Welcome
Future Economy Investor Partnerships SME round 2

Applicant briefing
23rd May 2023

The webinar will start at 14:00

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

- Welcome and introductions
  - Nigel Walker
  - Bruce Colley
  - Sebastian Leonard

- Part 1
  Background, scope and delivery of the investor partnerships programme

- Part 2
  Applying through the Innovation Funding Service, application questions

- Part 3
  Submitting your application, assessment, investment completion and project set-up
Introduction to Innovate UK and UKRI
We work with the government to invest over £7 billion a year in research and innovation by partnering with academia and industry to make the impossible, possible. Through the UK’s nine leading academic and industrial funding councils, we create **knowledge with impact**.
Innovate UK

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

Our Mission

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

Strategic Themes
- Future Economy
- Growth at Scale
- Global Opportunities
- Innovation Ecosystem
- Government Levers

Strong Foundations
- Science & Research Strengths
- Design Expertise
- Societal Impact & Responsible Innovation
- Innovation Talent & Skills
- Equality Diversity & Inclusion
- Place & Levelling Up
Growing, innovating businesses are key to a strong, sustainable, and competitive UK economy.

The UK ranks 3rd in the world for start-ups, but only 13th for scaling businesses.

We will strengthen our ability to help businesses to grow and scale. We will think beyond projects and novel products to increase focus on the company and its growth journey.

**Global Market Access**
Supporting SMEs to enter the supply chains of the future.

**Prepare for Growth**
Developing leadership and commercial skills, IP, business models, and use of standards.

**Growth Capital and Resources**
Increasing investment through Loans, Investor Partnerships, British Business Bank, etc.

**Innovate UK EDGE**
Providing businesses with bespoke innovation and growth support services.
The future economy will be very different as we improve the quality of life for all, protect the environment and conserve Earth’s resources.

To help UK business realise the opportunities, we will deliver ambitious and purpose-driven programmes in 4 areas:

- **Net Zero**: Innovations in energy, transport, agriculture, buildings, manufacturing and more.
- **Health & Wellbeing**: Innovation in diagnostics, medicines and novel therapies, connected health, diet and more.
- **Technologies**: Developing 7 technology families to help solve the world’s biggest problems and grow the UK economy.
- **Foresight**: Horizon scanning to enable an agile and intelligent respond to disruptive, emerging technologies.
The ‘capitalisation challenge’

The ‘inclusion challenge’

Proportion of equity deals and investment received by all-male teams and teams with at least one female founder (combining all-female and mixed gender teams)

Source: British Business Bank analysis of Beaufurth data

Access to VC funding by ethnicity

Total number of founders that raised venture capital funding between 2009 and 2019 by ethnicity

Share of overall funding by ethnicity

Sources: BBB 2020 & 2022 / Diversity VC 2019 / Extend VC 2020
Investor Partnerships: accelerating investment

Addressing challenge of innovative SMEs that need:
- support for innovation and
- access to capital

Bringing together:
- grant funding
- innovative R&D projects in future economy areas
- aligned VC and Angel equity investment

Delivering:
- accelerated investment (11x to date)
- growth at scale through innovation

Investor partnerships between 2017 and 2025:
- £85.5m budgets to date + £80m future commitment
- £53.7m grants committed
- £31.5m grants deployed
- 183 SMEs supported
- £145m aligned investment (>2.5x)
- 31 lead investor partners
- £444m in follow-on funding (>8x)

Innovate UK
- Validate quality early-stage R&D projects via independent assessment
- Non-dilutive finance via grant funding
- Access to UK wide companies
- Monitoring of projects

Maximise impact and reduce risk

Portfolio of businesses
- Funded to develop IP and capitalised for growth
- Strong, commercially exploitable asset
- Good team with aptitude for growth
- Structure to support scale

Investor Partner
- Identification of investible company
- Equity finance to capitalise the business
- Access to markets, contacts and experience
- Commercial influence on company
Scope
Summary

- Up to £80m of grant funding to businesses over next 3 years
- Aligned investment of at least £100m led by our investor partners, with expectation of over £400m follow-on investment
- Supporting companies with R&D projects within the scope of:
  - Our specific focus areas in the future economy
  - Broader future economy areas
  - Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Supporting early stage R&D projects with sizes from £100k to £1m and later stage projects up to £2m
- Grant funding will only be offered if the aligned investment from or led by one or more of our investor partners completes
- Regular SME funding rounds starting in March 2023 and running until summer 2024
Specific themes

Health and Wellbeing
- innovative solutions to health and healthcare challenges (Biomedical Catalyst)
- the application of extended reality for digital mental health, including immersive content that could be delivered as a digital mental health therapeutic in formal healthcare settings (Mindset)
- novel low-emission food production systems (specific, separate competition)*

Next generation digital technologies
- projects within the creative industries which are underpinned by innovative digital technology as well as sustainable innovations, such as circular fashion (Creative Catalyst)
- adoption of artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies in targeted industries (Bridge AI)

Net zero
- capital intensive technologies
- power – particularly offshore wind, civil nuclear, hydrogen, carbon capture and storage, and whole systems integration
- heating and retrofit
- mobility
- resource efficiency for materials and manufacturing
- critical circular materials
- battery technologies for transport and energy storage (Faraday Battery Challenge)

Knows No Limits
- innovations from diverse founders or senior decision-makers that are from under-represented groups and are role models
- innovations outside of the future economy theme areas, including those that support under-served communities and groups
The greatest asset we have in the UK is the incredible and diverse talent available.

Currently, there is a lack of diversity and underrepresentation for private investment in innovative businesses in the UK.

There is a huge economic opportunity to breaking down the barriers to access finance:

- Ethnic minority businesses contributed a staggering £25 billion to the UK economy
- Advancing female entrepreneurship represents a £250 billion opportunity for the UK economy

Diversity in businesses contributes to enhanced performance and commercial success.

We want to unlock the power of untapped talent and businesses through the launch of No Limits.

A great idea can come from anyone
Investment in innovation KNOWS NO LIMITS!

What can you do to maximise the opportunity of this untapped potential?

Lets work together!
What are we looking for?

- Ambitious companies seeking investment
- Developing innovation with a well defined R&D project
- Links to specific themes
- Investment attractive and investment ready
- Established traction with an investor partner
SME application process

- Investment readiness via Innovate UK EDGE
- Investor connections Innovate UK KTN

1. Investor and SME expression of interest
2. SME makes innovation project application
3. Assessment and confirmation of reaching quality threshold
4. Confirmation of investment additionality and traction prior to funding decision
5. Successful SME starts project setup and monitoring officer assigned
6. Grant Offer Letter produced – investment confirmed and start project
Investor Support

Supporting the competition and connecting investors to the programme, increasing the pool of active and diverse investors.

Innovate UK Edge

Working closely with Innovate UK Edge to ensure SMEs are investment ready when applying for the programme.

Investor Office Hours

Connecting Investor Partnership Investors to SMEs seeking investment via a programme of Office Hours.

Investor Directory

Available on the UKRI website, a brochure containing the full list of investor partners and their contact details.
Innovate UK EDGE

Tailored support that grows and scales ambitious innovation-focused businesses

350+ innovation and growth specialists embedded in all UK regional ecosystems. We intervene at early, growth and scaling stages, with our core advisory service and enhanced Scaleup Programme, taking targeted action for:

- Honing commercial strategy & structure
- Innovation management, inc. IP & infrastructure access
- Finance & funding strategy, inc. investment readiness
- Expanding into international markets, inc. via EEN
Build investment readiness

Our specialists help clients approach debt, equity and grant finance more strategically and thus develop funding and finance strategies that better support their innovation and expansion ambitions.

They provide guidance on the best options from regional, national and international sources, both public and private, reviewing applications as a critical friend where necessary.

Depending on growth stage this can mean:

• Introducing financial controls and KPIs
• Improving financial management
• Using debt finance, innovation loan finance
• Leveraging the assets of the company
• Maximising the benefit of tax credits
• Improving pitching and investment readiness
• Supporting the 2nd round equity finance process
• Securing collaborative project grant funding

“We’re thriving in a disruptive sector with Innovate UK EDGE support. Its strategic input has been invaluable to help grow our business.” Mark Hewitt, ICAX
Before you apply to investor partnerships

We can support you by:

• Providing 1:1 expertise and access to resources to help your business get investment ready
• Identifying the types of investors who might be suitable for your business
• Critique and fine-tuning of your pitch deck
• Reviewing / implementing an intellectual property strategy
• Increasing your confidence in how to approach and engage with investors
• Connecting you to other funding or investment opportunities locally and globally
• **Invest-ability intensive training** to help you to understand the fundamentals of investment readiness, pitching and how to approach investors
• **Pitch Panels** – test your pitch and gain valuable feedback from angel and VC investors

98% of companies would recommend Innovate UK EDGE support to others

Contact us:
https://www.innovateukedge.ukri.org/contact-us
Pool of investor partners
Investor partners

What sort of investors do we partner with?
• Venture capital
• Corporate VC
• Angel investor partners
• UK-based… International… Regional
• Specialists, deep tech, sector specific and generalist
• Financial investors, strategic investors, impact investors, charities

What sort of investments do they make?
• Equity
• Quasi-equity (convertible loan notes)

What sort of stage do they invest at?
• Seed / post seed
• Pre-series A / Series A
• Leading or significant role in syndicate

• We expect to add further investors to the ‘pool’ of 54 partners at the end of May
References

- **UKRI – Investor partnership website**
  - summarises scope and background of investor partnership programme
  - directory of existing investor partners

- **KTN – Investor partnership website**
  - covers future connecting opportunities (including “office hours”)
  - Searchable directory of investor partners
Scope Q&A
Eligibility criteria
## Previously submitted applications

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

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| A previously submitted application is an application Innovate UK judges as **not** materially different from one you have submitted before (but it can be updated based on the assessors' feedback) | A brand-new application, project or idea that you have not previously submitted into an Innovate UK competition  

**OR**  
A previously submitted or ineligible application which:  
✓ has been updated based on assessor feedback  
✓ **and** is materially different from the application submitted before  
✓ **and** fits with the scope of this competition |
## Eligibility criteria

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<td>• intend to exploit the results in or from the UK</td>
<td>• have discussed and agreed your proposal with your investor partner before submitting your application</td>
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## Summary of funding

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*Research category definitions*
Compliance with the UK Subsidy Control Regime

On 1 January 2021, the UK left the EU and is no longer subject to EU laws on State aid. We draw your attention to the guidance issued by BEIS: Complying with the UK’s international obligations on subsidy control: guidance for public authorities. Please be aware this is a living document and may be updated by BEIS as time progresses.

The set rules (typically GBER) which we previously relied on for the limits of what we could award, have now been replaced by internal decisions based on the new BEIS Subsidy Control Regime, and on policy, which will in turn set out bespoke eligibility requirements for each funding opportunity.

Innovate UK is offering funding for this competition 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;
▪ Article 10 of the Northern Ireland Protocol (successful applicants which are affected by the Northern Ireland Protocol will be funded in line with EU State aid regulations)
▪ Article 138 of the Withdrawal Agreement (some Union law applicable after 31 December 2020 in relation to the UK’s participation in Union programmes and activities)
▪ the Subsidies and Countervailing measures within the WTO (ASCM)
▪ any other Free Trade Agreements active at the time of award

All awards will be conditional on compliance at all times with the UK’s International obligations on Subsidy Control - this will be reflected in the terms and conditions of any award.
Due diligence for UK Subsidy Control Regime

Under the Subsidy Control Regime, we will carry out financial health checks and going concern assurances on your organisation. We will take into account the aligned investment that is a condition of the grant offer.

Certify you are eligible

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

- For more information on company sizes, please refer to the Company accounts guidance.
- Further information is available on our website in the general guidance.
If you are an applicant who is conducting activities that will affect trade of goods and/or electricity between Northern Ireland and the EU as envisaged by Article 10 of the Northern Ireland protocol, then you must apply under European Commission State aid rules.

**Undertaking in Difficulty**
For applicants subject to the European Commission State aid rules, you will be required to prove that they were not an “Undertaking in Difficulty” (UiD). We will ask for evidence of this. We will take into account the aligned investment that is a condition of the grant offer. This test applies to:
- companies that are more than 3 years old
- companies where more than half of its subscribed share capital has disappeared as a result of accumulated losses.
- your parent or holding company

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

Further information is available on our website in the general guidance under state aid.

If you are applying for an award funded under State aid Regulations, the definitions for company size are set out in the European Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003.
Other Innovate UK projects

If you have an outstanding final claim or Independent Accountant Report (IAR) on a completed 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.

Making more than one application

You can only submit one application in this competition.

If you submit an application for the same or a substantially similar application for a project in another competition, you will not be able to obtain support for more than one project.
# Key Dates

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<td>Round 2 Submission Deadline</td>
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Innovation Funding Service (IFS)
Expression of interest - before you apply

We want you to engage with investors **before** submitting a project application

This will help ensure that the project is eligible and in scope and that you have a reasonable likelihood of securing investment

Investor partner will submit an expression of interest:

- Outline R&D project description from SME
- Fit with Future Economy / Knows No Limits scope and specific areas of focus
- Project costs and grant request (based on category of R&D)
- Amount of investment sought
- Expected investment structure / role of investor partner
- Additionality of investment
- Traction in investment process

**Only** once your project is agreed in outline and there is some investment traction should you submit a project application
Search for a funding competition and review criteria
- All themes except novel low-emission food production systems

**Future Economy Investor Partnerships SME round 1**

UK registered businesses can apply for grant funding alongside private investment from selected investor partners.

**Eligibility**
This competition is open to single applicants only.

To apply your organisation must:
- be a UK registered micro, small or medium sized business (SME)
- have been invited to apply by an investor from our pool of selected investor partners

**Open now**
Opened: 16 March 2023
Closes: 10 May 2023
Search for a funding competition and review criteria - novel low-emission food production systems only

Funding competition
Novel low-emission food production systems: Investor Partnership

UK registered SMEs can apply for a share of up to £3 million to develop novel production systems that create resource efficient, low-emission foods, particularly proteins. This must align with private investment from selected investor partners.

Eligibility
This competition is open to single applicants only.
To lead a project your organisation must:
- be a UK registered micro, small or medium-sized enterprise (SME)
- carry out its project work in the UK
- be seeking private financing of at least twice the amount of the grant requested

Opening soon
Opens: 8 May 2023
Closes: 5 July 2023
The lead applicant must create an account:

**UK registered businesses**

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

**Research organisations, academics and universities**

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

- **Application Team** - Contributors can invite colleagues from your own organisation to help you complete your application.

- **Application Details** - Title, timescales, research category, innovation area and previously submitted application (y/n)

- **Subsidy basis** - Will the project, including any related activities, you want Innovate UK to fund, affect trade between Northern Ireland and the EU? All participants must complete this section.

- **Project Summary** - Short summary and objectives of the project including what is innovative about it

- **Public Description** - Description of your project which will be published if you are successful

- **Scope** - How does your project align with the scope of this competition? - If your project is not in scope, it will be ineligible for funding
Application Questions
Detailed guidance available on IFS

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<td>Question 4 Need or Challenge</td>
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Application finances
To claim funding

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

You are unable to claim funding if:

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

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

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

- Labour
- Overheads
- Materials
- Equipment Usage
- Subcontractors
- Travel & Subsistence
- Other
Labour

Costs supported:
- Roles and number of days spent working on project (time sheets required)
- 262 work days per annum (less Public holidays and entitlement)
- paid by PAYE
- Employers NI, annual salaries, pension, health insurance

Costs not supported:
- Dividends & bonuses
- Holiday (excluding that mentioned in eligible costs)
- Training days
- Names not roles assigned to project costs

### Labour Costs

You can claim the labour costs of all employees you have working on your project.

#### Labour costs guidance

If your application is awarded funding, you will need to account for all your labour costs as they occur. For example, you should keep timesheets and payroll records. These should show the actual hours worked by individuals and paid by the organisation.

**Working days per year: 232**

#### Number of staff and roles within the project

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<th>Role within project</th>
<th>Gross employee cost</th>
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**Total labour costs: £25,862**

Add another role
Materials costs

Costs supported
Off the shelf items via 3rd Party suppliers
Items from stock with the replacement of items invoice (used as evidence of supply)

Costs not supported
Whole bulk buy invoices, when only partially used with project work
Items from stock that aren’t being replaced
Equipment treated as assets

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Total materials costs £10,000
Subcontractors*

**Costs supported**
Justification required if non-UK supplier chosen
Independent contractor via 3rd Party suppliers
Linked supplier must be charged at cost
Description of work covered

**Costs not supported**
Intercompany uplifts or profits
Overseas contractors, if UK contractor available-without justification

*You will be required to provide invoices and a description of work
Travel and subsistence

Costs supported
- Rail, Car or Plane**
- Mileage at HMRC rate
- Hotel (Bed and Breakfast)
- Reasonable food costs (overnight stay only)

Costs not supported
- Fuel
- First class travel
- Entertaining or marketing
- Visas
- Unreasonable food costs (overnight stay only)

You will be required to provide vouchers, tickets and invoices and ** must provide number of people travelling, the destination and purpose of visit.

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<td>100</td>
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Total travel & subsistence costs: £3,000
Overheads

Innovate UK’s included costs are those incurred as a direct result of the project

Costs supported

Additional costs for administrative staff
Day to Day Calculation for those people listed in the Labour Costs Table, multiplied by the numbers of days working on the project work.

Costs not supported

Excessive costs of Senior Managers only overseeing project activities
Business as usual day to day rates for Administration Uplifts of any kind
Capital equipment usage*

**Costs supported:**

Usage costs for the period of use
A justification if greater than expected
Depreciation charge is included

**Costs not supported**

Purchase price of equipment
Usage costs for the whole of the project period if only used for part of the time
100% write down within the project timeline**
*Please provide your Fixed Asset Register
**If not applicable
Other costs *

**Costs supported**
- Facility usage**
- Licence fees (or appropriate proportion)
- Miscellaneous (not covered in other categories)
- Quality certification***
- Specific PPE
- Dissemination costs
- Patent filing costs (for SMEs only) limited to £7.5k

**Costs not supported**
- Facility charge rates
- Marketing
- Trademark
- Undefined mixed costs
- Contribution in kind
- Business as usual costs

*You will be required to provide invoices and basis of daily rates
**At daily or hourly cost
***Where required for sign off

Please provide details of any project costs which cannot be covered by the other cost categories.

**Other costs guidance**

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.
Funding rules
The level of funding awarded will depend upon the type of organisation and the type of research being undertaken in the project.
Funding is calculated by project participant.

Grant funding will only be offered if the aligned investment completes in this programme.

IFS will advise the maximum grant % you can request based upon your answers to:
- type and size of organisation
- research category defined by the lead applicant in the Application Details section of the application.
## Summary of funding

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<th>Research category</th>
<th>Project size</th>
<th>Grant available (as a % of total project costs)</th>
<th>Project duration</th>
<th>Aligned investment</th>
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<td>Feasibility study</td>
<td>£50K to £300K</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>6 to 12 months</td>
<td>The investment must be at least equal to the grant funding</td>
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<td>Industrial research</td>
<td>£100K to £1M</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>6 to 24 months</td>
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<td>Experimental development</td>
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<td>45%</td>
<td>12 to 24 months</td>
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**Research category definitions**

- Feasibility study: The investment must be at least equal to the grant funding.
- Industrial research: The investment must be at least equal to the grant funding.
- Experimental development: The investment must be at least twice the grant funding.
Submitting your application
Checking your finances are complete

Make sure you have marked your finances as complete.

IFS DOES NOT VALIDATE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

### Finances Summary

The following organisations have not marked their finances as complete:
- EMPIRE LTD

_A Return to the finances section to complete your finances._

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

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<th>Total costs</th>
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<td>Barry Shaw Experts Ltd</td>
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<td>University of Bath</td>
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Editing a submitted application

Remember to press ‘Submit application’

Reopen by clicking here
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.
Assessment
How do our assessors assess?

All applications are assessed by an independent pool of assessors drawn from industry and academia.

We require our assessors to maintain confidentiality and declare any conflicts of interest, ensuring a fair and transparent process.

Assessors are unable to contact you regarding your application content. Therefore, your application should contain:

- a justification for a viable opportunity for growth and a level of innovation that necessitates public investment
- clear and concise answers
- the right amount of information
- no assumptions

We recommend you review the competition brief and guidance for help.
Assessment and feedback

Assessors will score each question in your application.

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

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

What are we looking for:
• a high quality application within our future economy focus areas (innovation)
• confirmation that the grant award is accelerating the investment (additionality)
• likelihood of the investment completing (traction)

Applications below the innovation project quality threshold will not be considered for funding.

Funding decisions will be made on a portfolio basis, based on funding available for:
• Areas of specific interest
• Broad future economy areas
• Knows No Limits

The additionality and traction are determined principally from the information provided in the expression of interest. This information is confirmed with the investor prior to the funding decision.

We normally expect investment to complete within 3 months of the funders panel.
Additionality and traction

Additionality factors
- Investment amount vs grant
- Existing portfolio company
- Proportion of investment from investor partner
- Diversity
- Region
- Alignment to specified areas of focus

Traction factors
- Stage of completion
- Level of commitment
- Level of support
- Number of investors involved
Project setup for successful applicants
Investment confirmation and project start

Grant confirmation activities
- Project setup
- Monitoring officer
- Grant offer letter sent to company

Investment activities
- Investor and company complete their investment

Confirmation
- Company confirms conditions of the grant
- Investor confirms the investment (meets aligned investment conditions)

Project starts
- Regular monitoring
- Quarterly claims
If you are unsuccessful in this competition
You can use the feedback from the assessors to develop your idea and apply into another competition that allows previously submitted applications

If you are successful in this competition
- you will be assigned a Delivery Executive who will guide you through the Project Set Up process
- you will have 7 days to complete the project team, project details and bank details
- you will typically then have approximately 90 days to confirm completion of the aligned investment and to complete project set up – funding may be withdrawn if this is not completed within this timeframe

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

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

Project delivery

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

*Bespoke growth and scaling support at the business end of innovation*

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

*subject to eligibility and currently in all nations and regions outside Scotland*
An innovation and growth specialist, or scaleup directors, work with a company’s leadership to hone its commercial strategy and help it take targeted action to, for example:

- Build investment readiness
- Manage innovation effectively
- Enter global markets
- Providing local to national to international growth and scaling support
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

• We are on a mission to embed Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in everything we do, internally and externally.

• We believe that great ideas can, and do, come from anyone and everyone.

• We know that diversity and inclusion in businesses contributes to enhanced innovation, satisfaction, performance, and ultimately, commercial success.
Available Support

• We welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and are committed to making our application process accessible to everyone.

• This includes providing support for people who have a disability or long-term condition and face barriers applying to us.

• So, if you would like any support, please contact our Customer Support Service Team on support@iuk.ukri.org or at 0300 321 4357.
What D&A support to expect

1. Contact our Customer Support Services Team as early as possible – we suggest at least 15 working days before the deadline
2. Complete a request form which will be sent to our partner Diversity & Ability (D&A)
3. D&A will conduct a Discovery Conversation with you and make reasonable adjustments recommendations
4. D&A will organise and deliver bespoke reasonable adjustments for and with you
5. Submit your application – please do so well ahead of the deadline as extensions cannot be provided
Contact

Customer Support Services
0300 321 4357 (Monday - Friday 9-5pm)
support@iuk.ukri.org

Innovate UK
ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk

Innovate UK KTN
ktn-uk.co.uk

Innovate UK EDGE
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**Offer / Award**
- High innovation score
- Investment additionality / traction
- Completion
Thank You