



Innovate
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Zero Emission Vessels and Infrastructure 2

- (Strand 1) Alternative Fuels
- (Strand 2) Electric Power
- (Strand 3) Energy Efficiency

Applicant Briefing

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Welcome and Introductions

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Key Dates

Timeline	Date
Competition Opens	26 March 2026
Submission Deadline	16 September 2026 at 11am
Applicants informed	4 January 2027 by 5pm
Project start and end dates	Start by 1 April 2027 Grant funding end by 31 December 2029

Zero Emission Vessels and Infrastructure 2

Overview

Zero Emission Vessels and Infrastructure 2

Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), will work with the Department for Transport (DfT) to invest up to £150 million in innovation projects. These projects will develop, deploy and operate innovative clean maritime solutions for three years in a real world environment.

The Zero Emission Vessel and Infrastructure Round 2 (ZEV2) competition is part of a suite of interventions launched by the UK Shipping Office for Reducing Emissions (UK SHORE) programme.

UK SHORE aims to transform the UK into a global leader in the design and manufacturing of clean maritime technology and accelerate the fuels and technologies required to decarbonise the sector to meet net zero. This competition supports the delivery of the UK Government's [Maritime Decarbonisation Strategy](#).

Zero Emission Vessels and Infrastructure 2

The overall aim of this competition is to fund UK business led development and build of innovative clean maritime technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Successful projects will be required to demonstrate their technology for three years without funding support.

ZEVI 2 – Strands

This competition has 3 strands:

Strand 1 – Alternative Fuels

Strand 2 – Electric Power

Strand 3 – Energy Efficiency

If you apply into the wrong strand your application will be marked ineligible and not sent for assessment.

If you are unsure which Strand to apply to, please email support@iuk.ukri.org

ZEVI 2 – Key Dates

Strand Number	Comp Name	Project Costs	Project Start	Project Duration	Project end by	Demonstration end by
Strand 1	Alternative Fuels	Between £6 million and £60 million	01 April 2027	2 years and 9 months (with a 3-year unfunded demonstration)	31 December 2029	31 December 2032
Strand 2	Electric Power					
Strand 3	Energy Efficiency					

Capital Costs

Your application can include the purchase of capital equipment as an eligible project cost for large scale demonstration projects. Investments must be relevant to the project and the maximum intervention rate on these purchases is up to 80% grant for the duration of the project, up until 31 December 2029, for all organisations.

Scope

Strand 1: Alternative Fuels

The Alternative Fuels strand will fund the development and build of innovative alternative fuel vessels and accompanying port refuelling infrastructure.

Your project must focus on the following: alternative fuel, or hybrid electric and alternative fuel, new build or retrofit vessels and accompanying refuelling infrastructure, including onboard fuel cell and combustion technology.

Note: alternative fuel projects must intend for any fossil fuel usage to be as a pilot fuel only.

Strand 2: Electric Power

The Electric Power strand will fund the development and build of:

- innovative 100% battery electric vessels and accompanying charging infrastructure, and
- novel, innovative and commercially viable shore power systems including related energy infrastructure at ports and any accompanying vessel upgrades

Shore power projects must focus on novel and innovative shore power infrastructure and vessels that will have shore power capability. The infrastructure must be for providing power to vessels whilst moored, allowing vessels to turn off their conventional power supply.

Strand 2: Electric Power

Shore power projects must consider:

- the energy source, its cost, sustainability, resilience, capacity, connection requirements and timeline
- users, pricing and likely utilisation during the demonstration period
- how you're satisfied that there's current or likely future demand for shore power in your locations
- how to maintain operation and grow utilisation beyond the demonstration period
- how to ensure all shore power infrastructure has significant use by vessels.

Shore power applicants are encouraged to contact support@iuk.ukri.org at least 20 working days before the competition closes to check whether your application is in scope.

Strand 3: Energy Efficiency

The Energy Efficiency strand will fund the development and build of innovative vessel energy efficiency technology and any accompanying innovative infrastructure upgrades.

If your energy efficiency technology is installed on a vessel which is primarily being funded to use alternative fuels, you must apply to the Alternative Fuels strand.

If your energy efficiency technology is installed on a vessel which is primarily being funded to use 100% battery electric power, you must apply to the Electric Power strand.

Energy Efficiency Strand Themes

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

- wind assisted propulsion systems
- ship hull efficiency
- air lubrication systems
- onboard waste heat recovery
- propeller and rudder flow conditioning devices
- onboard solar power
- vessel smart energy management
- onboard energy efficient auxiliary systems
- in-port hull management technologies such as hull cleaning and propeller polishing
- Onboard Carbon Capture and Storage (OCCS)

Note: OCCS projects must demonstrate feasible use, permanent storage or disposal of any captured CO₂ in order to satisfy the significant reduction of GHG emissions requirement of this competition.

Operational energy efficiency measures such as speed optimisation, just-in-time arrival, voyage optimisation or ballast and trim optimisation are in scope only if developed as part of a project focussed on technical energy measures, including the above themes.

More information on energy efficiency measures can be found in the [Short-Term Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction in the Maritime Sector: The Role of Energy Efficiency Measures](#) report.

Note on Smart Shipping projects

Smart shipping, digital and autonomy technologies are in scope only if developed as part of a project focussed on central theme in each Strand.

Relevant Information for All Strands

Project Requirements

Your proposal must:

- evidence you can build or retrofit vessels with clean maritime technology and build accompanying infrastructure to be ready for demonstration by 31 December 2029
- fully define, cost and evidence commercial viability of an extensive demonstration in real world conditions for three years before 31 December 2032
- demonstrate a significant reduction in the well-to-wake greenhouse gas emissions from the maritime sector, including where relevant, addressing air pollution risks or other environmental impacts from decarbonisation solutions
- include relevant representative end users such as a vessel operators, port or harbour authority: the end users must be an integral part in the project development and demonstration
- demonstrate significant market potential through a clear strategy for commercialising the technology and the products, demonstrating the potential for significant value to the UK

Project Requirements

Your project must:

- have a realistic and comprehensive build or retrofit plan that controls external risk associated with commercial, regulatory and supply chain factors
- demonstrate operational utilisations of your vessels and infrastructure by operating vessels in various locations and sea states, while performing a range of duty cycles to reflect a full scale commercial operational profile
- collaborate fully with organisations responsible for regulation, safety and incident response to conduct a safe demonstration
- ensure all funded vessels and infrastructure are in operation by 31 December 2029; vessels can be deployed earlier or in stages if appropriate but the demonstration period starts once all funded technology is in operation
- ensure adequate training is provided for all those using the vessels or infrastructure
- ensure there are appropriate repair and maintenance provisions for your vessels and infrastructure during the three year demonstration period

Deliverables

Throughout, and at the end of your project you must:

- produce a clear, detailed and costed plan to fully scale and enter the solution into UK and global markets over the following three years after project completion, including your technical approach, objectives and business case
- produce a summary report for public release of lessons learned from the project
- quantify the actual and potential reduction of well-to-wake greenhouse gas emissions, the actual and potential impacts on other emissions and positive economic impacts in the future
- develop evidence on expected commercial applications and exploitation, and potential market segments
- explain your understanding of any barriers to market adoption
- detail the barriers to adoption that the future demonstration will overcome and the innovation that will be delivered
- share your demonstration data and findings with the Department for Transport (DfT), Maritime and Coastguard agency (MCA), Innovate UK and any third party contractors appointed by them
- produce a clear plan for disseminating the results of your project and knowledge sharing to government, industry and academia
- provide the evidence required to support the DfT's evaluation of the scheme

Deliverables

For these deliverables, Innovate UK will issue further guidance to successful projects on the requirements for engaging with and providing the evidence required to support the DfT's evaluation of the scheme. Failure to engage with the evaluation when requested could result in your project being suspended or funding withdrawn.

Successful projects will be required to engage with the DfT, Innovate UK and any third party contractors appointed by them relating to evaluation of ZEV12 projects.

Data shared with these parties is expected to include written application responses, project initiation data, monitoring data, end of project reports and involvement in some primary data collection activities such as surveys and focus groups. All information will be treated as commercially sensitive.

Demonstration Period

- Your demonstration must include the vessel and infrastructure technology being used in a representative real world operational environment for a period of at least three years. The demonstration must reflect a full scale commercial operational profile and the vessel and any infrastructure technology must have significant use throughout the demonstration period.
- There is no fixed definition of how projects must undertake their demonstration and use this three year period. The demonstration will depend on your project, technology and what is required to prove its performance. We require projects utilise this three year period fully and to gather as much performance data as possible.
- Your application must clearly state how you plan to undertake the demonstration, including how much time in operational use you currently expect and why this is appropriate for your project. During the demonstration you must validate the technology, vessel and infrastructure operation for the use case or target market and capture data on the performance, including its impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts.

Demonstration Period

- Projects which include a vessel intended to operate at sea must include appropriate demonstrations for three years at sea. Projects may undertake initial tests in categorised waters before progressing to sea, subject to compliance with relevant regulations, but this must be done before the three year demonstration period.
- Vessel demonstrations should plan to operate in a variety of sea states. Vessels must comply with and be certificated in accordance with relevant regulations before proceeding to sea.
- Applicants should be aware that the demonstration must start by December 2029 which is when sea states are typically greater around the UK.
- Projects which include vessels operating on categorised waters, for example, inland waterways, that will never operate at sea can complete their full demonstration within categorised waters.

Demonstration Period

- The three year demonstration period should take place in UK waters wherever possible. If the vessel in your project is intended to operate in inland waterways or territorial seas only, the demonstration must take place only in UK inland waterways or UK territorial seas.
- International vessel operations are only acceptable where they are a normal and necessary part of the vessel's commercial operational profile. International journeys must be fully justified and the benefit to the UK clearly explained. International journeys must originate from the UK and must have frequent visits to the UK. We will not fund international infrastructure nor accept operations originating outside the UK.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Innovate UK will issue further guidance to successful projects on the requirements for engaging with and providing the evidence required to support the DfT's evaluation of the scheme. Failure to engage with the evaluation when requested could result in your project being suspended or funding withdrawn.

Successful projects will be required to engage with the DfT, Innovate UK and any third party contractors appointed by them relating to evaluation of CMDC projects.

Data shared with these parties is expected to include written application responses, project initiation data, monitoring data, end of project reports and involvement in some primary data collection activities such as surveys and focus groups. All information will be treated as commercially sensitive.

Priority Theme

This priority theme is of particular interest in this competition, but we welcome all applications that address the central theme(s) of each Strand.

- Projects involving multiple vessels for multiple end users.

Your priority theme project must also address the theme themes listed in each individual Strand.

Exclusions

We are not funding projects that are:

- focusing on increasing the combustion efficiency or improving the design of conventional fossil fuel powertrains, except where related to waste heat recovery
- including funded costs for fossil fuels and fossil fuel powertrains
- focusing on battery electric vessels that are not 100% battery electric, for example, propulsion systems that are a hybrid of electric and fossil fuel
- focusing on shore power systems that are not novel, innovative and commercially viable
- focusing on marine conservation and ecology
- focusing on removing non-GHG and indirect GHGs from the combustion products of conventional fossil fuels and synthetic fossil fuels
- focusing on non-methanol biofuels, except for projects that utilise biofuels as a pilot fuel or secondary fuel on vessels predominantly powered by methanol, ammonia or hydrogen that are zero or net zero GHG emission

Exclusions

We are not funding projects that are:

- focusing on Personal Watercraft (PWC)
- focusing on the use and production of synthetic fuels, note: this exclusion does not apply to the use of zero or near zero greenhouse gas emission methanol, ammonia and hydrogen fuels
- focusing on submarines and submersible vessels
- focusing on military applications
- covered by existing commercial agreements to deliver the proposed solutions
- a duplicate of existing innovation

End Users

Projects must include relevant representative end users such as a vessel operators, port or harbour authority: the end users must be an integral part in the project development and demonstration

Alternative Fuel and Electric Power Strand project collaborations must include both:

- a **UK registered ship owner, manufacturer or operator**
- a **UK registered infrastructure owner or operator (e.g. port, harbour, marina, inland waterway authority or windfarm)**

Energy Efficiency Strand project collaborations must also include a **UK registered ship owner, manufacturer or operator**. Energy efficiency projects must also include a **UK registered infrastructure or owner operator** if the project requires infrastructure development.

Types of Vessels and vessel regulation

Technologies for all sizes and categories of maritime vessel subject to the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 are in scope, including pleasure, commercial fishing and aquaculture vessels. Solutions can be suitable for one target size of vessel or multiple.

Vessels must comply with relevant regulations when undertaking voyages and where appropriate, be certificated subject to vessel type. These vessels cannot proceed to sea without relevant seagoing certification.

For a project involving a new hull, the vessel must be a United Kingdom Ship built to Classification Society or Certifying Authority rules. The vessel must remain a UK Ship under that Classification Society or Certifying Authority for the full demonstration period.

United Kingdom Ship is defined in 85(2) of the [Merchant Shipping Act 1995](#).

Types of Vessels and vessel regulation

For a project involving testing technology on an existing vessel, the vessel is expected to be a **United Kingdom Ship**, otherwise you must provide justification for not using a United Kingdom Ship in your application. The vessel must be under Classification Society or Certifying Authority Rules during build or retrofit and during the demonstration period.

Projects involving a vessel must engage with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) during the project. The MCA may also contact successful projects shortly after you are notified to discuss the details of your project. Failure to engage with the MCA when requested could result in your project being suspended or funding withdrawn.

Types of Infrastructure

Strand 1 – Alternative Fuels

Any physical structures or systems necessary to enable alternative fuel vessel operations, onshore or offshore are in scope. This includes infrastructure for freight, passenger, pleasure and commercial vessels, located at, for example, ports, harbours or wind farms. Port based energy systems that supply energy to maritime vessels are in scope. This includes innovative localised energy generation, load management and energy storage solutions to supply energy to maritime vessels.

Strand 2 – Electric Power

Any physical structures or systems necessary to enable 100% battery electric vessel operations, onshore or offshore are in scope. This includes infrastructure for freight, passenger, pleasure and commercial vessels, located at, for example, ports, harbours or wind farms. Port based energy systems that supply energy to maritime vessels are in scope. This includes innovative localised energy generation, load management and energy storage solutions to supply energy to maritime vessels.

Shore power infrastructure that enables vessels to turn off their conventional power supply for ancillary systems, also known as cold ironing, is in scope where it is novel, innovative and commercially viable.

Strand 3 – Energy Efficiency

Any physical structures or systems necessary to enable vessel operations with your energy efficiency technology, onshore or offshore are in scope. This includes infrastructure for freight, passenger, pleasure and commercial vessels, located at, for example, ports, harbours or wind farms.

Value for UK

We strongly encourage projects from around the UK to support jobs and economic growth, including projects from ports, vessel operators, vessel manufacturers and their supply chain. We welcome projects from areas with existing clean maritime expertise or co-located in clusters of renewable energy production and usage, including hydrogen.

You must clearly demonstrate how you will anchor intellectual property (IP) generated by the project in the UK. You must also show how this IP will be exploited for the benefit of the UK supply chain and wider economy in the future.

New Consortia

We encourage projects that have been successful and were funded by previous Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition (CMDc) rounds, to apply for further funding support to continue developing your projects.

You are not required to have been successful in previous round of CMDc to apply with an eligible project to Round 2.

Portfolio Approach

We want to fund a variety of projects across different priority themes, specific themes, strands, technologies, markets, technological maturities, research categories and locations. We call this a portfolio approach which will be used to make funding decisions in this competition.

ZEVI 2 – Support

If you are unsure about anything in this competition, always reach out to support@iuk.ukri.org

Eligibility criteria



Eligibility Criteria – Your Project

Your project must:

- have total eligible costs between £6 million and £60 million
- start by **1 April 2027**
- claim all grant funding by **31 December 2029**
- complete a non-funded three year demonstration, starting by 1 January 2030 and ending by 31 December 2032
- have a maximum total project grant funding request of no more than £30 million, of which no more than £20 million can be allocated to a single participant

Eligibility Criteria – Lead Organisation

Lead organisation:

To lead a project your organisation must:

- be a UK registered business of any size
- be, or collaborate with, a UK registered ship owner, manufacturer or operator
- (for strand 1 and 2 only) be, or collaborate with, a UK registered infrastructure owner or operator, for example, a port, harbour, marina, inland waterway authority or windfarm
- (for strand 3 only) (if your project requires infrastructure technology development) be, or collaborate with, a UK registered infrastructure owner or operator, for example, a port, harbour, marina, inland waterway authority or windfarm

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

Eligibility Criteria – Collaboration

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

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 organisations who do not claim any funding for their work on the project. Their costs will be covered from their own resources. These can include UK, EU and other non-UK organisations. Non-UK partners are permitted to carry out project work from within their home countries and exploit the results outside the UK.

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 subcontractors 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.

Any overseas subcontracting will be assessed for value for money for the UK.

Your grant offer may be withdrawn if you use overseas subcontracting that has not been approved by Innovate UK following a notification of success.

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

Eligibility Criteria – Number of applications

Number of applications

A business can only lead on one application across all three strands of this competition. A business can also lead on one application across all three strands of Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition 7 (CMDC 7).

If leading an application, a business can also be included as a collaborator or subcontractor in two further applications across all three strands of this competition and the CMDC 7.

If a business is not leading any application, it can collaborate or be a subcontractor in any number of applications across all three strands of the ZEV 2 and the CMDC 7 competitions

Applications that do not meet these requirements will be made ineligible, in order of the most recent submission being made ineligible first.

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

Previously submitted applications

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

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



Innovation Funding Service (IFS)

Creating an account

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For pre-existing businesses and Research organisations

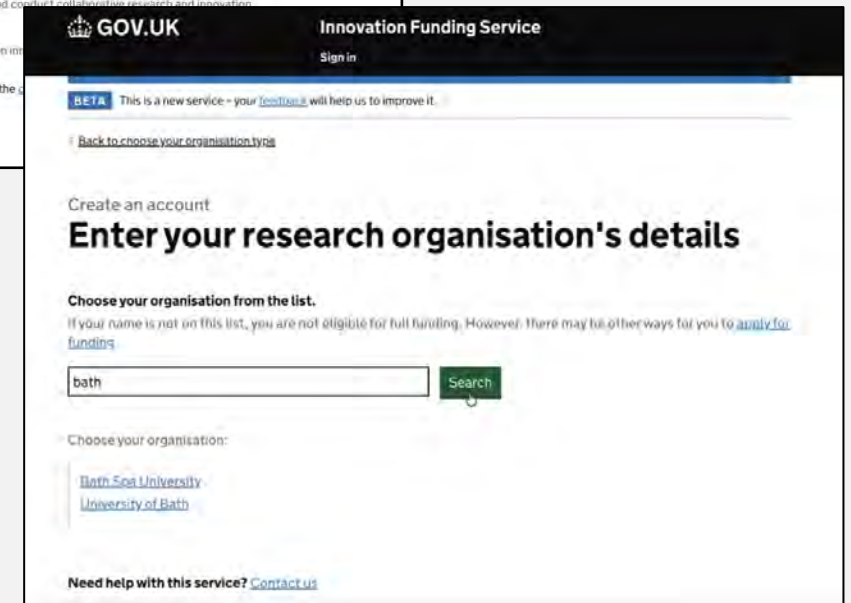
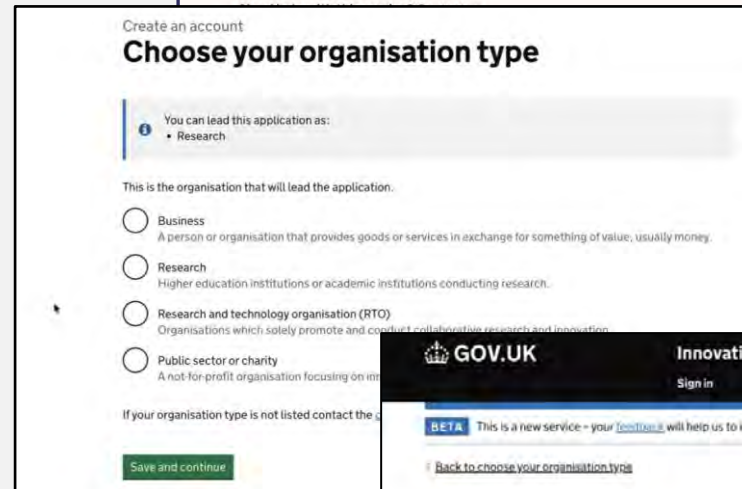
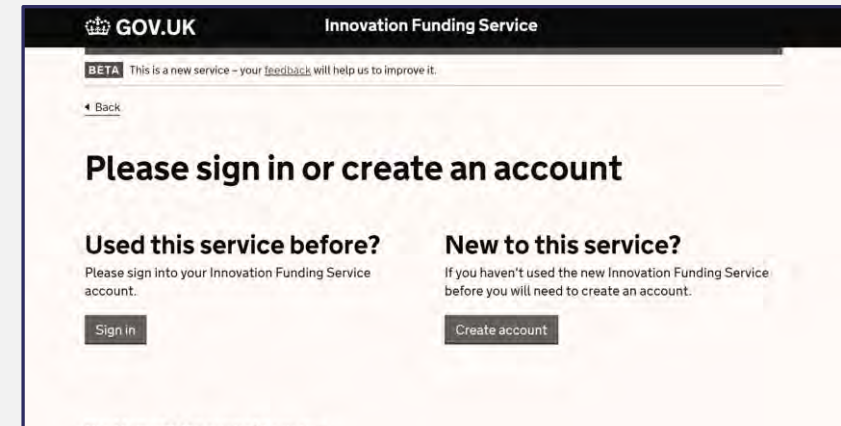
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Academic Institutions

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

If your organisation is yet to be formed

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



Application Questions

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)	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	End user (not scored)	200 words	Yes – optional, 1 page

Application Questions

Application Form		Word Count	Appendix
Question 8	Need or challenge	800 words	No
Question 9	Approach and innovation	1000 words	Yes – optional, 2 pages
Question 10	Demonstration period approach	1000 words	Yes – optional, 2 pages
Question 11	Environmental impact	1000 words	Yes – optional, 2 pages
Question 12	Team and resources	800 words	Yes – optional, 2 pages
Question 13	Market awareness	800 words	No
Question 14	Outcomes and route to market	800 words	No
Question 15	Jobs and investment	1000 words	Yes – mandatory, 2 pages
Question 16	Wider impacts	800 words	No
Question 17	Project management	1000 words	Yes- mandatory, 2 pages
Question 18	Risks	800 words	Yes- mandatory, 2 pages
Question 19	Knowledge sharing and clean maritime market development	600 words	No
Question 20	Added value	800 words	Yes – optional, 2 pages
Question 21	Costs and value for money	1000 words	Yes – optional, 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](#)

Capital costs

You could get funding for your eligible project capital costs for the duration of the project up until 31 December 2029 of up to **80%** of your investment into:

- vessels used for your demonstration
- infrastructure used for your demonstration

Other capital costs	£0
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Other capital costs guidance	
Description and justification of the cost	
Capital labour costs	£0
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Capital Labour costs guidance	
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Number of staff and roles within the project	
Capital expenditure costs	£0
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Capital expenditure costs guidance	
Description and justification of the cost	Estimated cost (£)

A capital cost is usually one-off expenditure on the acquisition, construction or enhancement of significant fixed assets including buildings and equipment that will be of use or benefit for more than one financial year.

Capital costs

Ineligible R&D and capital costs include:

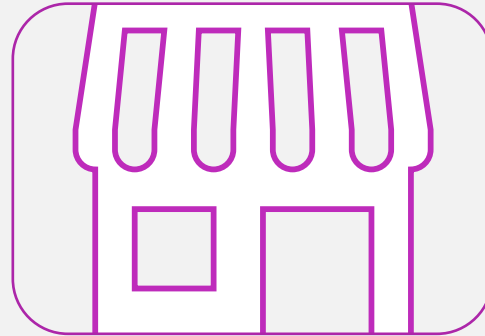
- working capital to enable commercial production
- costs of materials sold as part of limited commercial activity
- costs or expenses that will be incurred or defrayed outside of the time period covered by the live phase of the project
- contingency costs
- any fees associated with any periodic audit or accountancy reports that we require in accordance with the grant

Your Project Cost Categories

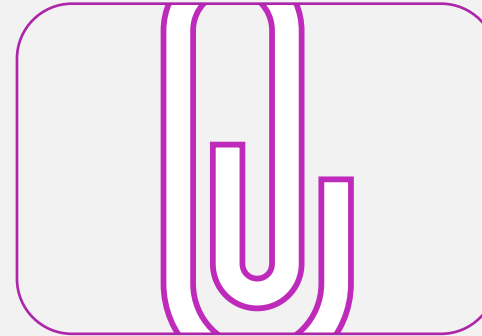
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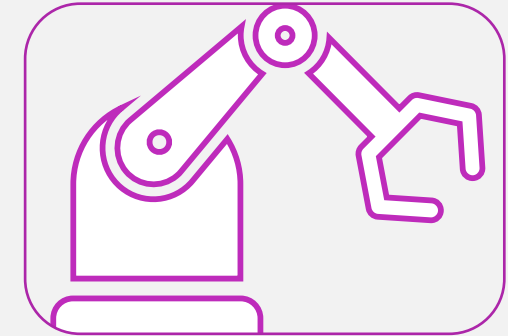
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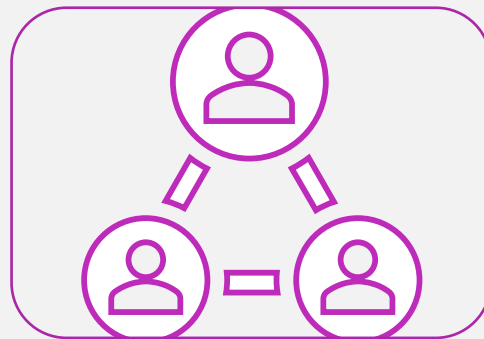
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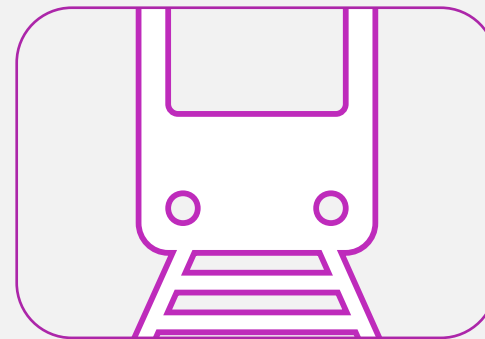
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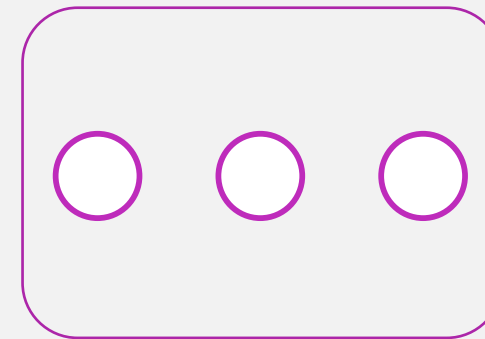
Capital Usage



Subcontractors



Travel &
Subsistence





Other

Your project finances


Finances

Your organisation is required to submit its project finances. Your organisation's project costs can be seen in the 'Finances overview'.


Your project finances  Incomplete


[Finances overview](#)  Incomplete


Finances


 Only members from your organisation will be able to see a breakdown of your finances.

Please complete your project finances.

[Your project costs](#)  Incomplete

[Your project location](#)  Incomplete

[Your organisation](#)  Incomplete

[Your funding](#)  Incomplete

Your project costs

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

Your project location

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

Your organisation

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

Your funding

Include your funding level percentage according to the competition's funding rules.

You can declare Other Public Sector Funding here if you have previously received public money for **exactly** the same activities

Checking your finances are complete

Finances summary

These organisations have not marked their finances as complete:

- Ludlow
- EGGS

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

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

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

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

Research organisation participation must be no greater than **5%** 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](#)



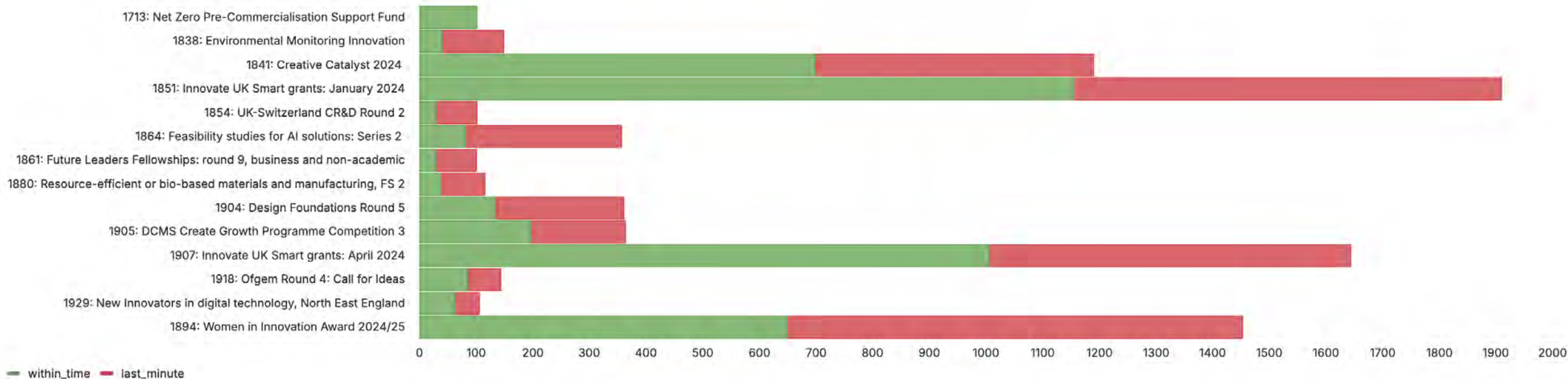
I agree to the [full terms and conditions](#) set out by the funding authority. I understand I need to agree to the final contract if my application is successful.

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

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[Award terms and conditions](#) ✓ Complete

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

Remember to press
'Submit application'

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[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

Changes for Academics



Academic cost categories

Your project costs

Provide the project costs for XXXXX

Only your organisation can see this level of detail. All members of your organisation can access and edit your project finances. We recommend assigning completion of your project finances to one member of your team.

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

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

Show all sections

Directly incurred	£0
<input type="checkbox"/> Show	
Directly allocated	£0
<input type="checkbox"/> Show	
Indirect costs	£0
<input type="checkbox"/> Show	

Exceptions

£0

Show

Total project costs £0

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

[▶ What should I include?](#)

No file currently uploaded.

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

[Mark as complete](#)

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

- Directly incurred
- Directly allocated
- Indirect costs
- Exceptions

Academic cost categories

Total project costs £0

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

[What should I include?](#)

You must upload a copy of the detailed breakdown of your project finances.

No file currently uploaded.

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

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

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 **overdue** final claim or Independent Accountant Report (IAR) on a live Innovate UK project, you will not be eligible to apply to these competitions, 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 these competitions

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.

If your project falls under the Windsor Framework, it will need to comply with State Aid rules. In some cases, this can mean lower intervention rates.

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](#).

Assessment



Assessment

[YouTube Playlist](#)

-  **How do our assessors assess?**
Innovate UK • 8.1K views • 2 years ago
-  **How are successful applications selected for funding?**
Innovate UK • 17K views • 2 years ago
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Innovate UK • 7.7K views • 2 years ago
-  **How are successful projects monitored?**
Innovate UK • 4.1K views • 2 years ago
-  **How successful applicants receive their funding.**
Innovate UK • 4.6K views • 2 years ago



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 **30 calendar** days of receiving your notification. Failure to do so may result in funding being withdrawn.

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

How you get paid

- 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



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 these competitions'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

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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

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 circular 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", where "free" is 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](#).

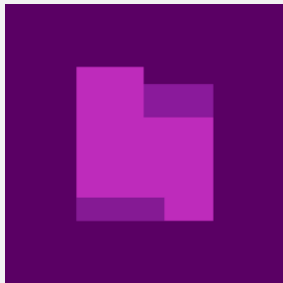
Innovate UK reserves the rights to host competitions on a needs basis and will adjust each competition criteria and scope accordingly. We may occasionally run closed competitions that are for invited applicants only. These are run based on the challenge requirement or need.

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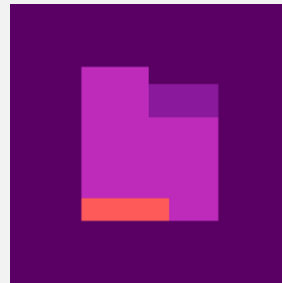
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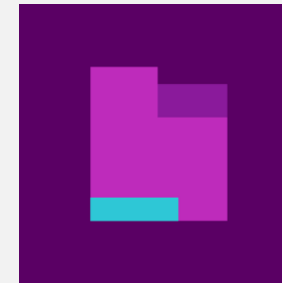
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