

The UKRI logo consists of the letters 'UK' stacked above 'RI' in a white, bold, sans-serif font, set against a dark blue square background.

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The Innovate UK logo features the text 'Innovate' above 'UK' in a white, sans-serif font, positioned to the right of a purple square graphic.

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An aerial photograph showing a large array of solar panels installed in a field. The panels are arranged in neat, parallel rows, creating a strong geometric pattern. The surrounding landscape is green and appears to be a rural or agricultural area.

Welcome

This image is a continuation of the aerial view of solar panels from the top section, showing more rows of panels extending towards the bottom of the frame.This image is a partial view of the solar panel array, showing the right edge of the rows of panels.



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Digital Dairy Chain: Collaborative R&D and Growth Round 2 SIPF

Applicant briefing

Date: **9th May 2024**

The webinar will start at 11:00am.

- We are currently on mute, whilst waiting for more people to join
- We will conduct a sound check before the briefing starts
- Please ensure that you are dialled in, either by computer or phone, so that you can hear the briefing
- If you have any audio issues, please dial in from a fixed line
- The briefing will be recorded and available for you

Agenda

- **Welcome and introductions**

- **Part 1**

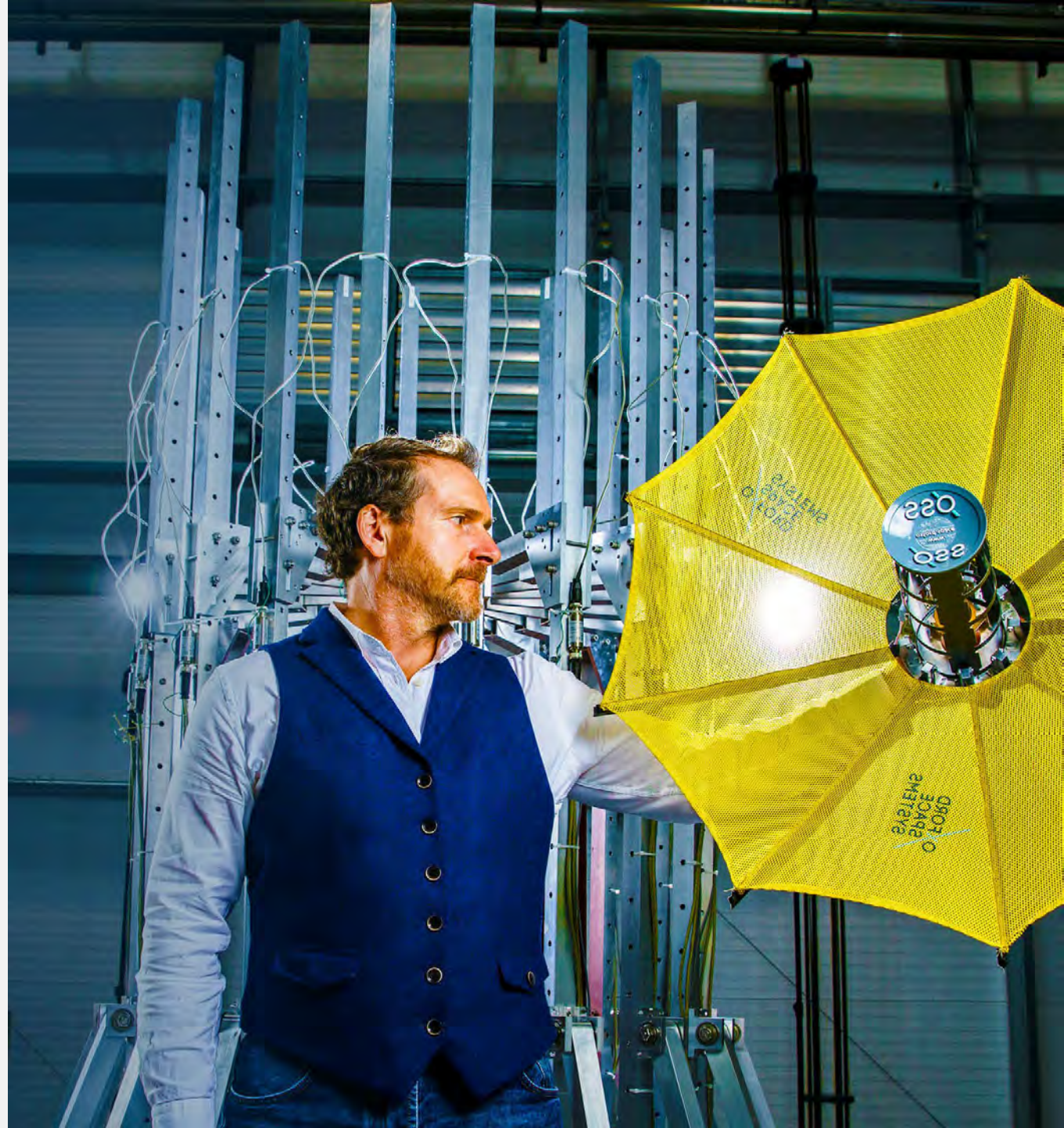
Intro into SIPF and Digital Dairy Chain, scope, and eligibility criteria

- **Part 2**

The Innovation Funding Service, application finances, academic partners

- **Part 3**

Submitting your application, assessment, project setup for successful applicants and additional support



Welcome and Introductions

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Introduction to Innovate UK and UKRI



UK Research and Innovation

We work with the government to invest over £7 billion a year in research and innovation by partnering with academia and industry to make the impossible, possible. Through the UK's nine leading academic and industrial funding councils, we create **knowledge with impact.**



**UK Research
and Innovation**

Innovate UK

- We are the UK's innovation agency
- We support business-led innovation in all sectors, technologies and UK regions
- A key delivery body of the Government's Innovation Strategy

Our Mission

To help UK businesses grow through the development and commercialisation of new products, processes, and services, supported by an outstanding innovation ecosystem that is agile, inclusive, and easy to navigate.



UK ranks 4th in Global Innovation Index



- Innovation accounts for up to 50% of labour productivity growth
- Firms that persistently invest in R&D have higher productivity
- Innovating companies are more likely to export and generate growth

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 correct 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

UKRI Strength in Places Fund (SIPF)

The **Strength in Places Fund (SIPF)** is a £312m UKRI Strategic Programme that helps areas of the UK to build on existing strengths in research and innovation to deliver benefits for their local economy.

It has two high-level objectives:

- To support innovation-led regional growth
- To enhance local collaborations involving research and innovation

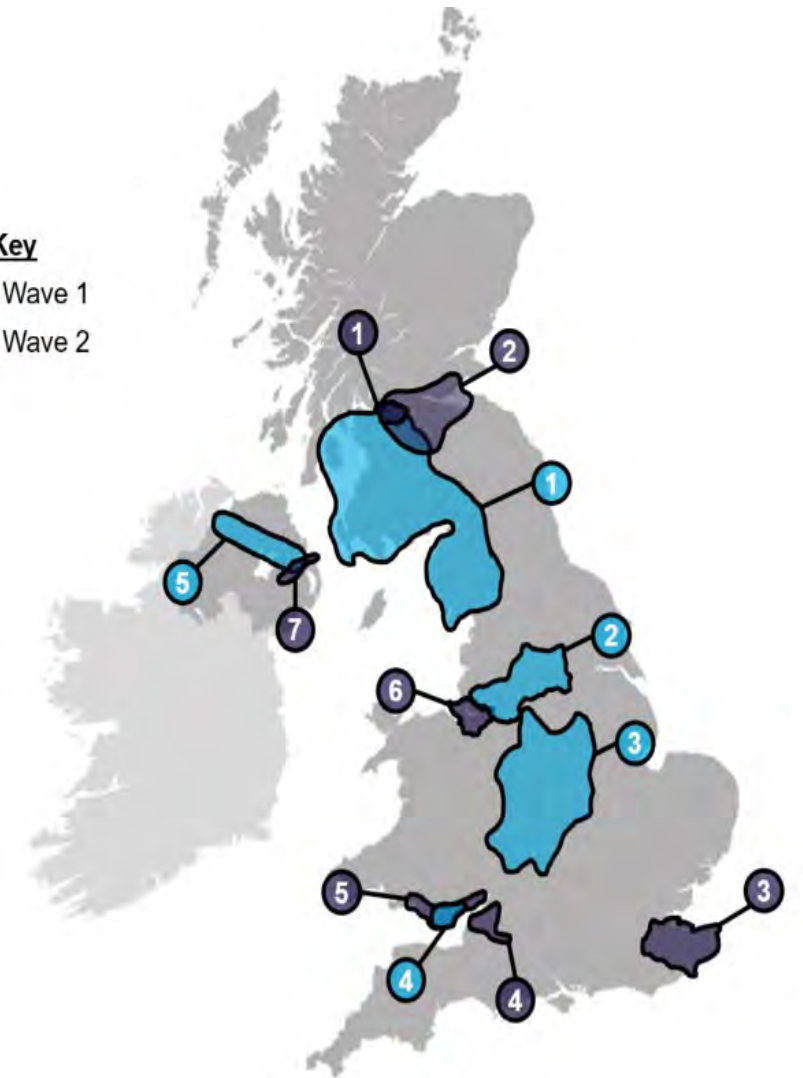
SIPF supports **12 highly collaborative projects** with funding between £10-50m, each with a self-defined economic geography.

Projects are led by **consortia** that can focus on any sector, research discipline or technology which:

- include both research organisations and business
- demonstrate strong engagement from local leadership partners

<https://www.discover.ukri.org/strength-in-places-fund/>

Key
● Wave 1
● Wave 2



Wave 1	Wave 2
1: The Living Laboratory	1: Digital Dairy Value Chain
2: GOFCoE	2: Advanced Machinery & Productivity Initiative
3: Growing Kent & Medway	3: Midlands Industrial Ceramics Group
4: MyWorld	4: media.cymru
5: CSconnected	5: Smart Nano NI
6: iiCON	
7: Decarbonisation of Maritime Transportation	



DIGITALDAIRYCHAIN

Transforming the Dairy
Supply Chain through
Innovation, Collaboration
& Growth

The Digital Dairy Chain offers any business or individual involved in the dairy supply chain across Cumbria, South and West Scotland a range of services to support innovation and productivity through collaboration.



DEVELOP DIGITAL
CONNECTIVITY



STIMULATE RESEARCH
& DEVELOPMENT



FACILITATE
BUSINESS GROWTH



ATTRACT TALENT
& SKILLS



The aim of this competition is to support business focused innovation in Cumbria, South and West Scotland.

This competition will stimulate an uplift in the region's economy through inclusive and innovation led growth across the dairy supply chain.

The projects should support the transition to net zero and deliver improved productivity and sustainability in advanced and high value dairy production and manufacturing.

By encouraging collaborative projects, we are creating possibilities for world-class research, innovation, business and skills platform.

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- Investment up to £1.1 million in innovation projects.
 - Help to bring new thinking and solutions to the supply chain.
 - Broad scope and specific themes.
 - Focused solutions for specific problems.
 - Scalability and future proofing.
 - Involvement across all the dairy supply chain.



Discover the opportunities
available to you...

www.digitaldairychain.co.uk

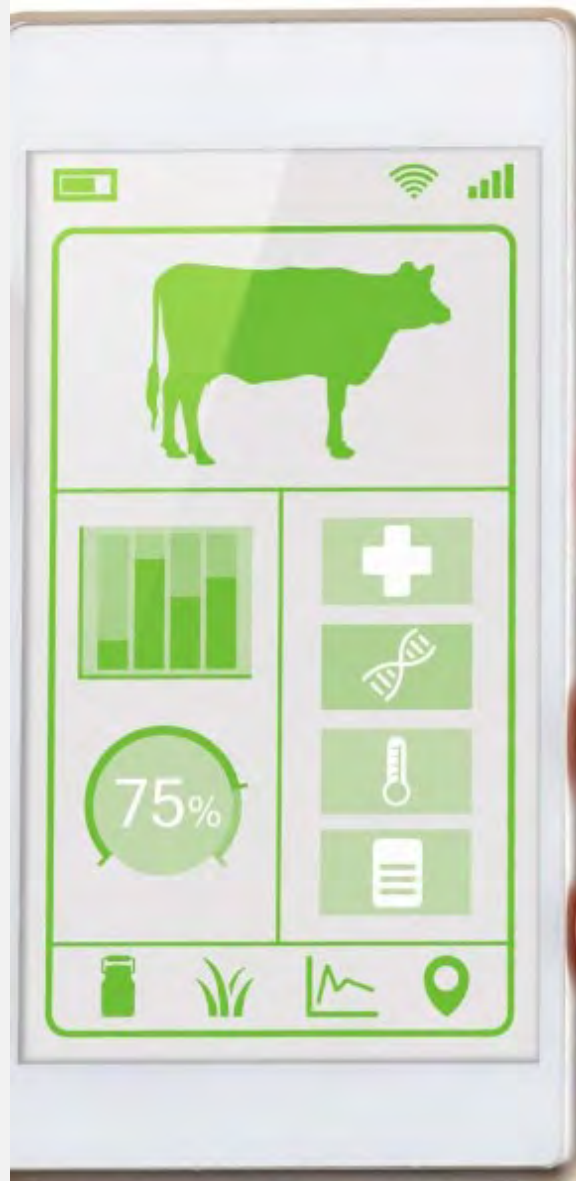
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Scope



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SCOPE: Digital Dairy Chain

Collaborative R&D and Growth Round 2

The aim of this competition is to support collaborative business focussed innovation in Cumbria, South and West Scotland. This is to support the transition to net zero and deliver improved productivity and sustainability in advanced and high value dairy production and manufacturing.

Your activities can solve challenges at any point in the dairy value chain, including dairy farming, milk transport and logistics, as well as the processing of milk and manufacture of other dairy products.

Digital Dairy Chain want to encourage socially inclusive innovation for individuals to contribute and benefit from economic growth in Cumbria, South and West Scotland.



SCOPE: Digital Dairy Chain

Collaborative R&D and Growth Round 2

We encourage projects that:

- provide solutions that tackle new or emerging needs
- demonstrate a realistic potential to support business growth, scale-up and job creation
- deliver benefit to Cumbria, South and West Scotland, as well as further afield
- enable academic researchers and Research and Technology organisations to collaborate with businesses to help further develop and translate research towards commercially relevant impact and wider societal outcomes
- develop novel approaches to monitor the effectiveness of products

SCOPE: Digital Dairy Chain

Collaborative R&D and Growth Round 2

Specific themes: Your project can focus on one or more of the following:

- novel and high value products from dairy systems
- decarbonising dairy production and manufacturing
- waste minimisation and resource recirculation
- reduced environmental impact and increased sustainability, for example, biodiversity, soil, air and water quality
- sensor development and digitisation to improve productivity, welfare of staff and animals, and product quality including nutritional characteristics
- value addition in the dairy supply chain

This list is not intended to be exhaustive or limiting.

SCOPE: Digital Dairy Chain

Collaborative R&D and Growth Round 2

Portfolio approach: We want to fund a variety of projects across different technologies, markets, technological maturities and research categories. We call this a portfolio approach.

Portfolio consideration will include:

- distribution of projects across the geography of the programme area
- place in the dairy value chain, notably activities directed at dairy farms, milk transport, milk processing and dairy product manufacture
- strength and depth of collaboration
- value of grant funding requested
- participation of women and young people in projects

Scope Q&A



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Eligibility criteria



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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>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">• 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

Eligibility criteria

Project eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ be either a UK registered business of any size or a UK farming business of any size, based in Cumbria, South or West Scotland or carry out significant economic activity in that region✓ be able to evidence that you are an established business, including sole traders and partnerships✓ have a UK bank account✓ collaborate with other eligible grant claiming UK registered organisations✓ carry out at least 75% of its project work in Cumbria, South or West Scotland✓ intend to exploit the results in Cumbria, South or West Scotland
Total grant	✓ between £50,000 and £250,000
Project length	✓ between 6 and 24 months
Project must start from*	✓ 1 October 2024

Types of organisations we fund

- Business – Small or Micro, Medium or Large registered in the UK
- Research Organisation (RO):
 - Universities (HEIs)
 - Not for profit distributing Research & Technology Organisation (RTO) including Catapults
 - Public Sector Research Establishments (PSRE)
 - Research Council Institutes (RCI)
- Public sector organisations and charities doing research activity

If you are 100% owned by a large parent company as a small subsidiary this means you are classed as a large company and will only be entitled to the relevant grant. For more information on company sizes, please refer to the [company accounts guidance](#).

Compliance with the UK Subsidy Control Regime

On 4th 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.

Due diligence

Under the Subsidy Control regime, we will carry out financial health checks and ongoing concern assurances on your organisation.

Certify you are eligible

When submitting an application, you must certify that you are eligible for funding. If you are unsure, please take independent legal advice before applying. Should you be successful, we will complete these financial checks and assurances before confirming the grant offer.

- For more information on company sizes, please refer to the [Company accounts guidance](#).
- Further information is available on our website in the general guidance.

Eligibility Criteria - EU State Aid Regulations – The Windsor Framework

If you are an applicant who is conducting activities that will affect trade of goods and/or electricity between Northern Ireland and the EU, as envisaged by [Article 10 of the Windsor Framework](#), then you must apply under European Commission State aid rules.

Undertaking in Difficulty

For applicants subject to the European Commission State aid rules, you will be required to prove that they were not an “Undertaking in Difficulty” (UiD). We will ask for evidence of this.

This test applies to:

- companies that are more than 3 years old
- companies where more than half of its subscribed share capital has disappeared as a result of accumulated losses.
- your parent or holding company

Certify you are eligible

When submitting an application, you must certify that you are eligible for State aid. If you are unsure, please take legal advice before applying. Should you be successful, we will apply this test as part of our viability checks before confirming the grant offer.

Further information is available on our website in the [general guidance under state aid](#).

If you are applying for an award funded under State aid Regulations, the definitions for company size are set out in the [European Commission Recommendation](#) of 6 May 2003.

Research, Development and Innovation Streamlined Subsidy Scheme

- Designed by Government to award subsidies to enterprises if they met defined criteria contained within the [Scheme](#)
- 3 categories available please check the competition you are applying for applicable categories
 - Feasibility Studies
 - Industrial Research and Experimental Development
 - Small and Medium Sized Enterprise (SME) Research, Development and Innovation Support
- When submitting an application as part of our due diligence you will be asked to declare any previous awards made in the 'applicable period' to ensure limits are not breached.
 - The applicable period is made up of:
 - (a) the elapsed part of the current financial year
 - (b) the two financial years immediately preceding the current financial year

Category 2: Industrial Research and Experimental Development Projects

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
- up to 50% if you are a large organisation
- Eligible costs please refer to the competition to which you are applying.
- For a detailed definition of these research categories see [guidance document section 14.3.](#)



Participation Rules

The aim of this funding opportunity is to:

- optimise the level of funding to business and
- recognise the importance of research base to project

At least 70% of total eligible project costs must be incurred by business.

The maximum level (30% of total eligible project costs) is shared by all research organisations collaborating on the project.

What is collaboration?

In all collaborative projects there must be:

- at least two organisations claiming grant within the application (including the lead)
- a business-led consortium, which may involve both business and the research base
- evidence of effective collaboration

We would expect to see the structure and rationale of the collaboration described in the application.

Making more than one application

- Any one business may be involved in up to 4 applications to this competition, but can only be the lead partner in 2 applications.
- If a business is not leading any application, it can collaborate on any number of applications within this competition.
- Research organisations, charities, not for profit, public sector organisations and research and technology organisations (RTOs) can collaborate on any number of applications.

Other Innovate UK projects

If you have an outstanding 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.

Key Dates

Timeline	Dates
Competition Opens	7 May 2024
Briefing Event	9 May 2024
Submission Deadline	19 June 2024, 11:00
Applicants informed	2 August 2024



Innovation Funding Service (IFS)

Search for a funding competition and review criteria

Filter competitions

Keywords

Innovation area

Update results

Digital Dairy Chain: Collaborative R&D and Growth Round 2 SIFP

UK registered organisations can apply for a share of up to £1.1 million for business focussed innovation in advanced and high value dairy production and manufacturing. This funding is from Digital Dairy Chain for Cumbria, South and West Scotland.

Eligibility
This competition is open to collaborations only.

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Eligibility
This competition is open to collaborations only.
To lead a project your organisation must be:

- either a UK registered business of any size or a UK farming business of any size
- able to evidence that you are an established business, including sole traders and partnerships
- based in Cumbria, South or West Scotland or carry out significant economic activity in that region

Opening soon
Opens: 7 May 2024
Closes: 19 June 2024

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Competition opens: Tuesday 7 May 2024
Competition closes: Wednesday 19 June 2024 11:00am

Start new application

Summary **Eligibility** Scope Dates How to apply Supporting information

Description
Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, will work with [Digital Dairy Chain](#) for Cumbria, South and West Scotland, led by Scotland's Rural College (SRUC). They will invest up to £1.1 million in innovation projects.

Lead Applicant: create an account

The lead applicant must create an account:

UK registered businesses

Use Companies House lookup as it speeds up our checks by providing your company number. You are unable to enter this at a later date.

Research organisations, academics and universities

Enter your information manually so you are not listed as a business on IFS and ensure you receive the correct funding.

The screenshot shows the 'Create your account' page for 'Your organisation'. It includes a 'Business' section with a search bar for 'Find your organisation on Companies House'. The search bar contains the text 'nomensa' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, the 'Companies House search results' section displays the following information: **NOMENSA LTD**, 04214477 - Incorporated on 10 May 2001, 13 Queen Square, Bristol, BS1 4NT.

The screenshot shows the 'Please sign in or create an account' page. It features two columns of options: 'Used this service before?' with a 'Sign in' button, and 'New to this service?' with a 'Create account' button. A 'Back' link is visible at the top left.

The screenshot shows the 'Sign in' page. It includes input fields for 'Email address' and 'Password'. Below the password field is a 'Show' button. A link for 'Need help signing in or creating an account?' is present. A section titled 'My email and/or password isn't working' contains the text 'If you applied previously using the old service, you will need to create a new account.' and a link for 'Forgotten your password?'. The 'Forgotten your password?' link is circled in purple.

Project Details

- **Application Team** - Collaborators can invite organisations who you are working with on the project. Contributors can invite colleagues from your own organisation to help you complete your application. All team members and Lead applicants must complete the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion survey embedded in IFS as part of your application.
- **Application Details** - Title, timescales, innovation area and previously submitted application (y/n)
- **Subsidy basis** - Will the project, including any related activities, you want Innovate UK to fund, affect trade between Northern Ireland and the EU? All participants must complete this section.
- **Project Summary** - Short summary and objectives of the project including what is innovative about it
- **Public Description** - Description of your project which will be published if you are successful
- **Scope - How does your project align with the scope of this competition?** - If your project is not in scope, it will be ineligible for funding

Application Questions

Detailed guidance available on IFS

Application Form		Appendix?
Question 1	Applicant location (not scored)	No
Question 2	Animal testing (not scored)	No
Question 3	Permits and licences (not scored)	No
Question 4	Project location (not scored)	No
Question 5	Equality, diversity and inclusion (not scored)	No
Question 6	Where did you hear about the scheme (not scored)	No
Question 7	Need or challenge	No
Question 8	Approach and innovation	Yes – optional

Application Questions

Detailed guidance available on IFS

Application Form		Appendix?
Question 9	Team and resources	Yes – optional
Question 10	Market awareness	No
Question 11	Outcomes and route to market	No
Question 12	Wider impacts	No
Question 13	Project management	Yes - mandatory
Question 14	Risks	Yes - mandatory
Question 15	Added value	No
Question 16	Costs and value for money	No

Application finances



To claim funding

Your business does not have to be UK registered with Companies House when you apply but it must be registered before you can receive funding.

You are unable to claim funding if:

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

British Overseas Territories

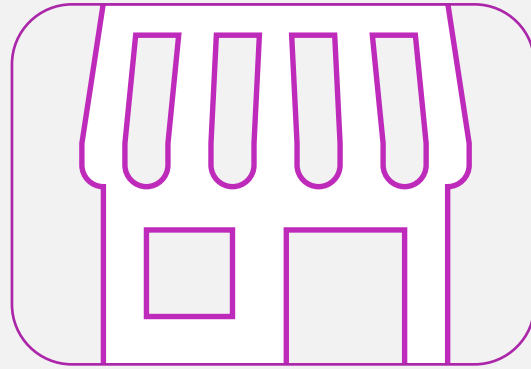
You are also unable to claim funding if your company is based in any of the British Overseas Territories (BOTs):

- Anguilla
- Bermuda
- British Antarctic Territory
- British Indian Ocean Territory
- British Virgin Islands
- Cayman Islands
- Falkland Islands
- Gibraltar
- Montserrat
- Pitcairn Islands
- Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
- South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
- Turks and Caicos Islands

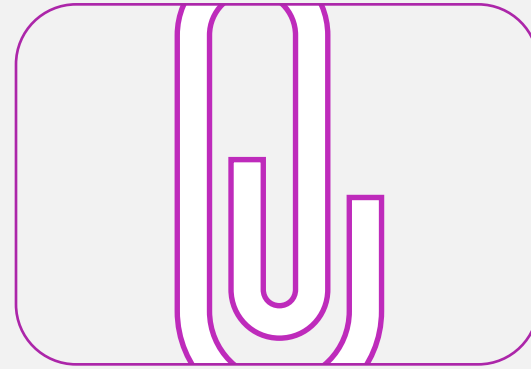
Your Project Cost Categories



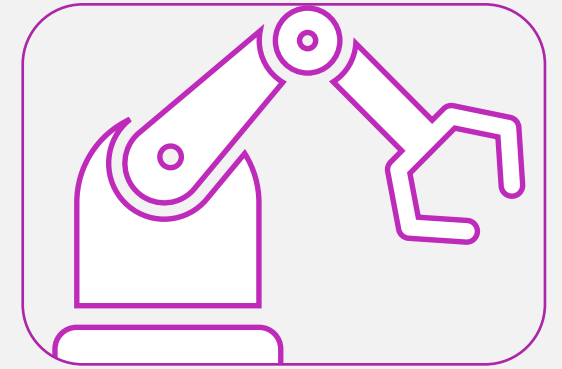
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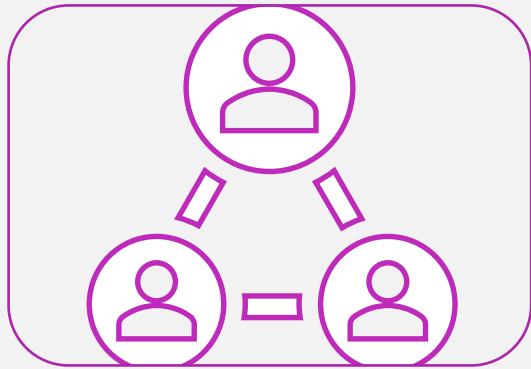
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Materials



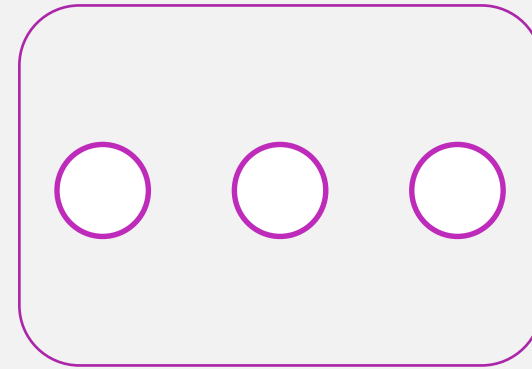
Equipment Usage



Subcontractors



Travel &
Subsistence



Other

Grant requested

Finances Summary

The following organisations have not marked their finances as complete:

- EMPIRE LTD



[Return to the finances section to complete your finances](#)

This application cannot be submitted unless finances have been marked as complete by all partners.

		Total costs	% Grant	Funding sought	Other public sector funding	Contribution to project
Barry Shaw Experts Ltd Partner	✓	£230,162	70%	£161,113	£0	£69,049
EMPIRE LTD Lead organisation	⚠	£282,655	70%	£197,859	£0	£84,797
University of Bath Partner	✓	£239,114	0%	£0	£0	£239,114
Total		£751,931		£358,972	£0	£392,959

The maximum total grant for this competition is **£250,000**.

You must make sure your total in the **Funding Sought** column is no more than **£250,000**.

Research organisation participation must be no more than **30%** of the total project costs.

N.B All organisations can see a summary of project costs

Funding

Funding rules

The level of funding awarded will depend upon the type of organisation and the type of research being undertaken in the project

Funding is calculated by project participant

IFS will advise the maximum grant % you can request based upon your answers to:

- type and size of organisation
- research category defined by the lead applicant in the Application Details section of the application



Organisation or type of activity	Industrial research
Business (economic activity)	Micro or Small – 70% Medium – 60% Large – 50%
Research organisation (non-economic activity)	Universities – 100% (80% of Full Economic Costs) Other research organisations can claim 100% of their project costs
Public Sector Organisation or Charity (non-economic activity)	100% of eligible costs
Research organisations (undertaking economic activities) Organisations receive funding related to the size of their organisation	Micro or Small – 70% Medium – 60% Large – 50%

Academic partners



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Why Je-S?

We use the Research Councils' Joint Electronic Submission System (Je-S) to collect academic finances.

The Je-S system automates the collection of Full Economic Costs (FEC) based costs from academic partners and tells them exactly what numbers should be used in the application form for their costs.

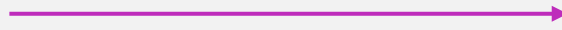
Also to collect project finance details from non-HEIs (e.g. RTOs) that are claiming they are carrying out academic quality work and want to be funded on an FEC basis.

Using Je-S means that Innovate UK follows standard Research Council guidelines on funding universities and enables Research Councils to easily co-fund Innovate UK projects.

The Je-S system is completely separate from Innovate UK and we cannot advise on its usage.

Project costs – academic partners

Enter the TSB reference number here



Enter the TSB Contribution column figures from *your* J-eS output document into the project costs section of the application.

Upload the Je-S with council status form as a PDF at the bottom of the screen.

Any queries, contact Je-S Helpdesk (not Innovate UK)

- jeshelp@je-s.ukri.org
- 01793 444164

TSB reference This number is found at the top of your Je-S form	
<input type="text" value="My REF"/>	
Financial resources Please enter the following costs from the summary of resources section on your Je-S form	
Directly incurred	TSB Contribution (please refer to the TSB contribution column)
Staff	<input type="text" value="11"/>
Travel & subsistence	<input type="text" value="22"/>
Other costs	<input type="text" value="33"/>
Subtotal	<input type="text" value="£ 66"/>
Directly allocated	
Investigators	<input type="text" value="44"/>
Estates Costs	<input type="text" value="55"/>
Other costs	<input type="text" value="66"/>
Subtotal	<input type="text" value="£ 165"/>
Indirect costs	<input type="text" value="77"/>
Exceptions	
Staff	<input type="text" value="88"/>

Submitting your application



Checking your finances are complete

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Research organisation participation is no greater than **30%** of the total project costs.

IFS DOES NOT VALIDATE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Editing a submitted application

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

Awaiting assessment

Application submitted

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

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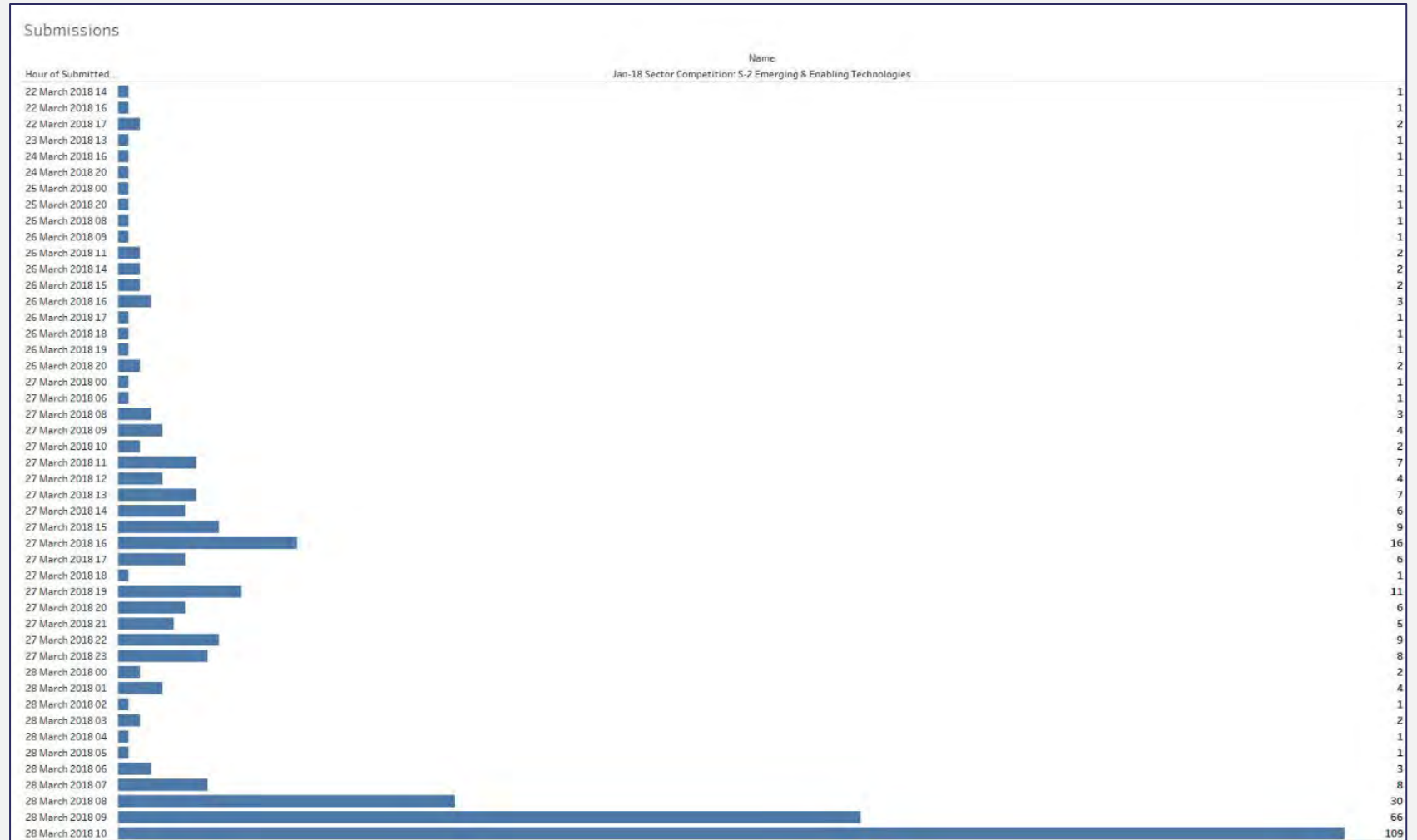
Need help with this service? [Contact us](#)

Submit your application early!

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.

Remember that if there are collaborative partners, it is the lead applicant's responsibility to ensure all collaborative partners have completed their assigned sections and accepted the terms and conditions, before submitting.



Assessment



How are successful applicants selected for funding?

Assessors will score each section of your application.

After the assessor process, Innovate UK will independently moderate assessor scores. Any outliers in scores may be removed and your total score will be updated.

You will then receive email notification to offer grant funding or to inform you that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.

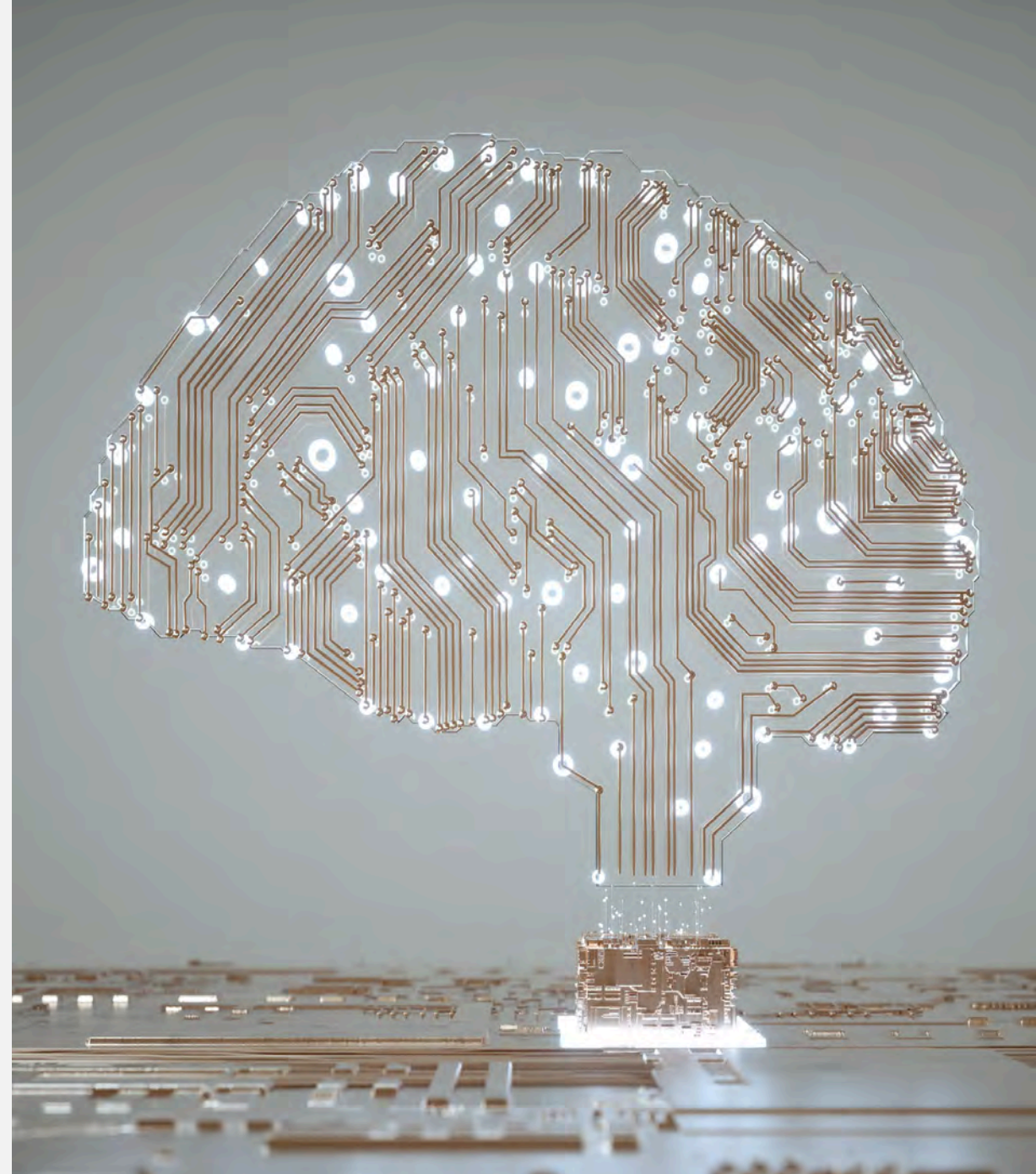
Whether successful or unsuccessful in receiving grant funding, you will receive feedback on your application. It is intended to be constructive in nature and to highlight both the strong as well as the weak areas of your application.

For more information on the competition process, please go to: [Competition briefing: applicant information - YouTube](#)

Project setup for successful applicants



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Notification

If you are unsuccessful in this competition

You can use the feedback from the assessors to develop your idea and apply into another competition that allows previously submitted applications

If you are successful in this competition

- you will be assigned a Delivery Executive who will guide you through the Project Set Up process
- you will have **5** days to complete the project team, project details and bank details
- you will then have **90** days to complete project set up – funding may be withdrawn if this is not completed within this timeframe

Please ensure all your contact details in the IFS portal are correct and up to date and that you regularly monitor it.

Project set up

- All communication will be through IFS.
- Lead applicant must provide collaboration agreements and exploitation plans if applicable.
- Any partners with individual total project costs of **up to** £50,000 must provide evidence with a Statement of Expenditure (SoE).
- Any partners with individual total project costs **above** £50,000 must provide evidence with an Independent Accountants Report (IAR).

Project delivery

- All grants are paid quarterly in arrears and are only paid following quarterly reporting and necessary audits.
- Claims can only be made for costs incurred and paid between the project start and end dates.
- Monitoring of the project includes a visit from the appointed Monitoring Officer.

Additional Support



Innovate UK Business Growth

Bespoke growth and scaling support at the business end of innovation

- Intensive growth and scaling support tailored to the needs of each of our ambitious innovation-driven clients
- Offered alongside project funding to Innovate UK award winners, most of whom engage us. We are also available to all high growth potential innovative small or medium-sized businesses*
- Engagement at early, growth and scaling stages, with our core high growth service and enhanced Scaleup Programme
- Delivered by 290 innovation and growth specialists embedded in regional ecosystems across the UK, including a board of expert scaleup directors

**subject to eligibility and currently in all nations and regions outside Scotland*

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An innovation and growth specialist, or scaleup directors, work with a company's leadership to hone its commercial strategy and help it take targeted action to, for example:

- Build investment readiness
- Manage innovation effectively
- Enter global markets
- Providing local to national to international growth and scaling support



Q&A



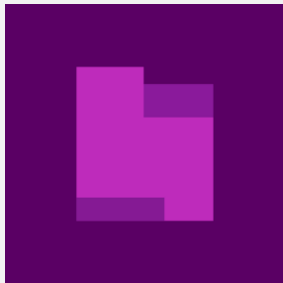
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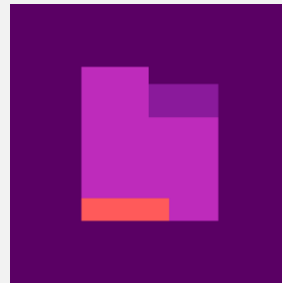
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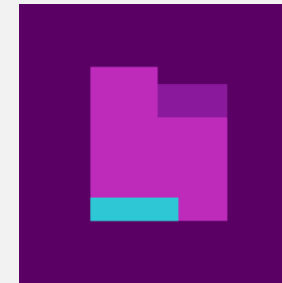
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