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Biomedical Catalyst 2025: Industry led R&D

Applicant Briefing

Date: 12 November 2025

The webinar will start at 10:00

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



Welcome and Introductions

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Agenda

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- Competition Summary & Scope
- Eligibility Criteria
- Innovation Funding Service (IFS)
- Funding Rules
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Key Dates

Timeline	Date
Competition Opens	10 November 2025
Submission Deadline	10 December 2025 at 11am
Interviews (large projects only)	Between 26 March and 1 April 2026
Applicants informed	9 April 2026 by 5pm
Project start and end dates	Start by 1 July 2026 End by 30 June 2028 (small projects) End by 30 June 2029 (large projects)

Competition Summary & Scope



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Summary

Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, will invest up to **£25 million** in innovation projects from the Biomedical Catalyst Programme.

The aim of this industry-led R&D competition is to support micro, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) with **pre-market** R&D projects to develop **innovative solutions** to address **health**, and healthcare, challenges.

You must be able to demonstrate existing evidence of commercial and technical feasibility.

Your proposal must show how your project will improve the competitiveness and productivity of at least one UK SME partner involved in the project.

This competition is split into two strands:

- Biomedical Catalyst 2025: Industry led R&D small projects: up to £500,000 grant funding
- Biomedical Catalyst 2025: Industry led R&D large projects: over £500,000 grant funding

Scope – Type of Health Innovation

Your proposal can focus on, but is not limited to:

- **Prevention & Management:** disease prevention, proactive management of health and chronic conditions
- **Detection & Diagnosis:** earlier/better detection, diagnostics, biomarkers
- **Treatment & Therapeutics:** tailored treatments, potential cures, advanced therapies
- **Healthcare Delivery & Digital Health:** transforming healthcare delivery, digital health technologies, consumer-focused self-care

Scope – Health/Technology Area

Your project can focus on any health, or healthcare, sector or discipline including but not limited to:

- **Therapies & Medicines:** advanced therapies (cell, gene, RNA, regenerative), therapeutics, medicine development, including Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), infectious disease
- **Diagnostics & Tools:** diagnostics, biomarkers, preclinical tools, target discovery and validation
- **Medical Devices & Technologies:** medical devices, medical technologies, robotics, digital health, data-driven health
- **Personalised & Ageing Health:** precision medicine, personalised medicine, healthy ageing, independent living
- **Platform & Biosciences Technologies:** biosciences, platform technologies

Scope – Activities/ Project Stage

Types of activities supported but are not limited to:

- **Early-stage R&D:** laboratory evaluation, *in vitro* and *in vivo* models, proof of concept or safety
- **Product Development:** prototyping, production exploration, product development planning
- **Clinical Evaluation:** demonstration of safety and efficacy, including phase 1/2 clinical trials, clinical utility and effectiveness
- **Regulatory & IP Support:** regulatory planning, intellectual property protection

Projects we will not fund

We are not funding projects that are:

- fundamental research or feasibility studies
- unrelated to human life sciences
- focused on products already on the market
- concerned with laboratory accreditation
- lacking the highest standards of animal welfare
- routine business activities without R&D
- lacking clear innovation
- lacking patient or commercial impact

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

Eligibility criteria



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Eligibility Criteria – Large Projects

Your project must:

- have total project costs up to **£4 million**
- have a grant funding request of between **£500,000** and **£2 million**
- have at least 50% of the total project costs shared by the micro, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), if collaborative
- last between **6 months** and **36 months**
- start by 1 July 2026
- end by 30 June 2029

Eligibility Criteria – Small Projects

Your project must:

- have total project costs up to **£1 million**
- have a grant funding request of between **£150,000** and **£500,000**
- have at least 50% of the total project costs shared by the micro, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), if collaborative
- last between **6 months** and **24 months**
- start by 1 July 2026
- end by 30 June 2028

Eligibility Criteria – Lead Organisation

Lead organisation:

To lead a project your organisation must:

- be a UK registered micro, small or medium sized enterprise (SME)

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

Eligibility Criteria – Collaboration

For this competition your project can be collaborative.

In all collaborative projects there must be:

- at least two grant claiming partners
- evidence of an effective collaboration

Also:

- at least 50% of the total project costs must be shared by the micro, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), but no more than 70% of the total project costs can be attributed to any one partner

(You must include rationale for the collaboration and describe the structure in the application.)

Eligibility Criteria – Project Team

Project team

To collaborate with the lead, your organisation must be one of the following UK registered:

- business of any size
- academic institution
- charity
- not for profit
- public sector organisation
- research and technology organisation (RTO)

Eligibility Criteria – Partners/Subcontractors

Non-funded partners

Your project can include partners that do not receive any of this competition's funding, for example, non-UK businesses. Their costs will count towards the total project costs.

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. Extenuating circumstances where overseas work may be allowable include, for example, clinical trials in a specific patient population. The assessors will be asked to judge whether you have sufficiently made a case for the use of overseas subcontractors.

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

Eligibility Criteria – Number of applications

Number of applications

An SME can only lead on one application but can be included as a collaborator in two further applications.

If an SME is not leading on any application it can collaborate in any number of applications.

A research and technology organisation (RTO), a large business, academic institution, charity, not for profit or public sector organisation 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 (unscored)

Application Form		Word Count	Appendix
Question 1	Applicant location (not scored)	100 words	No
Question 2	Animal testing (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
Question 3	Permits and licences (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
Question 4	International Collaboration (not scored)	400 words	No
Question 5	Export licence (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
Question 6	Trusted Research and Innovation (not scored)	400 words	No
Question 7	Clinical trials (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
Question 8	Specific theme (not scored)	Multiple choice	No

Application Questions - scored

Application Form		Word Count	Appendix
Question 9	Need or challenge	400 words	Yes – optional, 2 pages
Question 10	Approach and innovation	400 words	Yes – optional, 2 pages
Question 11	Team and resources	400 words	Yes – optional, 2 pages
Question 12	Market awareness	400 words	No
Question 13	Outcomes and route to market	400 words	No
Question 14	Wider impacts	400 words	No
Question 15	Project management	400 words	Yes – mandatory, 2 pages
Question 16	Risks	400 words	Yes – mandatory, 2 pages
Question 17	Added value	400 words	No
Question 18	Costs and value for money	400 words	Yes – mandatory, 2 pages

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.

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

Project Impact questions

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



For more information:

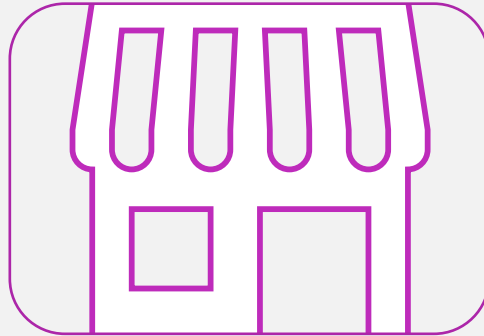
- [Watch Our Impact Management Framework video](#)
- [How is the Project Impact data collected? video](#)

Your Project Cost Categories

View our [Application Finances Instructional Video](#)



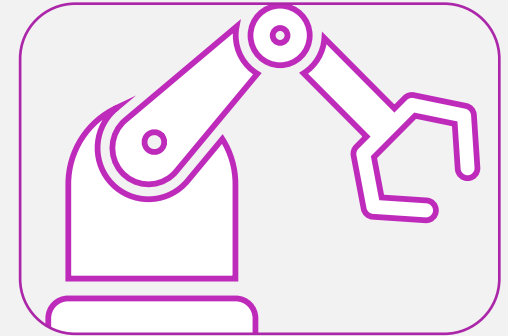
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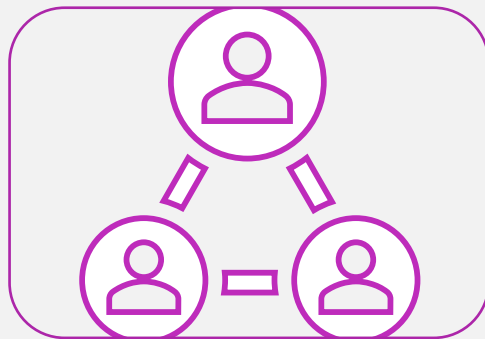
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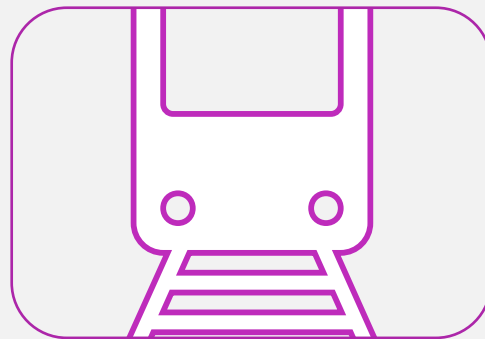
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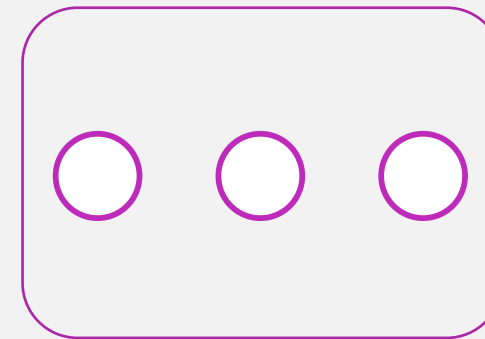
Capital Usage



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 **50%** 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](#)

 Incomplete

Review and submit

 [Print your application](#)



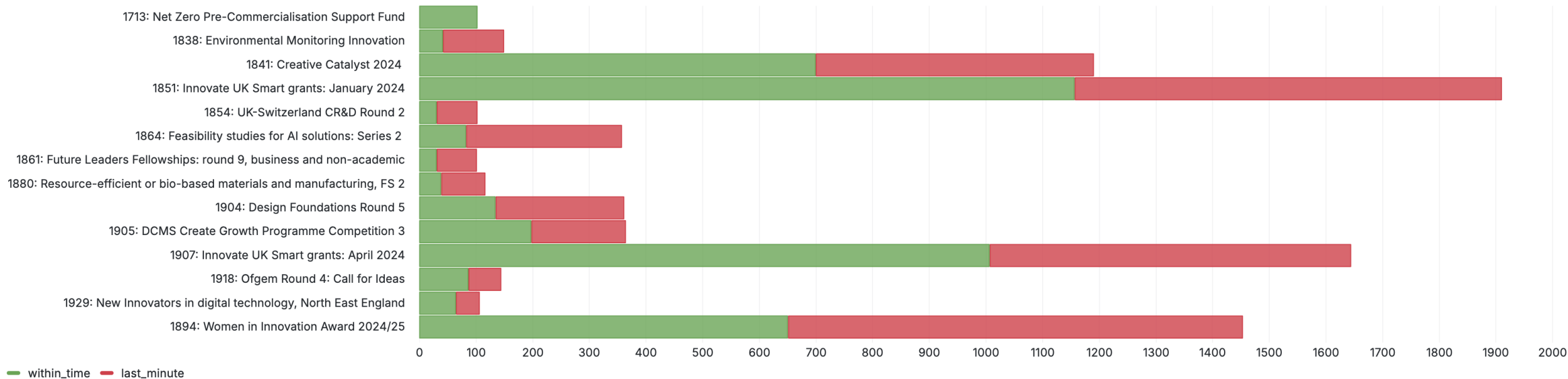
I agree to the [full terms and conditions](#) set out by the funding authority. I understand I need to agree to the final contract if my application is successful.

Agree and continue

Submitting your application

Customer Support can help resolve any issues you might have when submitting **but only if they are contacted before the deadline.**

Once the deadline has passed, your application cannot be submitted.



Editing a submitted application

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

Awaiting assessment

Application submitted

[Reopen](#)

Reopen by clicking here

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

[Award terms and conditions](#) ✓ Complete

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

Remember to press
'Submit application'

Terms and conditions Open all

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

[Submit application](#)

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

Pros & Cons of using AI to support you

With the advances in AI technology, it is only natural to use technology to support you in applying to our competitions. Whilst we don't recommend or advise against it, we would like to make you aware of the following which could potentially impact your project.

Pros

- Removes barriers for people with disabilities and non-English speakers
- Allows you to rephrase your content to meet the word count in a question
- Ensures all aspects of a question are answered
- Can aid a better understanding of:
 - intended/wider market
 - best practice in project management
 - complementary technologies and advances in the industry
 - expected project impacts

Cons

- It is not always accurate in its assumptions and can get things wrong
- AI learns from the information you give it as well as what it has already learnt
- May provide a generic response meaning your application could use similar phrasing to others
- AI can be detected as non-human as it lacks expression and insight because it relies on logic to summarise information based on the question asked

Funding Rules



You are unable to claim funding if

- you are an **overseas organisation** - your company number begins with **FC**
- your organisation is **setup as a branch** - your company number begins with **BR**
- you are a **collaboration with no formal structure of ownership or control** - your company number begins with **ML**
- you are a **Crown Dependency**:
 - if your company is based in **Jersey** - your company number begins with **JE**
 - if your company is based in **Guernsey**
 - if your company is based in the **Isle of Man**

Other Innovate UK projects

If you have an 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

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

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

For experimental development projects which are nearer to market, you could get funding for your eligible project costs of:

- up to 45% if you are a micro or small organisation
- up to 35% if you are a medium-sized organisation
- up to 25% if you are a large 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](#)

- 1 **How do our assessors assess?**
Innovate UK • 8.1K views • 2 years ago
2:33
- 2 **How are successful applications selected for funding?**
Innovate UK • 17K views • 2 years ago
2:39
- 3 **What steps are there before a project starts?**
Innovate UK • 7.7K views • 2 years ago
3:45
- 4 **How are successful projects monitored?**
Innovate UK • 4.1K views • 2 years ago
2:20
- 5 **How successful applicants receive their funding.**
Innovate UK • 4.6K views • 2 years ago
2:51



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.

Additional Support



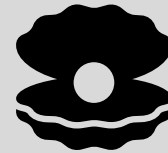
Innovate UK Business Growth

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



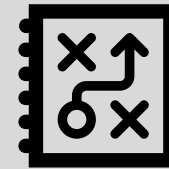
Inherent risks

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

or call us on:

0300 123 3066



Contact Business Growth

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

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

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

Telephone | 0300 123 3066

Name

Email

Telephone

Company name

Registered company name or intended trading name

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

Useful Information

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

Funding opportunities

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

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

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

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

Q&A



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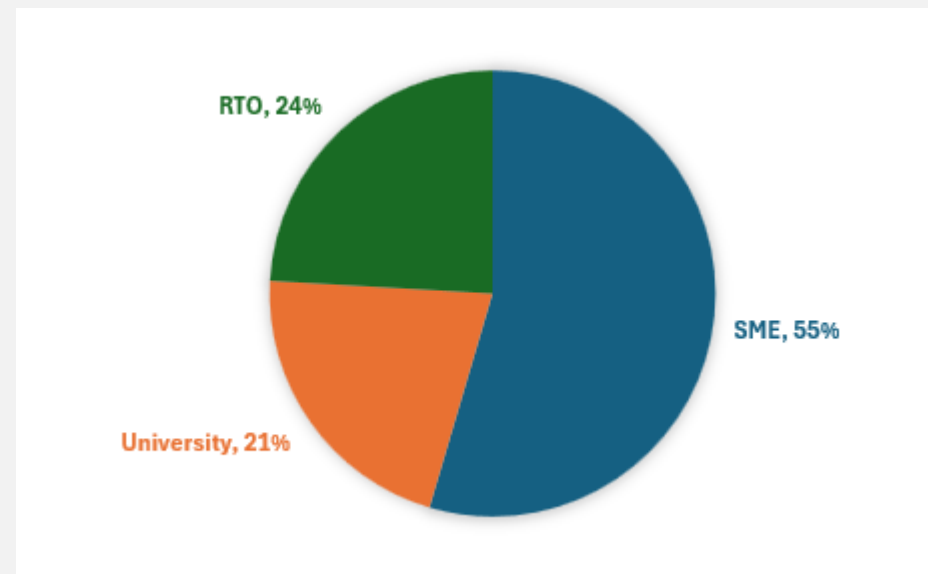
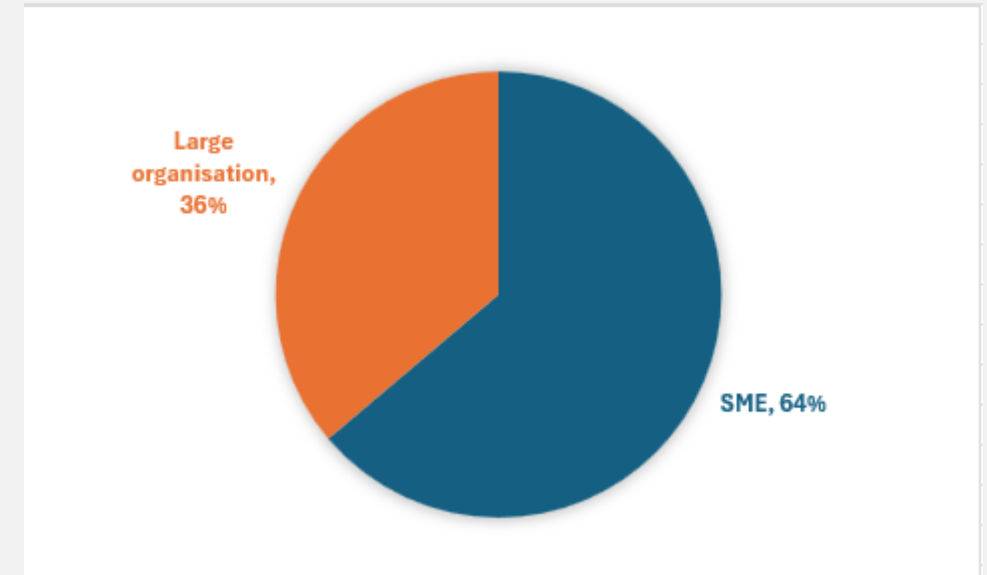
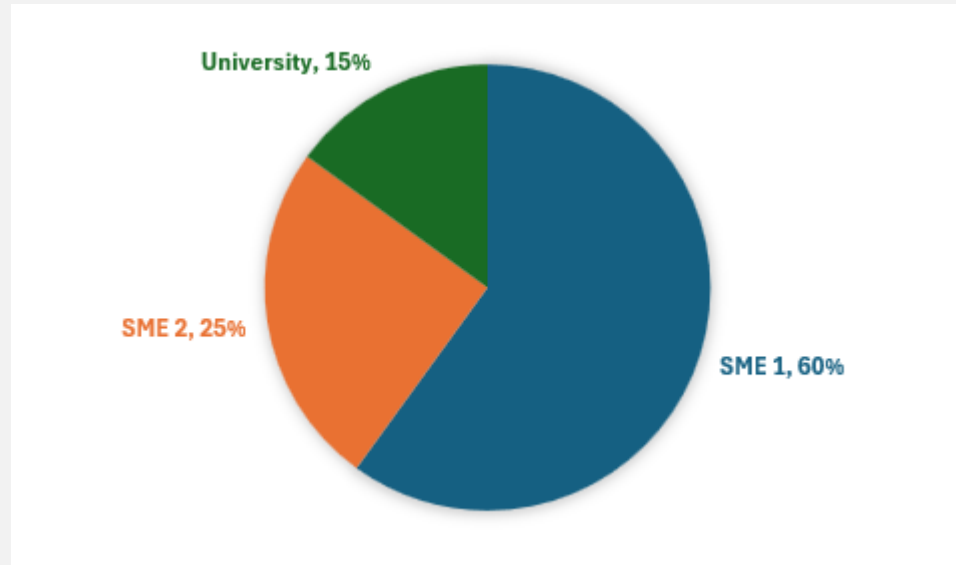
FAQs regarding project costs

How should the costs be split in a collaborative application?	At least 50% of the total project costs should be shared by the SMEs but no one partner can own more than 70% of the total project costs
Do non-funded partner costs count towards the overall project costs?	Yes
What grant rate will I receive?	<p>Industrial research projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <p>Experimental development projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• up to 45% if you are a micro or small organisation• up to 35% if you are a medium-sized organisation• up to 25% if you are a large organisation <p>The research organisations can share up to 50% of the total eligible project costs, of that 50% you can get funding for your eligible project costs of up to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% of your eligible project costs if you are an RTO, charity, not for profit organisation, public sector organisation or research organisation• 80% of full economic costs (FEC) if you are a Je-S registered institution such as an academic <p>These rates apply to the project costs assigned to your organisation</p>

FAQs (cont'd)

Can an SME act as collaborator with a public sector organisation lead?	No, SMEs must lead the application and must be in receipt of at least 50% of the grant funding
Is the £25 million budget per strand?	No, it is for both strands and will be allocated across different technologies, strand or theme and research categories
How many applications can an SME be part of?	An SME can only lead on one application but can be included as a collaborator in two further applications per strand
Are the interviews online or in-person?	Online
What is the starting and end TRL level?	There is no explicit TRL range. You must be pre-market and technical/commercial feasibility already evidenced
Can we have overseas partners or only UK based partners?	Yes, but they cannot claim grant and their costs will count towards the total eligible project costs
Is there a limit on subcontractor costs?	No, but all subcontractor costs must be proportionate and justified
Is the grant rate the same as the cost split % between partners?	No, the grant rate paid to an organisation is 70%/60%/50% or 45%/35%/25% The split of costs between collaborative partners is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 50% of total costs allocated to SME(s)• No more than 50% of total costs allocated to research organisations• No more than 70% of total costs allocated to one partner in a collaborative application

Example eligible cost breakdowns

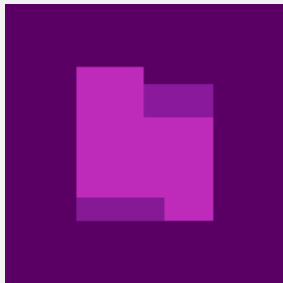


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