

# Advancing innovation in drug and alcohol addiction healthcare (Contracts for Innovation and Collaborative Research & Development)

## Applicant Briefing

Date: 19 February 2026

The webinar will start at 3pm

- 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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Contracts for Innovation Team

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Chair of Addiction Healthcare Goals

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Head of Addiction Healthcare Goals at OLS



# Agenda

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



# Key Dates

Timeline	Date
Competitions Open	<b>Monday 16 February 2026</b>
Submission Deadline	<b>Wednesday 6 May 2026 at 11am</b>
Applicants informed	<b>Friday 7 August 2026 by 5pm</b>
CR&D interviews	Between <b>Monday 20</b> and <b>Friday 24 July 2026</b>
Project start and end dates – Contracts for Innovation	Start by <b>1 October 2026</b> End by <b>30 September 2028</b>
Project start and end dates – CR&D	Start by <b>1 December 2026</b> End by <b>30 November 2029</b>

# The Addiction Healthcare Goals (AHG) programme



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Life Sciences

To tackle the harms of **drug and alcohol addictions** we aim to:

- Enable effective design, research, and deployment of innovative treatments and technologies.
- Improve treatment and recovery outcomes through innovation to saving and improving the lives of those affected.
- Make the UK a place where addiction healthcare innovators in industry, academia and treatment providers can partner and thrive.

We will **award funding to catalyse** development and approval of **innovations** that:

- **More effectively treat** drug & alcohol addictions
- **Improve** and sustain **recovery**
- **Prevent harm and deaths** from problematic drug & alcohol use

We will create a **Pioneering Drug and Alcohol Addiction Research Ecosystem** by:

- **Growing UK-wide research leadership** capacity to develop and deploy innovations
- **Enhancing addiction healthcare data** quality, linkage, and access for research
- **Eliminating barriers to research**, and **attracting industry** trials and investment



**NIHR**

**£10 million +  
Research  
Leadership  
Development  
Programme**

**SSA** SOCIETY FOR THE  
STUDY OF  
ADDICTION

**Research Data  
Roadmap**



**Criminal Justice  
Research Reports**



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## £20m funding to:

- Catalyse late-stage development of drug and alcohol addiction healthcare innovations to robustly demonstrate real-world efficacy and UK market readiness
- Secure co-funding from industry and plan for UK growth
- Continue to support development of future innovations to demonstrate early efficacy and UK market fit

## Target technologies

- Pharmaceuticals & medicines
- MedTech devices & approaches
- Digital health driven interventions

## Advancing innovation in drug and alcohol addiction healthcare (Collaborative R&D):

Innovations should achieve:

- Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 8 or 9
- Necessary regulatory approvals and certification (or for these to be in train)
- Full market readiness analysis and clear plans for manufacturing and UK rollout

## Contracts for Innovation in drug and alcohol addiction healthcare (CFI):

Innovations should achieve:

- TRL 6 or 7
- Established user acceptability and fit in relevant UK settings
- A completed business plan and clear pathway for securing relevant IP, regulatory and certification requirements

**Successful projects will have exclusive access to a workshop with the MHRA and NICE covering pathway to UK certification, approval and roll-out.**

# Priorities for funding



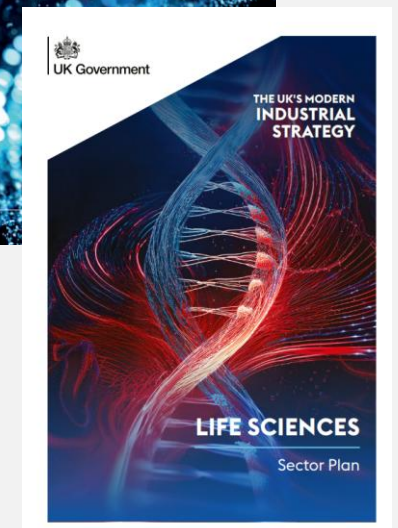
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## We hope to...

- Support **UK-wide** innovation projects
- Catalyse wide **range of innovation** types
- Support growth of innovative **UK companies**
- Harness **UK's academic and clinical** strengths
- Enable collaboration with **global industry**

## Projects should

- Develop and deliver research in consultation **with people with lived experience**
- Work with:
  - treatment and recovery services** (NHS/third sector)
  - relevant settings** (LEROs, CJS etc)
- Align with relevant priorities, e.g.
  - AHG JLA Top 10
  - From Harm to Hope
  - The Life Sciences Sector Plan
  - The 10 Year Health Plan
  - The 'Plan for Change' missions



# CFI Competition Summary & Scope



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# Summary

- Innovate UK, on behalf of the Office for Life Sciences - Addiction Healthcare Goals programme, will invest a share of up to £20 million, inclusive of VAT, in this Contracts for Innovation competition
- The aim of this competition is to progress promising pharmaceutical, MedTech and digital innovations towards technology and market readiness, and regulatory approvals
- these innovations must improve treatment outcomes, enhance recovery and reduce harm and deaths in drug and alcohol addiction healthcare

By the end of the project, following an R&D cycle of up to 24 months, innovations should have achieved:

- Technology Readiness Level 6 or preferably 7, justified and supported by your project plan
- evidence of user acceptability and market fit in relevant UK settings
- a completed business plan and clear pathway for securing relevant intellectual property, regulatory and certification requirements

# Scope

## Projects in Scope

We are seeking:

- those solutions able to achieve Technology Readiness Level 6 or preferably 7 by project end
- pharmaceutical, MedTech and digital solutions (or combination)

## Interventions in Scope

You must:

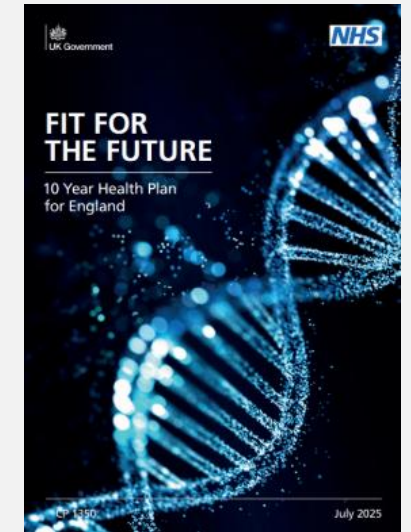
- address illicit drug or alcohol use, or a combination of both
- focus on improving treatment outcomes, enhancing recovery and reducing harm and deaths in drug and alcohol addiction healthcare
- have co-developed project plans with the input of those with lived experience and relevant treatment or service providers in those settings in which the intervention will be tested
- engage with statutory bodies, where relevant, to identify a pathway to secure regulatory approvals, certification and assessments, or to progress along an appropriate existing pathway
- test in real word scenarios and have established plans for manufacturing and UK rollout

# Scope

## Intervention Scope cont.,

In addition, we recommend you:

- account for the complex circumstances of those living with addiction challenges, in particular:
  - mental and physical health
  - housing
  - education
  - childcare
  - possible involvement with the criminal justice system
- and encourage that you demonstrate alignment to the delivery of relevant UK Government missions and strategies



# Scope

## Substances in Scope:

- opioids (illicit and prescription)
- stimulants: cocaine, crack, amphetamine, and methamphetamine
- cannabis
- GHB
- ketamine
- benzodiazepines
- gabapentinoids

## Substances and addictions out of Scope:

- tobacco or nicotine
- gambling
- behavioural addictions



# About Contracts for Innovation



Contracts for  
Innovation

# Innovate UK Contracts for Innovation

## Helping government, helping businesses

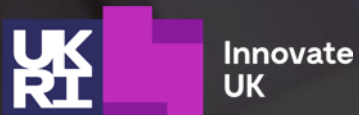
### Helping government:

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

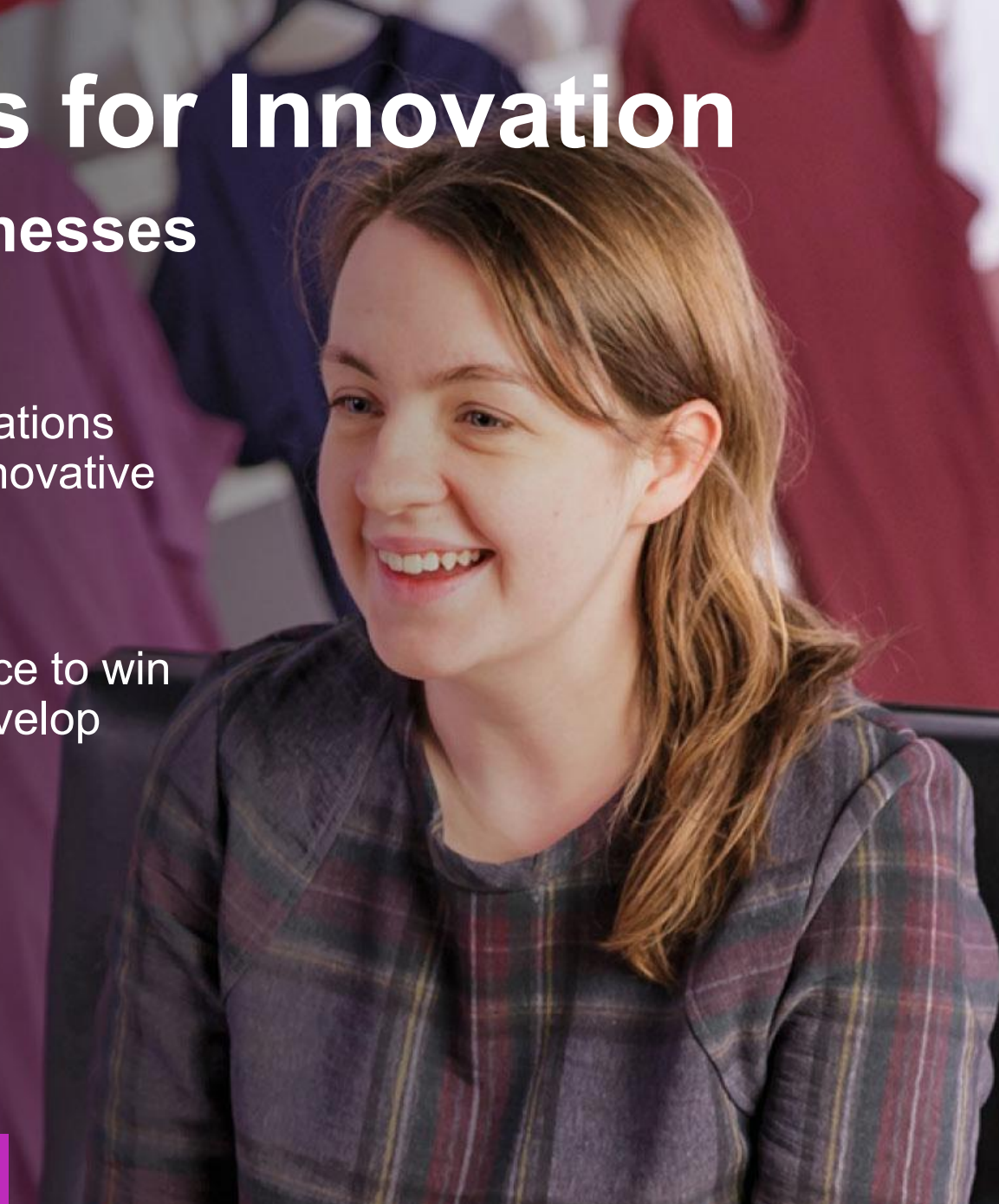
### Helping businesses:

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

- over 100 public sector organisations participated
- average annual sales grow 30%



Jenny Griffiths, founder,  
Snap Fashion



# What are Contracts for Innovation?

Pre-commercial procurement

Requires a lead customer

Outcome-driven solutions

Well-defined challenges

100% funded R&D services procurement contracts

# Contracts for Innovation: Key Features

## Development Contracts

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

## Contract with Lead Applicant

- Any subcontractors remain accountable to the lead

## IP rests with Supplier

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

## Eligibility

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





# Applying to a Contracts for Innovation competition

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

# CR&D Competition Summary & Scope



Innovate  
UK

# Summary

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- these innovations must improve treatment outcomes, enhance recovery and reduce harm and deaths in drug and alcohol addiction healthcare

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- Technology Readiness Level 8 or preferably 9, justified and supported by your project plan
- necessary regulatory approvals and certification, or work must be already underway to get them
- full market readiness analysis and clear plans for manufacturing and UK rollout

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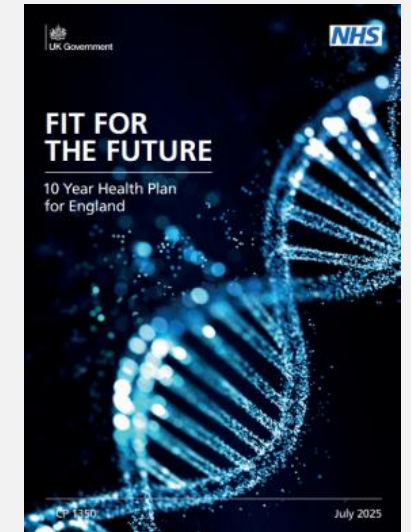
- address illicit drug or alcohol use, or a combination of both
- focus on improving treatment outcomes, enhancing recovery and reducing harm and deaths in drug and alcohol addiction healthcare
- work closely with potential users, and relevant treatment or service providers conducting the R&D to progress your project toward commercialisation
- engage with statutory bodies, where relevant, to identify a pathway to secure regulatory approvals, certification and assessments or to progress along an appropriate existing pathway

# Scope

## Interventions in Scope

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# Eligibility criteria



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# Eligibility Criteria – Your Project

Your project must:	Contract for Innovation	CR&D
have	Total eligible costs between <b>£200,000</b> and <b>£1,500,000</b>	Total eligible costs between <b>£250,000</b> and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>£7,000,000 for MedTech and digital solutions</b></li> <li>• <b>£10,000,000 for pharmaceutical interventions</b></li> </ul>
last	up to <b>24</b> months	between <b>24</b> and <b>36</b> months
start by	1 October 2026	1 December 2026
end by	30 September 2028	30 November 2029
carry out all of its project work in the UK		
intend to exploit the results from or in the UK		

# Eligibility Criteria – Lead Organisation

## Lead organisation:

Contract for Innovation	CR&D
<p>To lead a project, you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be an organisation of any size, including those based in the EU, EEA or internationally</li><li>• work alone or with the subcontracted skills and expertise of others from business, research organisations, research and technology organisations, or the third sector (charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups)</li></ul> <p>Contracts will be awarded to a single legal entity only. The majority of the project work and key deliverables must be completed by the applicant and be carried out in the UK. Subcontractors can be used, but only for specialist skills.</p>	<p>To lead a collaborative project your organisation must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be a UK registered business of any size.</li></ul> <p>Academic institutions and RTOs cannot lead.</p> <p>Organisations that are not profit driven or do not have a commercial focus, including Community Interest Companies (CICs) and charities, are not allowed to lead.</p> <p>More information on the different types of organisation can be found in our <a href="#">Funding rules</a>.</p>

# Eligibility Criteria – Collaboration (CR&D only)

For this competition your project must be collaborative.

To be an eligible collaboration, the lead and at least one other organisation 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
- **The grant funding you can apply for is limited to no more than £3 million for each business, for each project**

# Eligibility Criteria – Project Team (CR&D only)

## 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: Local Authorities, NHS service Providers, Primary Care providers
- research and technology organisation (RTO)

# Eligibility Criteria – Partners/Subcontractors (CR&D only)

## 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.

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

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# Eligibility Criteria – Number of applications

## Contract for Innovation

You can lead in any number of applications, but if successful you will need to demonstrate your organisation has capacity and necessary resources to fulfil the projects.

## CR&D

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

If a business is not leading any application, it can collaborate in any number of applications.

Academic institutions, NHS service providers, Primary care providers, research and technology organisation, third sector providers, not for profit or local authorities can collaborate on any number of applications.

**If you submit the same project into both the Contracts for Innovation and the CR&D strands we will only accept your first application.**

# Previously submitted applications

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

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



# **Innovation Funding Service (IFS)**

# How to apply

The lead applicant must create an account:

## UK registered businesses

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

## Research organisations, academics and universities

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



GOV.UK Innovation Funding Service

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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 – Contract for Innovation

Application Form		Word Count	Appendix
Question 1	Sector (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
Question 2	Animal testing (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
Question 3	Permits and licences (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
Question 4	International Collaboration (not scored)	100 words	No
Question 5	Export Licence (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
Question 6	Trusted Research and Innovation (not scored)	400 words	No
Question 7	Proposed spend forecast (not scored)	400 words	Yes – mandatory template
Question 8	Proposed idea or technology	800 words	Yes – optional, 2 pages
Question 9	Technical project summary	400 words	No
Question 10	Current state of the art and intellectual property	400 words	No
Question 11	Project plan and methodology	800 words	Yes – mandatory, 2 pages
Question 12	Technical team and expertise	400 words	No
Question 13	Costs and value for money	400 words	Yes – optional, 2 pages
Question 14	Commercial potential	400 words	Yes – mandatory, 2 pages

# Application Questions – CR&D (unscored)

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Question 2	Sector (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
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Question 5	International Collaboration (not scored)	400 words	No
Question 6	Export licence (not scored)	Multiple choice	No
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# National Security and Investment Act - overview

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

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

These 17 areas are:

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

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

# UK Strategic Export Controls - overview

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

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

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

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

# 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.

# 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

# Application Questions – CR&D (scored)

Application Form		Word Count	Appendix
Question 9	Need or challenge	400 words	No
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	800 words	Yes – mandatory, 2 pages
Question 14	Regulatory requirements	300 words	No
Question 15	Wider impacts	400 words	No
Question 15	Project management	400 words	Yes – mandatory, 2 pages
Question 15	Risks	400 words	Yes – mandatory, 2 pages
Question 15	Added value	400 words	No
Question 15	Costs and value for money	400 words	No

# 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:

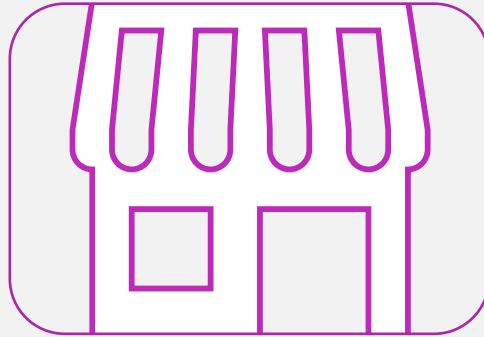
- [Watch Our Impact Management Framework video](#)
- [How is the Project Impact data collected? video](#)

# Your Project Cost Categories

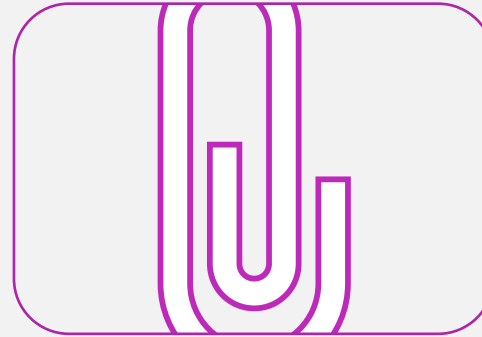
View our [Application Finances Instructional Video](#)



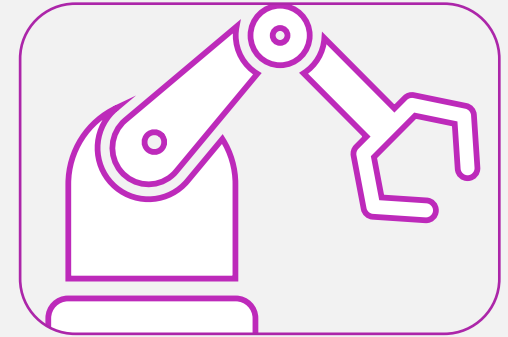
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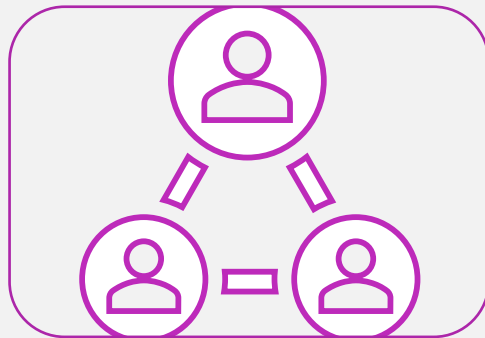
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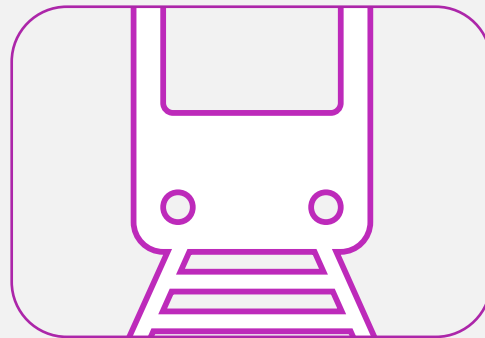
Materials



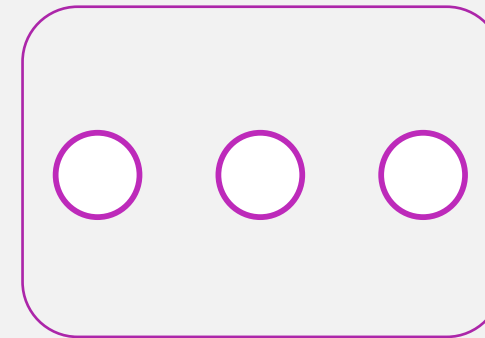
Capital Usage



Subcontractors



Travel &  
Subsistence




Other

# Your project finances – CR&D only


## 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](#)

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[Your project location](#)

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[Your organisation](#)

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[Your funding](#)

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## 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 – CR&D only

## Finances summary

These organisations have not marked their finances as complete:

- Ludlow
- EGGS

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

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

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

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.

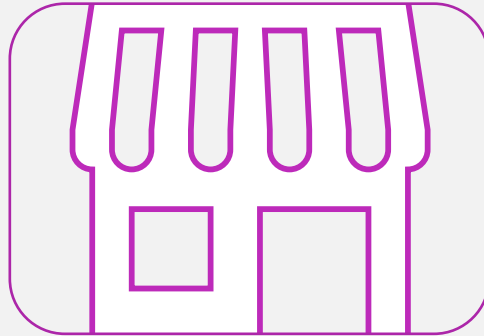
**IFS DOES NOT VALIDATE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS**

# Your Project Cost Categories

View our [Contracts for Innovation costs guidance](#)



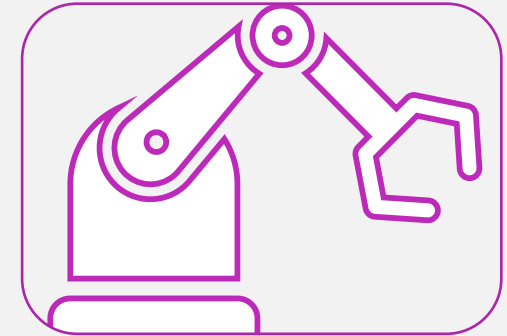
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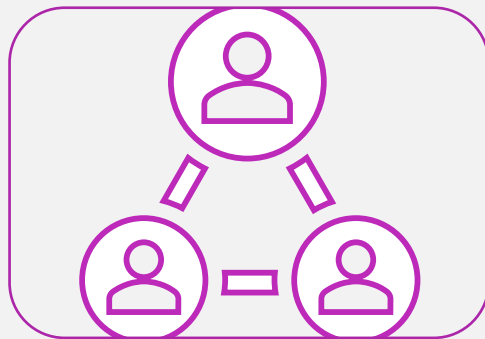
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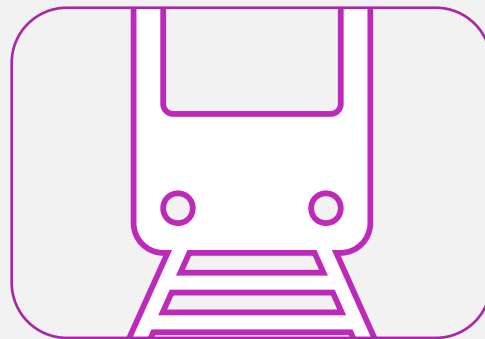
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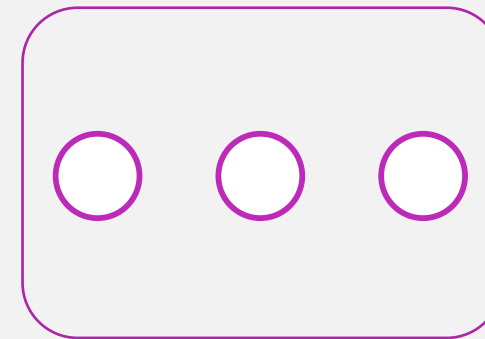
Capital Usage



Subcontractors



Travel &  
Subsistence



Other

# Your project finances – Contract for Innovation only


## 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

## Your project costs

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

## Your project location

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

## Your organisation

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

## Your payment milestones

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

## Finances

Please complete your project finances.

[Your project costs](#)

 Complete

[Your project location](#)

 Complete

[Your organisation](#)

 Complete

[Your payment milestones](#)

 Complete

# VAT – Contract for Innovation only

Once you have completed your costs you will be asked to confirm if you're VAT registered. If you select 'yes', IFS will automatically add on VAT calculated at 20%.

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

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

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

**'Thomas Ltd. ' Total project costs**

**£113,799**

**Are you VAT registered?**

If you are VAT registered, VAT will be calculated at 20%

Yes

No

By ticking this box you are accepting that the project costs for your organisation are eligible as defined in the [project costs guidance \(opens in a new window\)](#).

# Project cost summary – Contract for Innovation only

**Finances** [Close all](#)

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**Funding breakdown** ✓ Complete —

[Return to your project finances](#) to complete or make changes to your organisation's financial information.

	Total	Labour (£)	Overheads (£)	Materials (£)	Capital usage (£)	Subcontracting (£)	Travel and subsistence (£)	Other costs (£)	Total VAT (£)
<b>Thomas Ltd.</b> <small>Organisation</small> <a href="#">View finances</a>	<b>£136,559</b>	24,784	15	25,000	4,000	50,000	0	10,000	22,760

Ensure the highlighted costs fit the criteria for this competition.

The maximum project costs for this competition are **£1,500,000**

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

Ensure the total costs of your milestones match total project costs

# Subcontractors – Contract for Innovation only

## Eligible:

Subcontracting outside of the UK is permitted.

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

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

All costs must be justified and quantified.

You can subcontract work if you don't have the expertise in your project team. You can also subcontract if it is cheaper than developing your skills in-house.

► [Subcontracting costs guidance](#)

Please provide details of any work that you expect to subcontract for your project.

Subcontractor name

Robotics experts ltd

Country where the subcontractor will work

UK

Role of the subcontractor in the project and description of the work they'll do

facilitation and availability of robotics labs

Cost

36795

# Other costs – Contract for Innovation only



Costs that could not be added under previous headings.

Do not double count.

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

Other costs	£ 0 ▲
Please provide details of any project costs which cannot be covered by the other cost categories.	
▶ <a href="#">Other costs guidance</a>	
Please note that legal or project audit and accountancy fees are not eligible and should not be included as an 'other cost'. Patent filing costs of new IP relating to the project are limited to £7,500 for SME applicants only. Please provide estimates of other costs that do not fit within any other cost headings.	
Description and justification of the cost	Estimated cost (£)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<a href="#">Add another cost</a>	

# Payment milestones – Contract for Innovation only

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

Month completed	Milestone	Payment requested (£)
1	Milestone 1	0

Task or activity

Words remaining: 200

Deliverable

Words remaining: 200

Success criteria

Enter each milestone and any associated payments

Month completed	Milestone	% of project costs	Payment request	Open all
1	Milestone 1	33.33%	£50,000	+
2	Milestone 2	33.33%	£50,000	+
3	Milestone 3	33.33%	£50,000	+

[Add another project milestone](#)

<b>Total payment requested</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>£150,000</b>
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[Mark as complete](#)

[Save and return to project finances](#)

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

# Information to include in your milestone template – Contract for Innovation only

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



# Milestone example – Contract for Innovation only

## Milestone

Build test environment for prototype

## Task or activity

Complete physical hardware build  
Software integration finalised

## Deliverable

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

## Success Criteria

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

Month completed	Milestone	% of project costs	Payment request	<a href="#">Close all</a>
1	Milestone 1	0%	£0	-
<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="Milestone 1"/>	<input type="text" value="Payment requested (£) 0"/>		
<b>Task or activity</b>				
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Words remaining: 200				
<b>Deliverable</b>				
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Words remaining: 200				
<b>Success criteria</b>				
<input type="text"/>				

# Checking your finances are complete – Contract for Innovation only

**Finances** [Close all](#)

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**Funding breakdown** -

**Project cost breakdown**

	Total	Labour (£)	Overheads (£)	Materials (£)	Capital usage (£)	Subcontracting (£)	Travel and subsistence (£)	Other cost: (£)
<b>Ellie Foden</b> Organisation <a href="#">View finances</a>	<b>£2,900,689</b>	17,241	500,000	1,900,000	0	0	0	(

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

**IFS DOES NOT VALIDATE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS**



# Submitting your application

# 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.


## Additional information for Contract for Innovation projects:

Note that for procurement, they may differ from any you have agreed to before. These terms are set and are non-negotiable.


### Terms and conditions

You must agree to these before you submit your application.

[Award terms and conditions](#)

 Incomplete

Review and submit

 [Print your application](#)



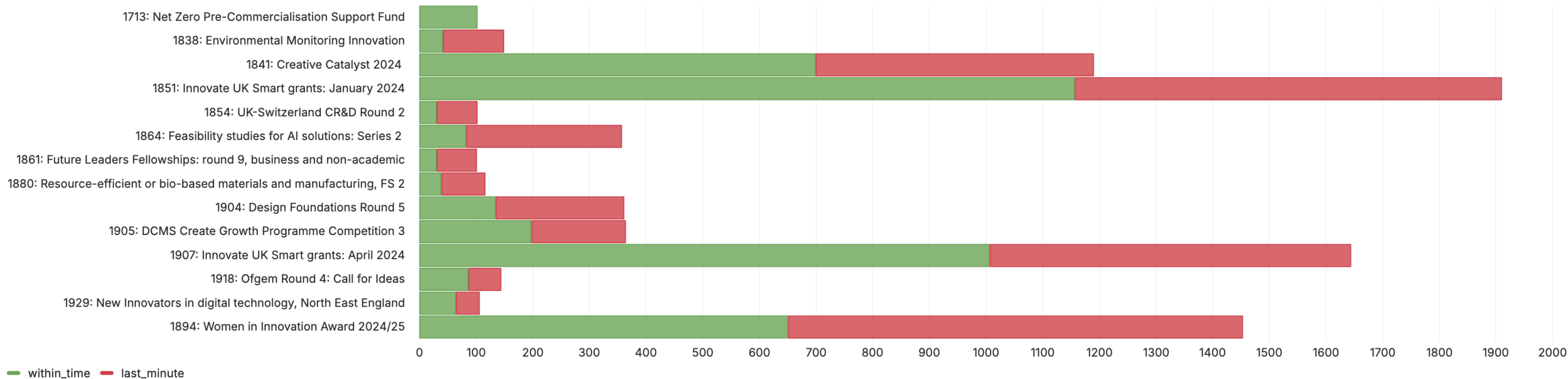
I agree to the [full terms and conditions](#) set out by the funding authority. I understand I need to agree to the final contract if my application is successful.

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

Whilst AI offers many benefits, it is important you are aware that **you are potentially sharing your idea with the world**, so be careful what you share as you have no control over how it is shared on once you do.

# Funding Rules for CR&D projects only



# You are unable to claim funding if

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

# Other Innovate UK projects

If you have an **overdue** final claim or Independent Accountant Report (IAR) on a live Innovate UK project, you will not be eligible to apply to this competition, as a lead or a partner organisation.

We will not award you any further funding if you:

- applied to a previous competition as the lead or sole company and were awarded funding by Innovate UK, but did not make a substantial effort to exploit that award
- applied to a previous competition as the lead or sole company and failed to comply with grant terms and conditions
- please note if you have a live project in progress this does not prohibit you from entering this competition

# Compliance with the UK Subsidy Control Regime

On 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023, the [Subsidy Control Act 2022](#) came into effect.

This provides a framework for public authorities to design and award subsidies in a compliant way, whilst minimising any negative effects of subsidies both within the UK and Internationally.

Innovate UK offers funding in line with the UK's obligations and commitments to Subsidy Control. To ensure that Innovate UK remains compliant with the UK's international Subsidy Control duties in respect of:

- the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement;
- the subsidy control act 2022
- Article 10 of the Windsor Framework (successful applicants which are affected by the Windsor Framework will be funded in line with [EU State aid regulations](#))
- Article 138 of the Withdrawal Agreement (some Union law applicable after 31 December 2020 in relation to the UK's participation in Union programmes and activities)
- the Subsidies and Countervailing measures within the WTO (ASCM)
- any other Free Trade Agreements active at the time of award

All awards will be conditional on compliance at all times with the UK's international obligations on Subsidy Control - this will be reflected in the terms and conditions of any award.

# Subsidy Control (and State aid where relevant)

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

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

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

## **Financial viability and eligibility**

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

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

# Article 10 of the Windsor Framework

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

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

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

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

## **Undertakings in difficulty**

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

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

# 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 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](#).




# 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 the below timeframes of receiving your notification. Failure to do so may result in funding being withdrawn.

**Contract for Innovation** – 30 calendar days

**CR&D** – 90 calendar days



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

# Bank account guidance

## We cannot accept the following business bank accounts

In order to process claims we need to demonstrate that the bank details relate to a UK high street bank that is regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), with a clearing facility, dated within the last 3 months and in the name of the participant who submitted them as per the initial application on the IFS portal.

## Accepted business bank accounts

- Innovate UK accepts **most of the major UK high street banks**, including these online providers:  
**Starling, Monzo, Tide, Revolut and Metro,**

## This list is not accepted:

- Anna
- Airwallex (operate in UK via Modulr FS Limited)
- Equals Money UK Limited
- Standard Bank Jersey Limited
- Payoneer
- Prepay Technologies (Trading as Prepay Solutions)
- Wise (Formerly TransferWise)
- Counting Up (part of Prepay Solutions)
- Silicon Valley Bank UK

# How you get paid in a CR&D competition

- 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

# Additional Support



# Reasonable adjustments

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

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

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

# Reasonable adjustments – what we need from you

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

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

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

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

# Reasonable adjustments – what we can do

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

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

# Reasonable adjustments – what we can not do

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

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

# Innovate UK Business Growth

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

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Natali Georgieva, Co-founder at ALIANAz

# Who do we support?

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

# Contact Us

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

visit our website:

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

or call us on:

**0300 123 3066**



## Contact Business Growth

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

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

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

Telephone | 0300 123 3066

Name

Email

Telephone

Company name

Registered company name or intended trading name

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

# Cyber Action Toolkit

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

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



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

# 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.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



# Frequently asked questions

Area	Question	Answer
Adoption & scale	Are you seeking solutions just for the public sector?	As this call is being funded by the Department of Health and Social Care and the Office for Life Sciences there is a requirement for roll-out across the public sector UK wide, not just the private sector. However, targeting the private sector, or a particular service provider, can be part of your longer-term commercialisation plan.
Adoption & scale	Are there follow-on commissioning pathways if a funded innovation proves effective?	There is no formal pathway onto an accelerator programme, for example, or any obligation to directly purchase the innovation once it is market ready.
Collaborations	Is there a platform or facility to connect to potential collaborators (e.g. justice system, app developers?)	<p>If you want help to find a project partner, please see the information and links provided in the Support Information tab on each competition brief:</p> <p>Collaborative Research and Development Competition: <a href="https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2394/overview/33b56af8-353f-46ac-bb66-a0928731c0fc#supporting-information">https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2394/overview/33b56af8-353f-46ac-bb66-a0928731c0fc#supporting-information</a></p> <p>Contracts for Innovation Competition: <a href="https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2395/overview/3d49fbc4-6e09-4dd8-9ac8-8e5f88facd8d#supporting-information">https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2395/overview/3d49fbc4-6e09-4dd8-9ac8-8e5f88facd8d#supporting-information</a></p> <p>In addition, Innovate UK Business Connect has a wide network and can connect you to people and organisations to help accelerate your ideas and solve technology problems. Discover more <a href="#">here</a></p>

# Frequently asked questions

Area	Question	Answer
Eligibility	Can a company based in US but with presence in UK be a part of the collaboration, either as lead or co-partner?	International organisations can lead in the Contract for Innovation competition strand. In the Collaborative Research and Development strand only UK registered organisations can lead, but international companies can be a sub-contractor if justified.
Eligibility	Can the costs associated with regulating Software as a Medical Device (SaMD) be included as part of achieving the required TRL level along with legal costs?	Yes, you must include any expected Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) or other approval body costs, including legal, regarding regulatory compliance or certification in your eligible project costs. Please find guidance on eligible costs here: <a href="https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/costs-we-fund/">https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/costs-we-fund/</a> .

# Frequently asked questions

Area	Question	Answer
Eligibility	Is a university and an NGO working in healthcare eligible.	<p>As an academic institution you would be able to lead a Contracts for Innovation project and work with the NGO as a subcontractor.</p> <p>To lead a Contracts for Innovation project, you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be an organisation of any size, including those based in the EU, EEA or internationally</li><li>• work alone or with other organisations as subcontractors</li></ul> <p>Contracts will be awarded to a single legal entity only.</p> <p>As an academic institution you would not be able to lead a Collaborative Research and Development project, but you and the NGO could both be partners.</p> <p>To lead a collaborative project your organisation must be a UK registered business of any size.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academic institutions and RTOs cannot lead.</li><li>• Organisations that are not profit driven or do not have a commercial focus, including Community Interest - Companies (CICs) and charities, are not allowed to lead.</li></ul> <p>To collaborate with the lead, your organisation must be one of the following UK registered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• business of any size</li><li>• academic institution</li><li>• Charity</li><li>• not for profit</li><li>• public sector organisation: Local Authorities, NHS service Providers, Primary Care providers</li><li>• research and technology organisation (RTO)</li></ul>

# Frequently asked questions

Area	Question	Answer
Process	Is there support for the application process.	If you have any questions relating to the application process please contact Innovate UK's Customer Support Services team: <a href="mailto:support@iuk.ukri.org">support@iuk.ukri.org</a> ; 0300 321 4357 (Monday - Friday 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm). Innovate UK Business Connect also provide support for those making applications: <a href="https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/">https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/</a>
Scope	Both competitions highlight drug and alcohol addiction, must the application cover both?	Applications can focus on either drug or alcohol addictions individually. Or they could focus on multiple substances (this could be addiction to multiple different drugs, or to both a drug (or drugs) and alcohol addictions combined).
Scope	Are there specific types of trial that are in scope?	All types of trial are covered - early, mid and late, but we would expect to see mainly mid and late stage trials, bearing in mind TRL 6 - preferably 7 needs to be achieved by the end of the project for applications to the Contracts for Innovation strand and TRL 8 - preferably 9 for the Collaborative Research & Development competition.
Scope	Is there a minimum eligible TRL level at project start?	No but your plan must be credible and clearly demonstrate that you can achieve the key deliverables and that you can reach TRL 6 - preferably 7 by the end of the project for applications to the Contracts for Innovation strand and TRL 8 - preferably 9 for the Collaborative Research & Development competition.
Scope	Complex circumstances are mentioned in the competition scope (i.e., mental and physical health, housing, education, childcare) but employment and employment retention are not mentioned, are these this out of scope?	In the competitions briefs we recommend (not insist) you account for the complex circumstances of those living with addiction challenges, including mental and physical health, housing. education, childcare and possible involvement with the criminal justice system. This list is not exhaustive though so employment and employment retention would still be in scope.

# Frequently asked questions

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Scope	Is a digital health intervention that includes prescription medication, that was commercialised in the private sector (initially), eligible?	Yes, as long as you are continuing to carry out R&D in your project and have a clear plan to roll out in the public sector this is still in scope.
Scope	Do digital interventions have to intend to become a regulated medical device to be in scope?	Digital interventions can be in scope regardless of whether they will require regulation. We recommend you seek independent advice from a regulatory expert to ensure that your intervention can be adopted by your target audience and market.
Scope	Are psychedelic (eg LSD), psychoactive (eg MDMA) and novel psychoactive substances (eg SCRA) in scope?	Yes, projects that focus on addictions to any illicit drugs or alcohol, however consumed, which may be encountered in a typical UK treatment service are in scope.
Scope	Are projects targeting addictions of pharmaceutical drugs in scope?	Yes, individuals with addiction to prescription drugs such as opioid analgesia or benzodiazepines who would be seen in an addiction service are in scope.
Scope	Can solutions include support for co-morbidities of the target groups? e.g. COPD.	As long as the primary target is the addiction then secondary support for co-morbidities would be in scope.
Scope	I have a technical question I need to discuss to check eligibility. Who should I contact?	Please contact Innovate UK's Customer Support Services team if you have any questions on eligibility or scope: <a href="mailto:support@iuk.ukri.org">support@iuk.ukri.org</a> ; 0300 321 4357 (Monday - Friday 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm).

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Scope	Will you have an advisory service or something we can use to understand which of the funds is more suitable for us	<p>It is solely your decision as to which strand of competition your project aligns to and will benefit both project and the public the most, here are some key details below, but please refer to the competition briefs for full details.</p> <p>Contracts for Innovation in drug and alcohol addiction healthcare: <a href="https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2395/overview/3d49fbc4-6e09-4dd8-9ac8-8e5f88facd8d#summary">https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2395/overview/3d49fbc4-6e09-4dd8-9ac8-8e5f88facd8d#summary</a></p> <p>100% funding awards of up to £1.5 million are available for projects up to 24-months.</p> <p>Funding is targeted at support for development of innovations with the potential to demonstrate initial efficacy and UK market fit by the end of the project through achieving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 6 or 7</li><li>• Established user acceptability and fit in relevant UK settings</li><li>• A completed business plan and clear pathway for securing relevant IP, regulatory and certification requirements</li></ul> <p>Awards are open to single applicants from academia, research institutions, healthcare providers, and other eligible organisations.</p> <p>CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE</p>

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# Frequently asked questions (CFI strand only)

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Eligibility	Is there a requirement for “granting of a royalty free license” in the IP terms?	Only in relation to the Contracts for Innovation competition strand of this programme. The contract states, "to DHSC/OLS, a UK wide irrevocable, royalty-free, non-exclusive licence to use (including but not limited to copying or modifying) the Foreground IP, together with any Background IP supplied by the Contractor during the Project that is required to use the Foreground IP, at a fair and reasonable market price." Should you require more detail please email our Customer Support Service team <a href="mailto:support@iuk.ukri.org">support@iuk.ukri.org</a>
Eligibility	Do you need industry engagement at application stage for the Contracts for Innovation competition?	What is crucial here is that you must show that you are co-developing project plans with the input of those with lived experience and relevant treatment or service providers in those settings in which the intervention will be tested throughout your project. Industry engagement is not essential at the application phase but it is important to set out how you will develop a commercialisation plan.
Eligibility	Can a university potentially be subcontracted by a company for research work in a Contracts for Innovation competition? Or is there any other way to fund an university-business collaboration?	Yes, a business can subcontract a university for research work, but the university themselves can also be the lead in a Contracts for Innovation competition.

# Frequently asked questions (CR&D strand only)

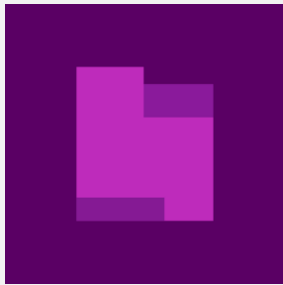
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Eligibility	Is there a maximum number of partners possible to be included in the application?	There is no formal upper limit, but we recommend you consider the role each partner will play in the project and ensure the consortium is manageable.

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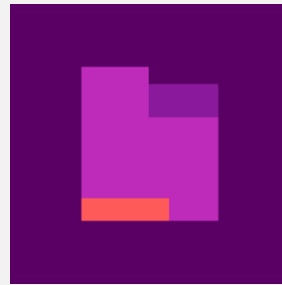
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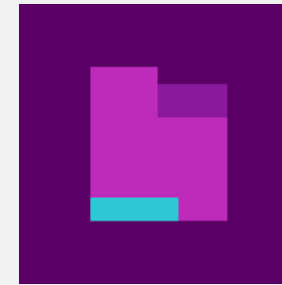
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