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MSI: SME resource and energy efficiency – Feasibility Studies and Industrial Research

Applicant Briefing

Date: **27/10/2025**

The webinar will start at 11:00am

- 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

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Agenda

- Key Dates
- Introduction to Made Smarter Innovation
- Competition Summary & Scope
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- Additional Support
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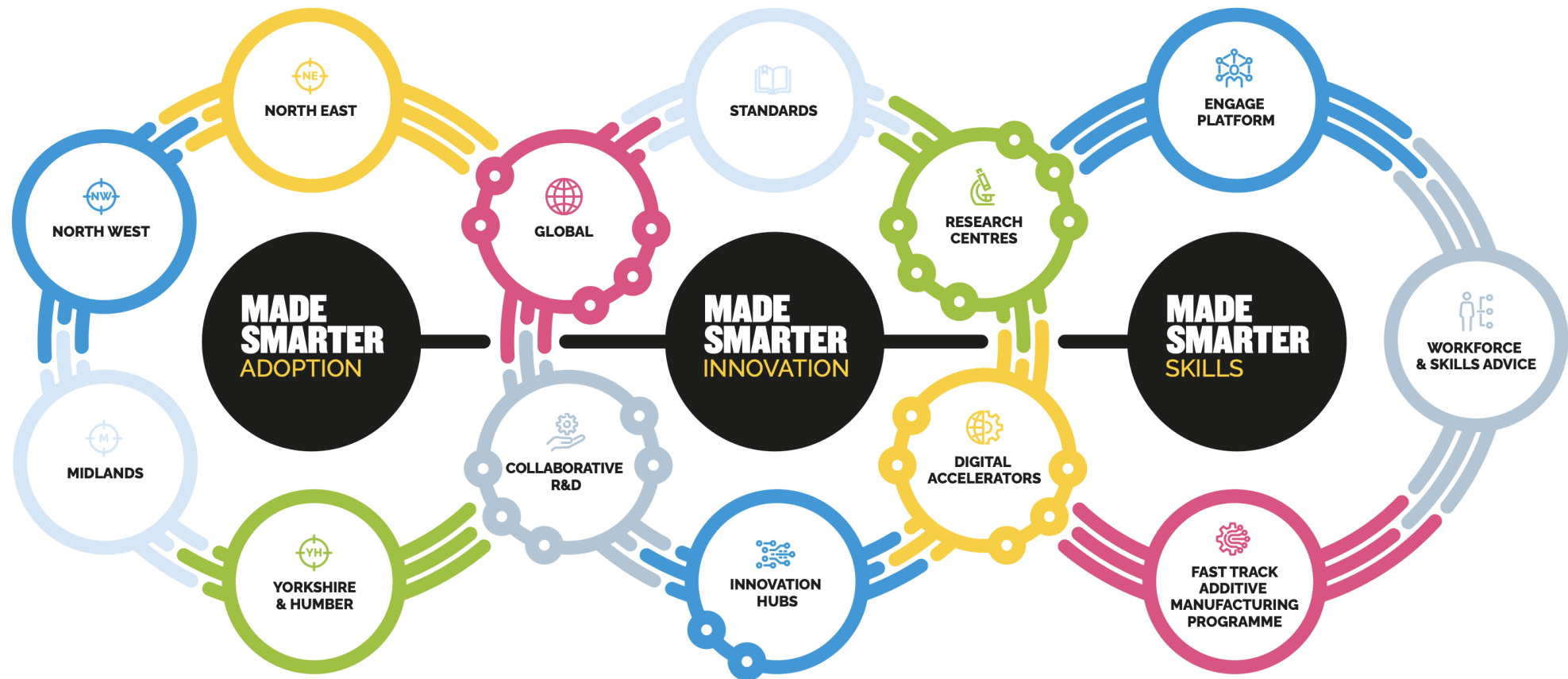
Key Dates

Timeline	Date
Competition Opens	22/10/2025
Submission Deadline	10/12/2025 at 11am
Applicants informed	20/01/2026 by 5pm
Project start and end dates	Start by 01/04/2026 End by 30/09/2026 for Feasibility Studies End by 31/03/2027 for Industrial Research

Introduction to Made Smarter Innovation



Made Smarter 'landscape'



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Made Smarter Innovation (MSI): 2020 – 2025+

£300m+ (£139m+ funding from HMG plus £162m+ industrial co-investment) cross-UKRI challenge for the **development and/or novel application** of **Industrial Digital Technologies** to deliver:

- Up to 30% productivity improvement
- £2.3bn Gross Value Add
- Up to 4,000 jobs
- **5% reduction in CO₂e**
- 25% reduction in waste

MSI ecosystem spans **Manufacturers, Technology Developers & Academia** (Uni/RTO)



The MSI challenge supports innovation within World-class production facilities and Resilient supply chains in the manufacturing sector. We support innovation in **Industrial Digital Technologies (IDTs)** such as:

- *Data Analytics*
- *Artificial Intelligence (AI) / Machine Learning (ML)*
- *Additive Manufacturing*
- *Robotics & Automation*
- *Internet of Things (IoT) & Connectivity*
- *Augmented Reality (AR) / Virtual Reality (VR)*
- *Digital Twin*
- *Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT – incl. Blockchain & Immutable Data)*

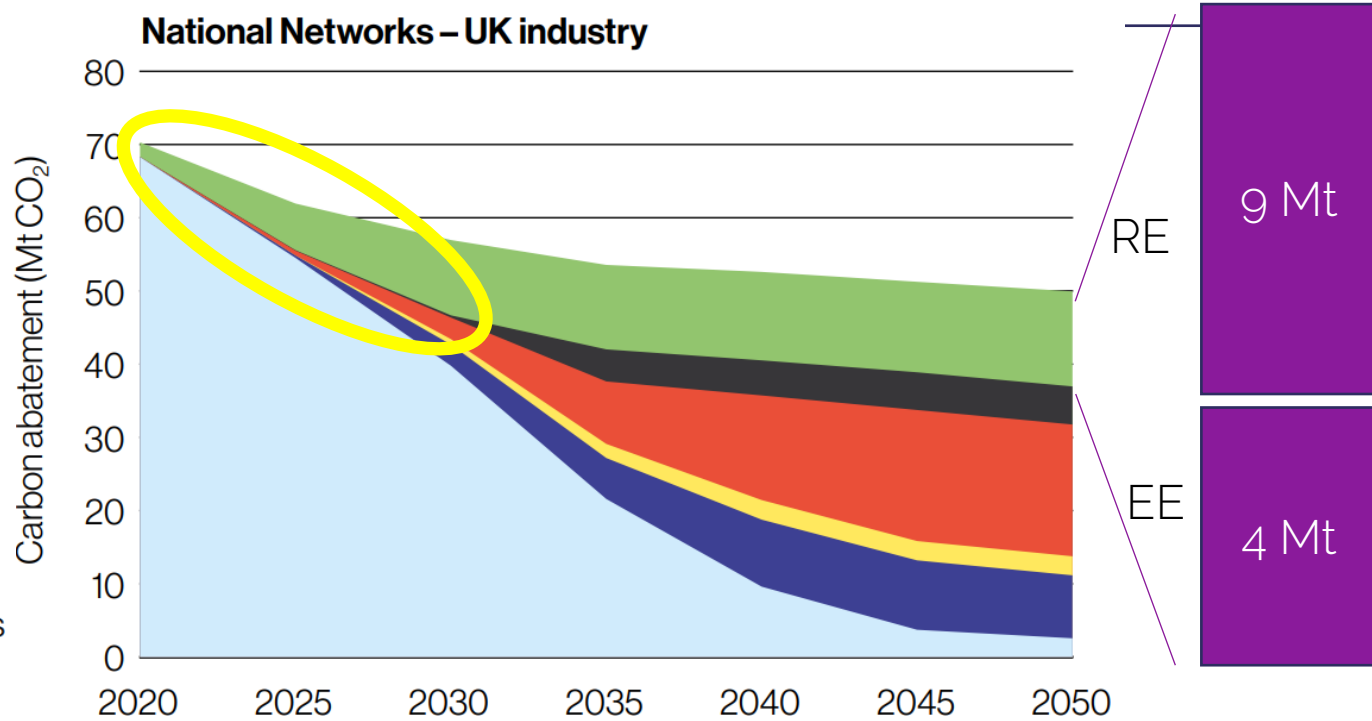
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Background: Abatement, REEE and Digital

1. Industrial decarbonisation strategy

- REEE
- Electric
- Hydrogen
- BECCS
- CCUS
- Residual emissions



3. Digital Innovation

- Data capture
- Data visualisation
- Pattern finding
- Autonomous decision & action

+ Design etc

2. Insights

A. REEE - Resource Efficiency and Energy Efficiency for Manufacturing and Construction: 13 MtCO₂e annual savings by 2050:

9 MtCO₂e - Resource Efficiency and materials substitution
4 MtCO₂e - Energy Efficiency

B. 9 MtCO₂e by 2030

REEE is the biggest contributor to 2030 abatement

C. Time value of carbon & risk

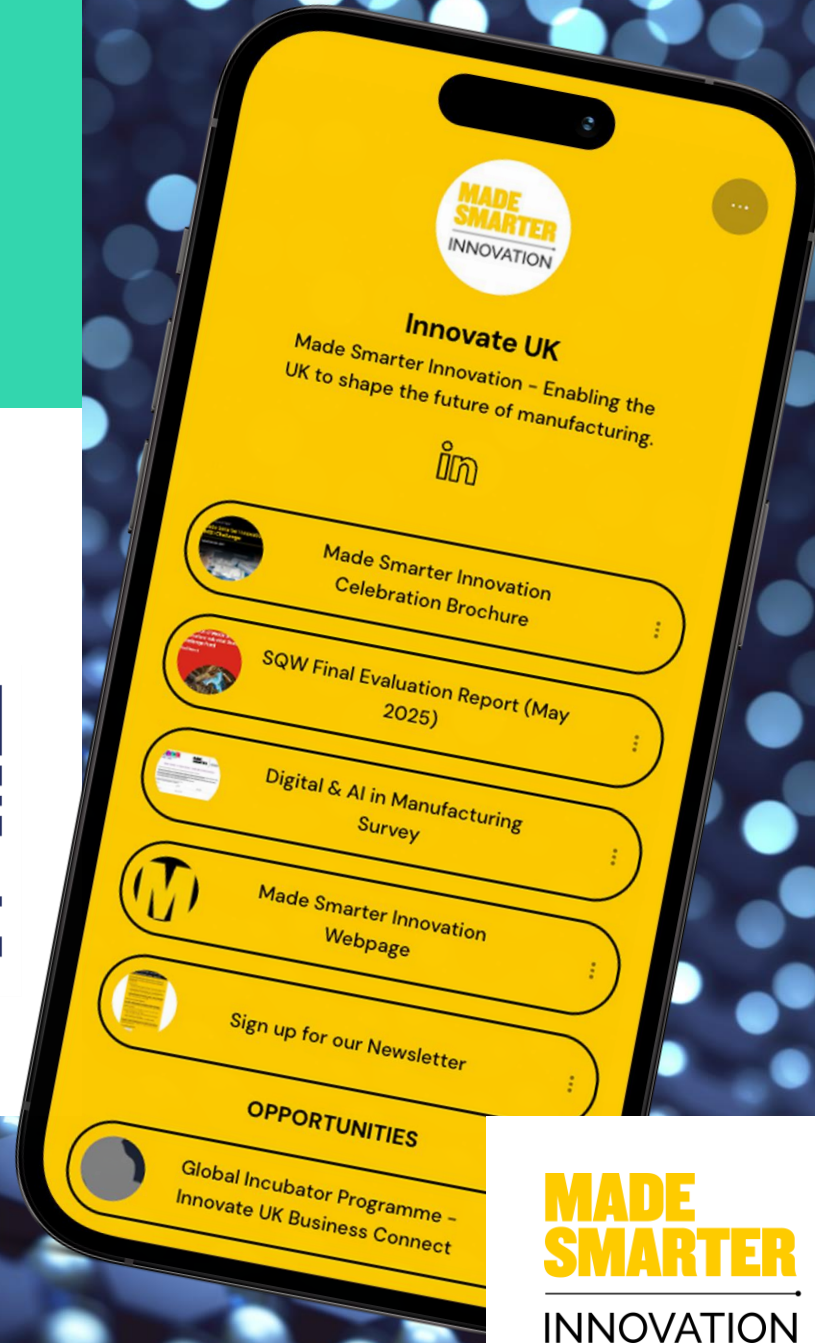
Sooner emissions are reduced the greater the warming mitigation. REEE also represents better value and less risk than other abatement contributions

D. Industrial Digital Technologies are key to realisation of REEE

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Scan to discover our website, Celebration Brochure, Final Evaluation Report etc.

Plus current opportunities...



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Competition Summary & Scope



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Competition - Summary

Through the Made Smarter Innovation (MSI) programme, Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), will **invest up to £15.5 million across the two strands.**

This is subject to a sufficient number of high quality applications being received.

These awards will be for **feasibility studies** or **industrial research** projects.

The aim of this competition is to **explore new industrial digital technologies** (IDTs) for **manufacturers.**

The IDTs will improve the **sustainability, resilience and productivity** of UK micro, small or medium sized enterprise (SME) manufacturers **by improving energy or resource efficiency.**

Your project

Your project must focus on the **innovation of digital solutions** relating to **one or more of the energy or resource efficiencies** listed in the Specific Themes section, and must be:

- affordable
- easy to use
- scalable across SMEs

Specific Themes

Your project must focus on one or more of the following:

Resource efficiencies:

- raw material waste
- production process waste
- packaging waste, including in-process single-use materials
- maintenance or servitisation waste, including fluids and components
- utilities waste
- end of life waste

Energy efficiencies:

- boilers and steam
- air compressors or vacuum
- motors, drivers, pumps or hydraulics
- induction or welding
- chilling or freezing
- spray, extraction or dryers
- ovens, kilns or furnaces
- heavy machinery or presses

There is no limit to the number of processes or technology solutions you may address in your proposal and there is no advantage in using more than one.

Energy or resource efficiency innovations that use processes other than that listed will also be considered.

Outputs – Feasibility Studies

Your project must carry out a feasibility study that **research into and develops** innovative digital solutions.

Planned outputs from the project must:

- show a clear indication of how your innovation might improve energy or resource efficiency in a manufacturing environment
- clearly indicate how your innovation will result in a solution that will be sufficiently affordable, easy to use and scalable
- have technical, operational, and financial feasibility
- include potential patents
- include targeted market and scale up plans

Your output at the end of the project must be a proposal for an industrial research project to test the solution and must include:

- executive summary
- description of product or service
- technical considerations
- marketplace and financial feasibility
- marketing strategy, including a plan to commercialise your proposed product when fully developed
- draft specification of proposed product or solution
- conclusion and recommendations

Outputs – Industrial Research

Your project must carry out activity that **develops and tests** innovative digital solutions.

Planned outputs from the project must:

- increase the understanding of the problems faced by SME manufacturers
- test the proposal for digital solutions to address these problems
- validate that the proposed solution is at or close to adoption ready
- compile a case study outlining the proposed digital solution, the results of the project, and qualitative and quantitative evidence of benefits identified

In addition, where possible provide open access to the set up of the project as a demonstrator of the digital solution.

Projects we will not fund

We are not funding projects that:

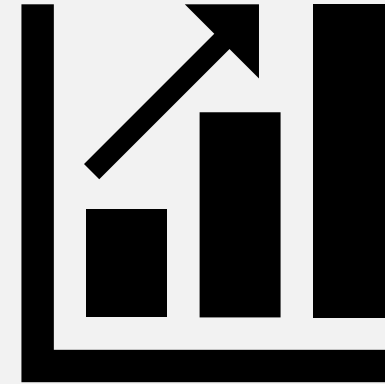
- do not support the challenges outlined in the scope of this competition
- do not evidence the potential for your proposed innovation to generate positive economic or societal impact
- duplicate other UK government or EU funded initiatives already funded
- are covered by existing commercial agreements
- are not focussed on processes related to manufacturing activities
- are not within a controlled manufacturing environment for example, a permanent factory setting
- mainly installing currently available technologies and involve minimal innovation
- where the main exploitation route is not within manufacturing
- activities mainly focused on goods in or warehousing
- activities focussed on distribution centres or flying factories
- construction, other than manufacturing activities carried out off site within a permanent fixed factory
- offsite repair and overhaul
- focussed on product design for manufacture and assembly (DfMA)

We cannot fund projects that are:

- dependent on export performance, for example, giving a subsidy to a baker on the condition that it exports a certain quantity of bread to another country
- dependent on domestic inputs usage, for example, giving a subsidy to a baker on the condition that it uses 50% UK flour in their product

Outputs – Portfolio approach

Our **primary selection** prioritisation will be **scalability and exploitation potential** based on review of submission and assessor score of the ‘outcomes and route to market’ question response.



Additionally, **we want to fund a variety of projects** across different themes, technologies, technological maturities, industrial sectors, locations, project sizes, business sizes and research categories.

We call this a portfolio approach.



Key points

- Innovation in **digital technologies**... focussed on **resource or energy reduction** ...related to **manufacturing activities**
- **Technology developer led**... targeted at **SME manufacturers**
- **Scope response:** Must state the theme, industrial digital technologies (IDT), manufacturing industrial sector, what the resource or energy efficiency link is, and summarise how this is innovative or novel
- **Question 9. Team and resources:** For each business within the project consortium, you must state whether they are operating as a technology developer or manufacturer
- **Question 11. Outcomes and route to market:** Must clarify exploitation potential and commercialisation route
- **Question 12. Wider impacts:** Must upload the sustainability impact table template outlining estimated CO2 equivalent (CO2e) saving

REEE aspect	Description	Measure	<i>DURING project</i>		<i>AFTER the project completion</i>	
			Before the project end date	In the 3 years after the project end date	Notes	
Resource Efficiency (RE)	Reduced raw material purchase	% Improvement				
Resource Efficiency (RE)	Reduced raw material purchase	kg/year				
Resource Efficiency (RE)	Reduced raw material purchase	kg CO2e/year				
Energy Efficiency (EE)	Reduce electrical consumption within the process	% Improvement				
Energy Efficiency (EE)	Reduce electrical consumption within the process	kWh/year				
Energy Efficiency (EE)	Reduce electrical consumption within the process	kg CO2e/year				
Overall Impact	Resource Efficiency CO2e plus Energy Efficiency CO2e	kg CO2e/year				

Eligibility criteria

MSI: SME resource and energy efficiency – feasibility studies



Eligibility Criteria – Your Project

Your project must:

- have total costs between £25,000 and £150,000
- last between 3 and 6 months
- start on 1 April 2026
- end by 30 September 2026

Eligibility Criteria – Lead Organisation

Lead organisation

To lead a single application or collaborative project your organisation must be a UK registered SME operating as a technology developer.

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

[Academic institutions](#) cannot lead or work alone.

Eligibility Criteria – Collaboration

For this competition, your project **can be collaborative.**

In all collaborative projects there must be:

- at least two grant claiming partners

The consortium can also contain one or more:

- UK registered SMEs operating as manufacturers claiming grant funding on this application
- academic institution
- research and technology organisation (RTO)
- research organisation

There must also be evidence of an effective collaboration

(This means one partner must not account for more than 70% of the eligible costs and you must include rationale for the collaboration and describe the structure in the application.)

Eligibility criteria

MSI: SME resource and energy efficiency – Industrial research



Eligibility Criteria – Your Project

Your project must:

- have total costs between £200,000 and £1 million
- last between 6 and 12 months
- start on 1 April 2026
- end by 31 March 2027

Eligibility Criteria – Lead Organisation

Lead organisation:

To lead a collaborative project your organisation must be a UK registered SME operating as a technology developer.

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Eligibility Criteria – Collaboration

For this competition your project **must** be collaborative.

To collaborate with the lead the consortium must contain **at least two UK registered SMEs operating as manufacturers** claiming grant funding on this application.

To be an eligible collaboration, the lead and all other organisations must:

- apply for funding when entering their costs into the application
- include rationale for the collaboration and describe the structure in your application
- ensure any one partner does not account for more than 70% of the total eligible costs

Eligibility Criteria – Project Team

Project team

Your project team can also include organisations that must be one of the following UK registered:

- academic institution
- research and technology organisation (RTO)
- research organisation

Eligibility Criteria – Subcontractors

Feasibility Studies and Industrial Research

Subcontractors

Subcontractors **are** allowed in this competition.

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 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.

Eligibility Criteria – Number of applications

Feasibility Studies and Industrial Research

Across the two strands, an eligible business can lead on two applications and can be included as a collaborator on a further one application. Successful applicants will be asked to confirm they have the capacity to run multiple projects simultaneously.

If an eligible business is not leading any application, it can collaborate in up to three applications.

All other eligible organisations can collaborate on any number of applications.

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">• 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



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

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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

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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

Application Form		Word Count	Appendix
Question 1	Applicant location (not scored)		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)	400 words	No
Question 5	Export License (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, 2 pages
Question 9	Team and resources	400 words	Yes – optional, 2 pages
Question 10	Market awareness	400 words	No
Question 11	Outcomes and route to market	400 words	No
Question 12	Wider impacts	400 words	Yes
Question 13	Project management	400 words	Yes – mandatory, 2 pages
Question 14	Risks	400 words	Yes – mandatory, 2 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** 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.

Q5 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

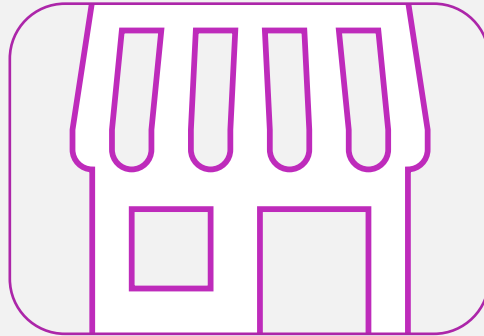
We may ask you to provide additional TR&I information at a later date, in line with UKRI TR&I Principles and funding terms and conditions

Your Project Cost Categories

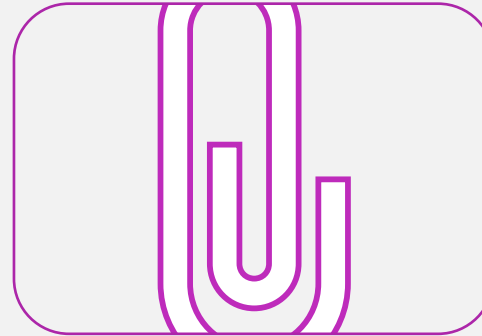
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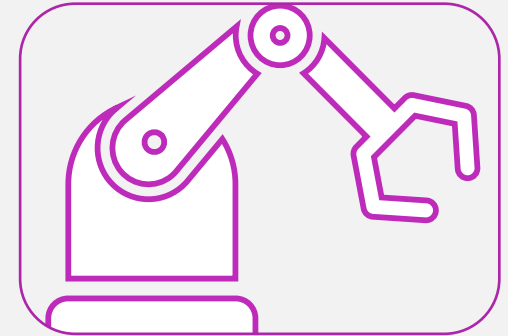
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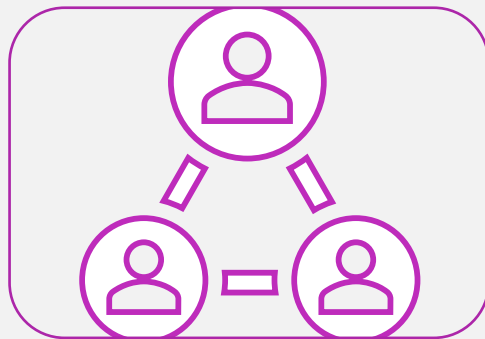
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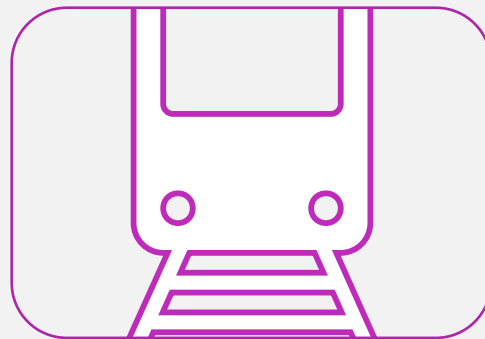
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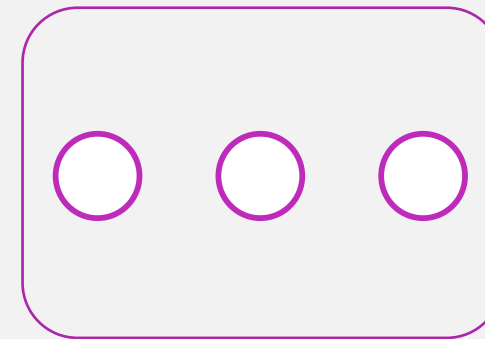
Capital Usage



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 (£)
Empire Ltd Lead organisation	✓	200,903	30.00	57,803	140,632	2,468
Ludlow Partner	⚠	200,903	30.00	57,803	140,632	2,468
EGGS Partner	⚠	990	100.00	990	0	0
Total	⚠	£402,796		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.

If collaborative, the lead must ensure that all partners have marked their finances as complete.

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

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](#)

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[Review and submit](#)

 [Print your application](#)



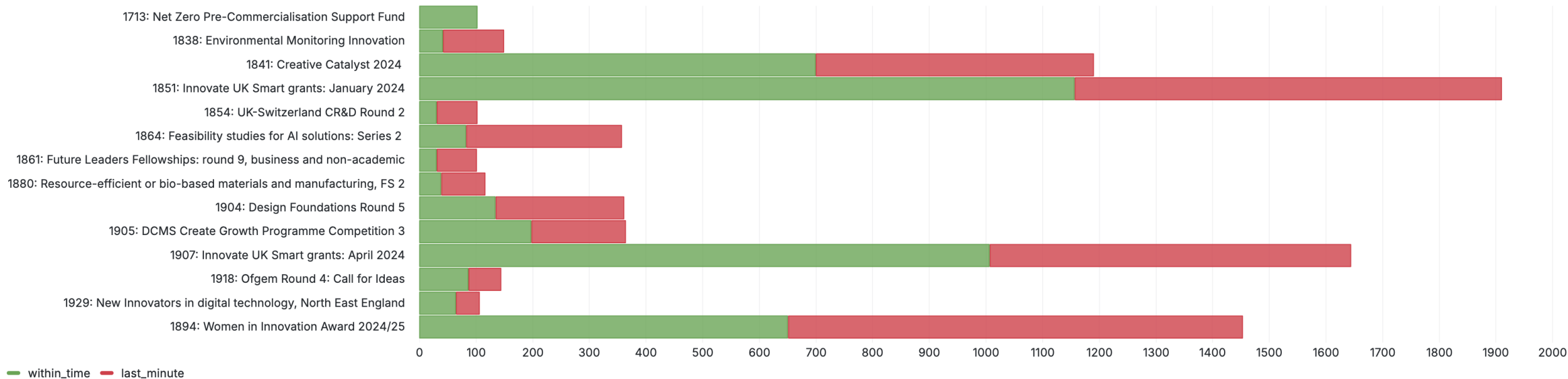
I agree to the [full terms and conditions](#) set out by the funding authority. I understand I need to agree to the final contract if my application is successful.

[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.



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 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.

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.

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

For feasibility studies and 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 research organisations conducting fundamental research you could get funding for your eligible project costs of up to 100%.

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
2:33
-  **How are successful applications selected for funding?**
Innovate UK • 17K views • 2 years ago
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-  **What steps are there before a project starts?**
Innovate UK • 7.7K views • 2 years ago
3:45
-  **How are successful projects monitored?**
Innovate UK • 4.1K views • 2 years ago
2:20
-  **How successful applicants receive their funding.**
Innovate UK • 4.6K views • 2 years ago
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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 60 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.

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IUKBC – Drop-in sessions - Finding potential project partners

Do you need support with your application, or need a project partner?



Join us at our drop-in sessions:

- Thursday 30 October 13:00-14:00
- Monday 10 November 15:00-16:00
- Friday 14 November 13:00-14:00
- Monday 24 November 12:00-13:00
- Thursday 4 November 14:00-15:00



Register now:

<https://web-eur.cvent.com/event/ed72b40e-63ef-4d76-ba41-384e53c63506/>



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Made Smarter Innovation Feasibility Study - Give Get Board



Instructions

- i. Fill in a **Give-Get Form** on either the **"Manufacturers"** or **"Digital Technology Providers"** board (excluding the **"Interested Partners"** section).
- ii. Review the organisations on the opposite board and add your details to the **"Interested Partners"** section if appropriate.
- iii. Innovate UK Business Connect will contact **Give-Get Form Owners** and request permission to connect **Interested Partners**. If approved, we will provide an introductory email with resources to apply for the Feasibility Study.

[Watch the tutorial video here!](#)

Manufacturers

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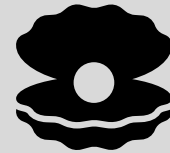
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...understands that innovation-focused businesses face obstacles to growth beyond those facing typical entrepreneurial companies. Common stumbling blocks include:



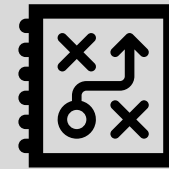
Inherent risks

Managing technical risks e.g. new science, longer time to revenue, investor caution, regulatory approval, negotiating with partners and defending intellectual property



Inaccessible resources

Knowing where to find and how to access the right innovation resources and opportunities in a fragmented and confusing landscape



Incomplete skillsets

Having the right combination of business and product development expertise to achieve important milestones

Innovate UK Business Growth's high-quality advisory support helps innovation-focused businesses in all UK locations and sectors to overcome these challenges and seize opportunities.



It offers clients a comprehensive spectrum of innovation and commercial expertise from a dedicated specialist located nearby



It offers a single access point to the most significant regional, national and international innovation resources



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

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

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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

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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



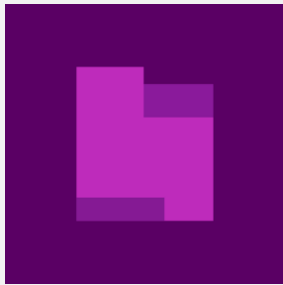
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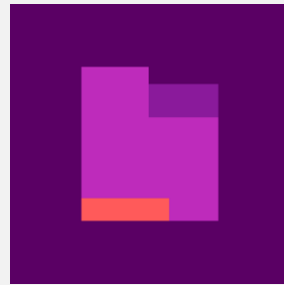
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