of project costs calculated inclusive of VAT (if VAT registered)

Ensure the total costs of your milestones match total project costs

Subcontractors

Eligible:

Subcontracting outside of the UK is permitted.

You should fully explain the specific skills the subcontractor brings to the project.

If you're subcontracting to a parent or sister company, please ensure you list at cost and do not include profit.

All costs must be justified and quantified.

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

Other costs

Costs that could not be added under previous headings

All costs will be reviewed by the finance team during contract award

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](#)

Payment milestones

Month completed

Milestone

% of project costs

Payment request

Close all

1

Milestone 1

0%

£0

-

Month completed

Milestone

Payment requested (£)

1

Milestone 1

0

Task or activity

Words remaining: 200

Deliverable

Words remaining: 200

Success criteria

Enter each milestone and any associated payments

Month completed	Milestone	% of project costs	Payment request	Open all
1	Milestone 1	33.33%	£50,000	+
2	Milestone 2	33.33%	£50,000	+
3	Milestone 3	33.33%	£50,000	+
Total payment requested				100% £150,000
Add another project milestone				
Mark as complete				
Save and return to project finances				

Once all milestones have been entered, mark the section as complete

Information to include in your milestone template

- Details of work packages with clear description of the activities taking place in each milestone
- The month the milestone will be completed, which will help form your **monthly** payment schedule.
- Clear and distinct deliverable(s) from each milestone that you'll be able to evidence to confirm you've completed the milestone in full
- Success criteria for each milestone, noting that it must be clearly relatable to the work packages, deliverable(s) and must be measurable within reason
- Costs for each milestone – check that the total costs on the milestones match the total project costs page within the finance section
- Do not cluster your milestones together, even if they occur in the same period. We need separate deliverables and costs for each milestone



Milestone example

Milestone

Build test environment for prototype

Task or activity

Complete physical hardware build
Software integration finalised

Deliverable

Prototype test environment built in accordance with associated designs
Operating instruction manual completed

Success Criteria

Fully operational test environment.
Successful integration of prototype and test environment software.
0.5% error rate

Month completed	Milestone	% of project costs	Payment request	Close all
1	Milestone 1	0%	£0	-

Month completed

1

▼

Milestone

Milestone 1

Payment requested (£)

0

Task or activity

Words remaining: 200

Deliverable

Words remaining: 200

Success criteria



Checking your finances are complete

Check your finances have been correctly entered, with the correct costs as per the eligibility criteria of the competition and the correct VAT status

IFS DOES NOT VALIDATE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Finances								
Close all								
Funding breakdown								
Project cost breakdown								
	Total	Labour (£)	Overheads (£)	Materials (£)	Capital usage (£)	Subcontracting (£)	Travel and subsistence (£)	Other cost (£)
Ellie Foden Organisation View finances	£2,900,689	17,241	500,000	1,900,000	0	0	0	0



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](#)



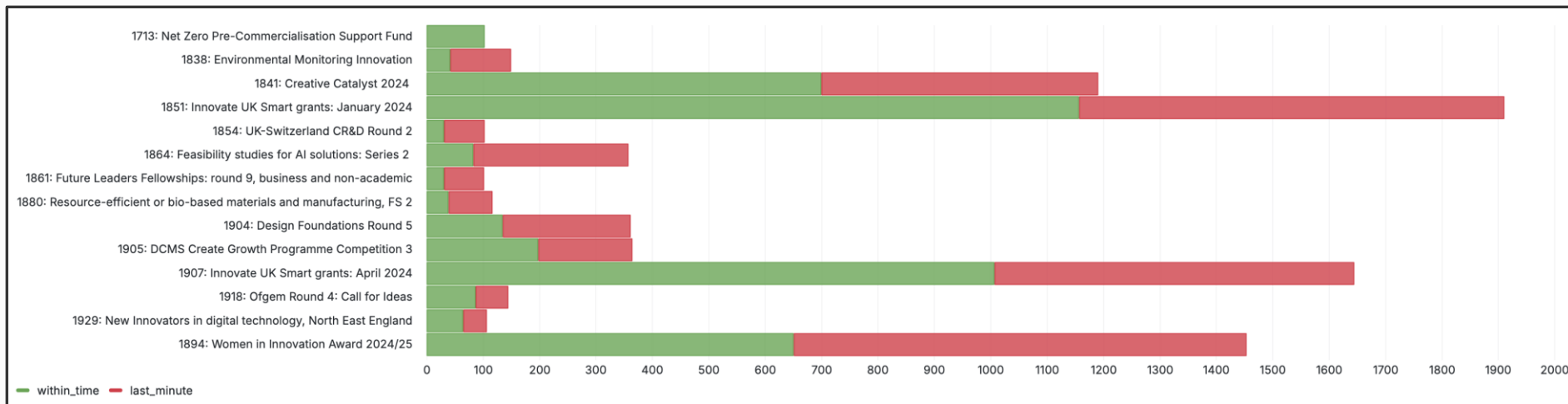
I agree to the [full terms and conditions](#) set out by the funding authority. I understand I need to agree to the final contract if my application is successful.

[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](#)

Terms and conditions

Open all

[Award terms and conditions](#)

✓ Complete +

Submit application

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

Remember to click 'Submit application'



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Use of AI in applications

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



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Changes for academics



Academic cost categories

Following TRAC guidelines academic cost are captured under the following categories:

- Directly incurred
- Directly allocated
- Indirect costs
- Exceptions
- If your project is successful, Innovate UK will fund an academic partner at 80% of FEC. The remaining 20% is not counted as part of your contribution to your project and **must not** be included in the total project costs.

Please note: Costs of PhD students is not eligible for inclusion in research organisation project costs.

Your project costs

Provide the project costs for 'Berry Gardens Growers Ltd'
Only your organisation can see this level of detail. All members of your organisation can access and edit your project finances. We recommend assigning completion of your project finances to one member of your team.

All finances need to be provided before this application can be submitted. If there are any finances outstanding at the competition deadline this application will not be submitted into this competition.

Provide key figures from your project costs to allow your partners to see the overall project costs and contribution required from Innovate UK.

[Show all sections](#)

Directly incurred	£0
Show	
Directly allocated	£0
Show	
Indirect costs	£0
Show	

Exceptions **£0**

[Show](#)

Total project costs £0

Upload a copy of the detailed breakdown of your project finances.

[What should I include?](#)

No file currently uploaded.

[Upload](#)

☒ I confirm that my organisation's research office has approved my project costs based on the TRAC guidelines.

[Mark as complete](#)

Academic cost categories

- A mandatory requirement to upload their detailed costs
- Must be a PDF format
- Approved by their research office

Total project costs £0

Upload a copy of the detailed breakdown of your project finances.

▶ [What should I include?](#)

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[Save and return to project finances](#)



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Assessment





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YouTube Playlist

- A video thumbnail with a purple background. It features a small graphic of a person at a computer and a document. The text 'How do our assessors assess?' is at the top. The UKRI logo is in the bottom right corner. A duration of 2:33 is shown in a black box at the bottom right.

1 **How do our assessors assess?**
Innovate UK • 8.1K views • 2 years ago
- A video thumbnail with a purple background. It features a small graphic of a person at a computer and a document. The text 'How are successful applications selected for funding?' is at the top. The UKRI logo is in the bottom right corner. A duration of 2:39 is shown in a black box at the bottom right.

2 **How are successful applications selected for funding?**
Innovate UK • 17K views • 2 years ago
- A video thumbnail with a purple background. It features a small graphic of a person at a computer and a document. The text 'What steps are there before a project starts?' is at the top. The UKRI logo is in the bottom right corner. A duration of 3:45 is shown in a black box at the bottom right.

3 **What steps are there before a project starts?**
Innovate UK • 7.7K views • 2 years ago
- A video thumbnail with a purple background. It features a small graphic of a person at a computer and a document. The text 'How are successful projects monitored?' is at the top. The UKRI logo is in the bottom right corner. A duration of 2:20 is shown in a black box at the bottom right.

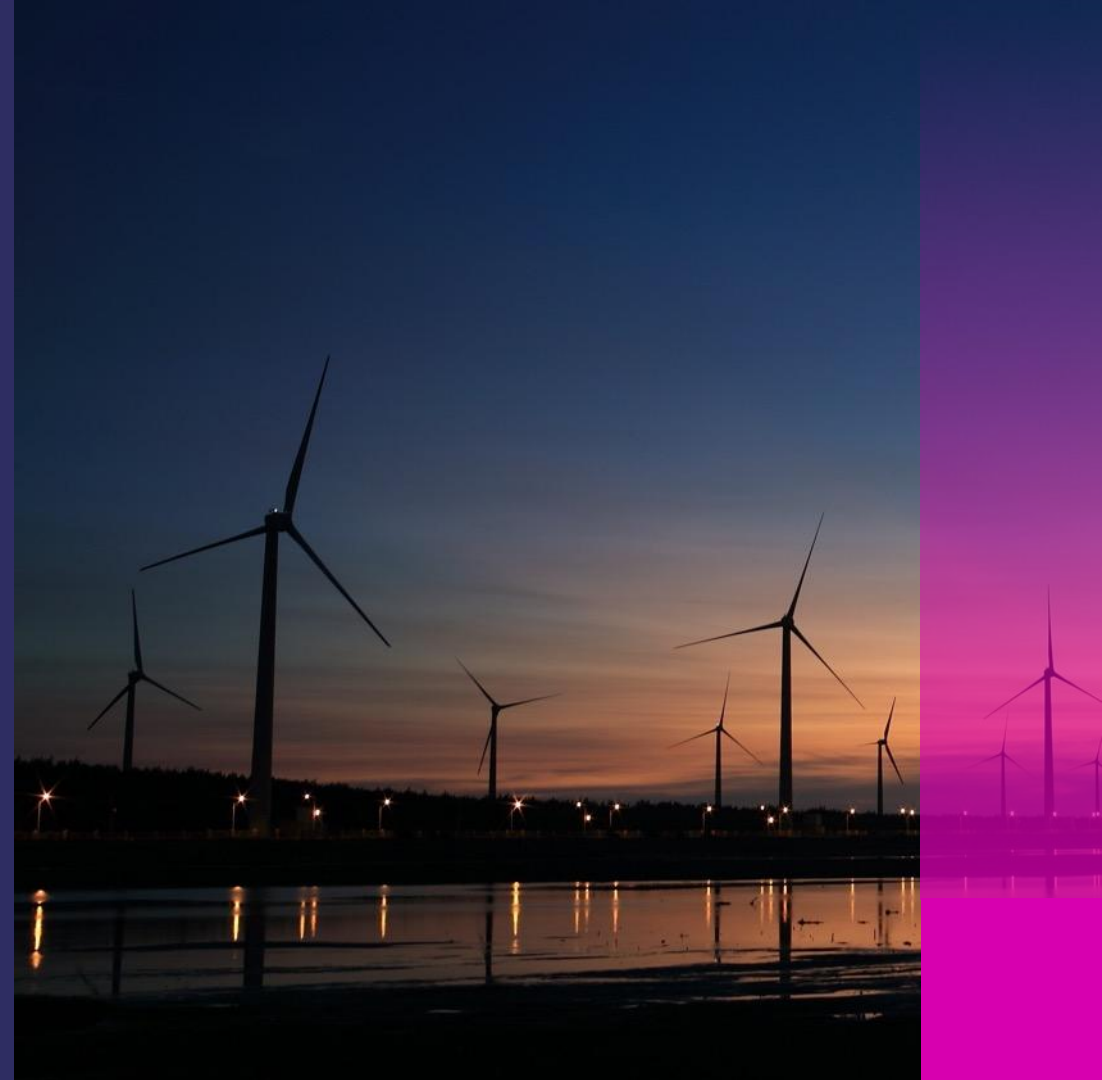
4 **How are successful projects monitored?**
Innovate UK • 4.1K views • 2 years ago
- A video thumbnail with a purple background. It features a small graphic of a person at a computer and a document. The text 'How successful applicants receive their funding' is at the top. The UKRI logo is in the bottom right corner. A duration of 2:51 is shown in a black box at the bottom right.

5 **How successful applicants receive their funding.**
Innovate UK • 4.6K views • 2 years ago



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Project Set Up



Project Set Up

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
- Contract

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 **30 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

- You can claim monthly, in arrears following authorisation and achievement of milestones
- You can only claim for costs incurred between your project's start and end date
- Approved claims can only be paid into an approved UK bank account

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.



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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 can we 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 cannot do

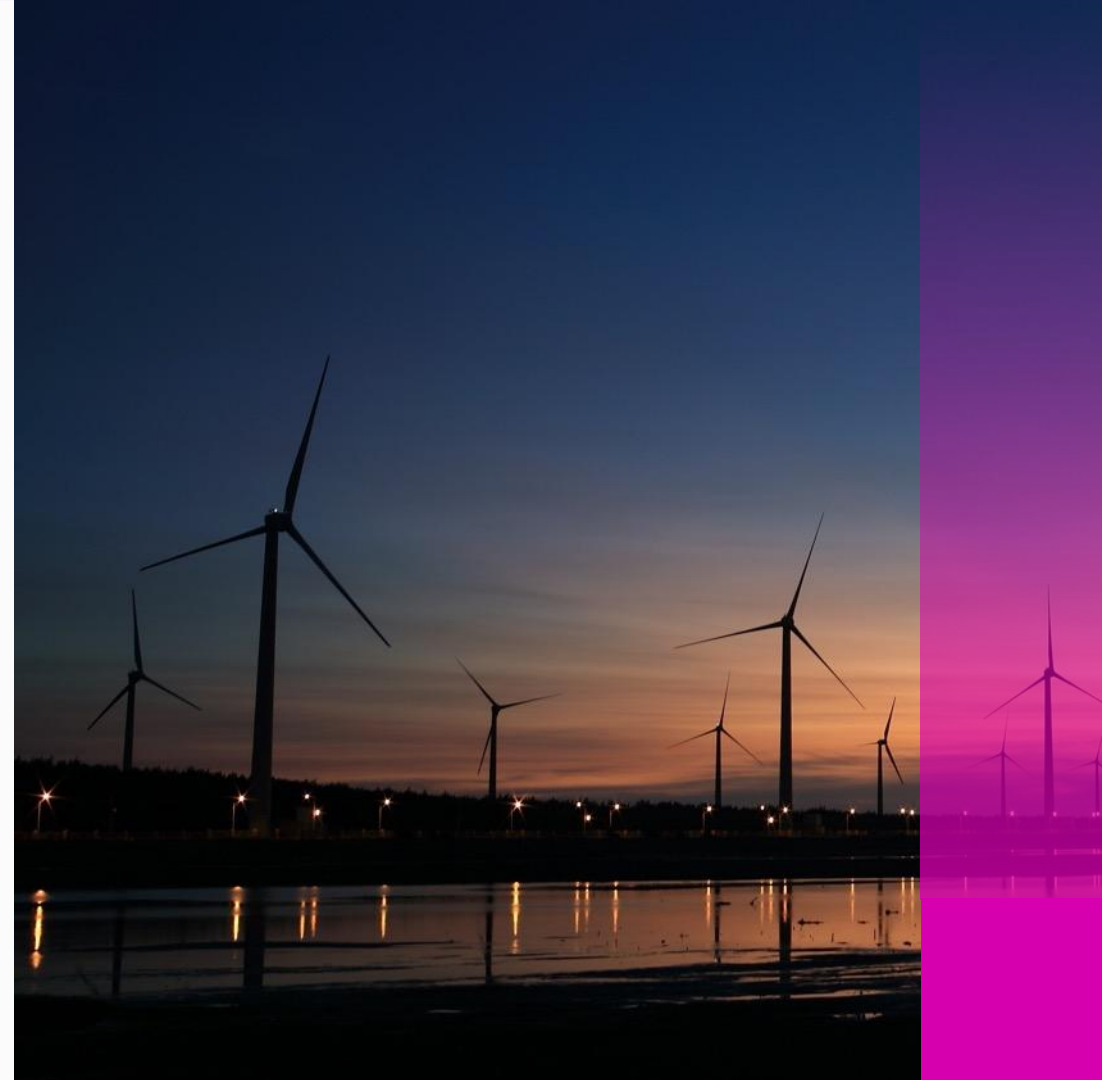
The reasonable adjustments offered are designed to remove barriers to applying, they are not designed to make decisions for you or give you advice on an application. With that in mind, the support we offer does not include the below:

- 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



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Business Growth



Business Growth

The indispensable partner for ambitious innovators

Innovate UK Business Growth equips 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 to learn more.

- 97% of clients would recommend us
- 94% say we impacted their growth



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 suitable for support
- Registered at Companies House with up to 250 employees
- Management teams motivated to engage fully with us to help achieve growth milestones



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A service designed around your needs – high quality support combining:



A comprehensive spectrum of innovation and commercial expertise, providing high quality strategic advisory support



A single access point to the most significant regional, national and international innovation resources



1:1 support that is flexible and tailored in focus and timescale to the individual needs of innovative businesses

Cyber Action Toolkit

The NCSC has created a free [Cyber Action Toolkit](https://cybertoolkit.service.ncsc.gov.uk/) that gives clear bite-sized actions to protect small businesses, their money and reputation from cyber crime.

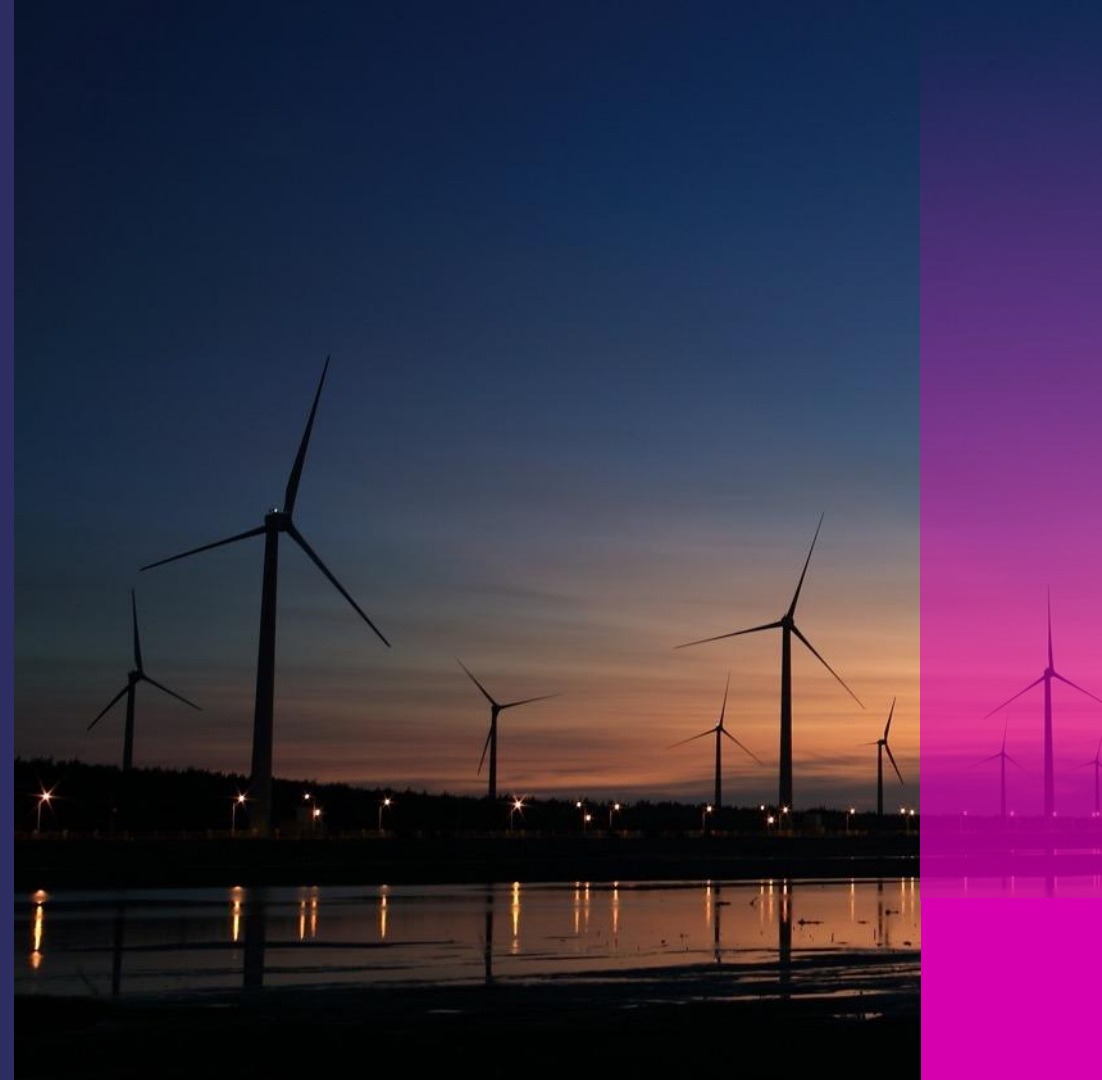
Search “NCSC cyber toolkit” or click here: <https://cybertoolkit.service.ncsc.gov.uk/>





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Useful information



Useful information

- UKRI's [General Guidance](#)
- Innovate UK Business Connect's [Good Application Guide](#)
- [Who we fund](#)
- [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.



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Contact

Innovate UK ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk

Innovate UK Business Connect <https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/>

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