

The UKRI logo consists of the letters 'UK' stacked above 'RI' in a white, bold, sans-serif font, set against a dark blue square background.

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The Innovate UK logo features the words 'Innovate' and 'UK' in a white, sans-serif font, positioned to the right of a stylized magenta graphic of the United Kingdom's map.

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An aerial photograph of a large-scale solar farm. Rows of dark blue solar panels are installed on a grassy field, with long shadows cast across them. A narrow path or road runs horizontally through the middle of the panel arrays.

Welcome

SBRI Quantum Networks, Enabling Components & Systems

Applicant Briefing

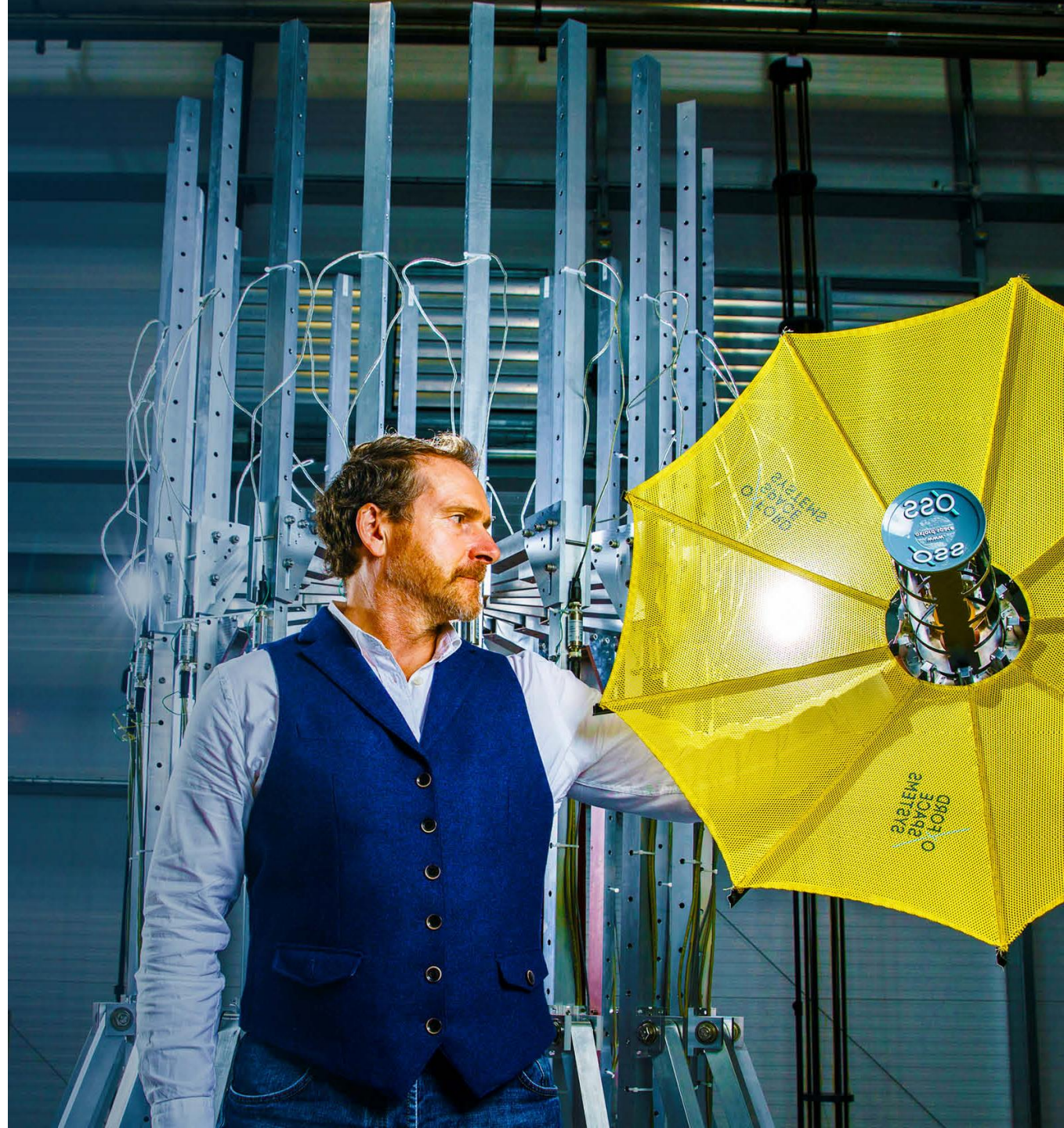
Date: Monday 19th June 2023

The webinar will start at 11:00.

- 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

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Welcome and Introductions

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About SBRI



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Ideas from business.
Innovative solutions.

SBRI: the small business research initiative

Helping government, helping businesses

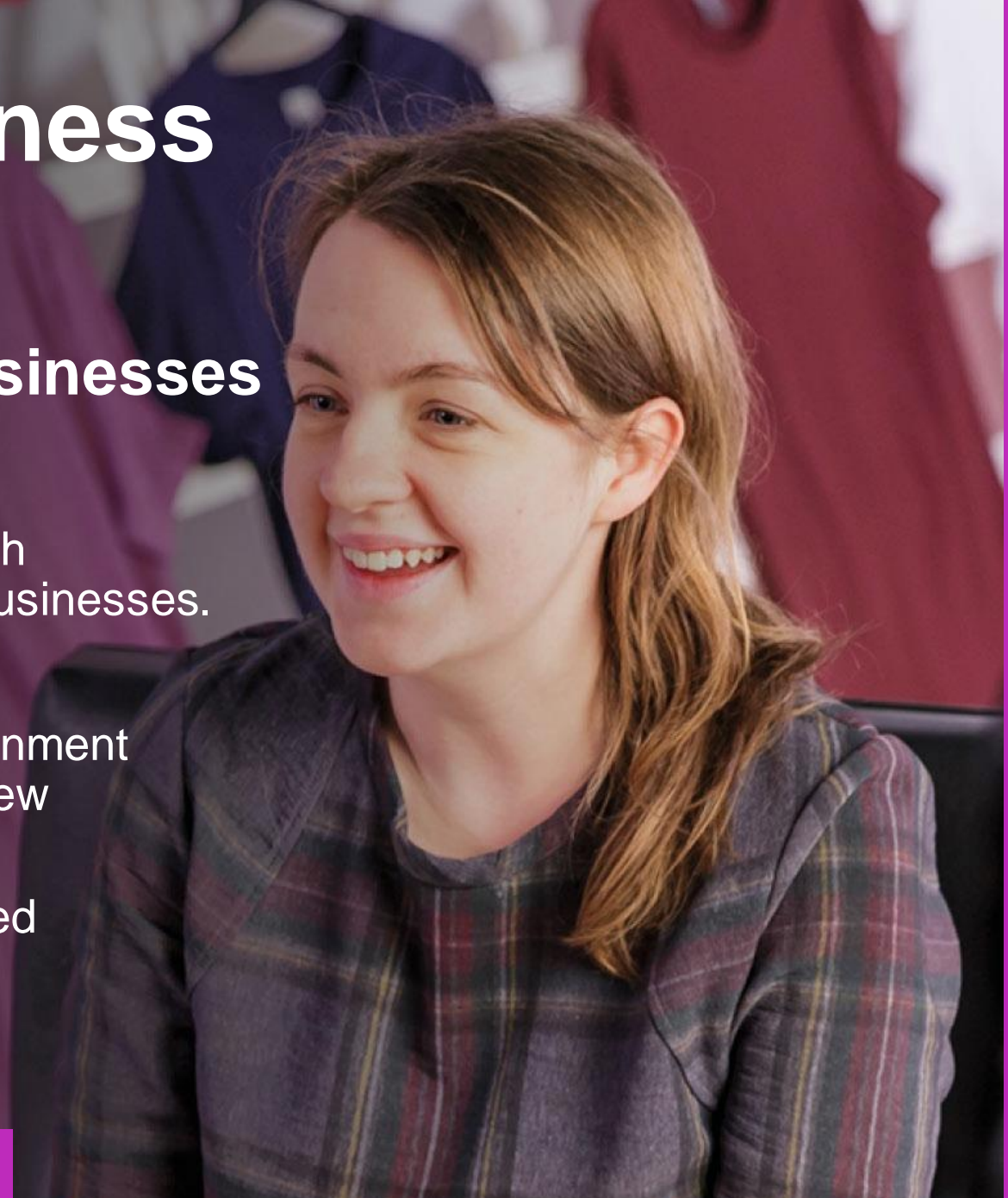
Helping government:

SBRI helps government organisations solve tough challenges by connecting them with innovative businesses.

Helping businesses:

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

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





Government challenges.
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What is SBRI?

Small business research initiative



Pre-commercial procurement



Requires a lead customer



Outcome-driven solutions



Well-defined challenges



R&D services procurement contracts



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SBRI Key Features

Development Contracts

- 100% funded R&D (procurement contract for R&D Services)
- UK implementation of EU pre commercial procurement

Contract with Lead Applicant

- Who may choose to sub-contract but remains accountable

IP rests with Supplier

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

Eligibility

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





Applying to an SBRI competition

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

Introduction to Innovate UK and UKRI



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UK Research and Innovation

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.**



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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.



UK ranks 4th in Global Innovation Index

- Innovation accounts for up to 50% of labour productivity growth
- Firms that persistently invest in R&D have higher productivity
- Innovating companies are more likely to export and generate growth



Scope

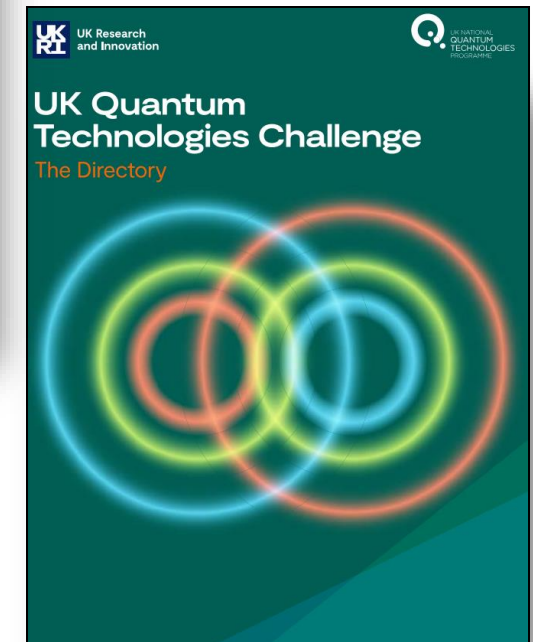
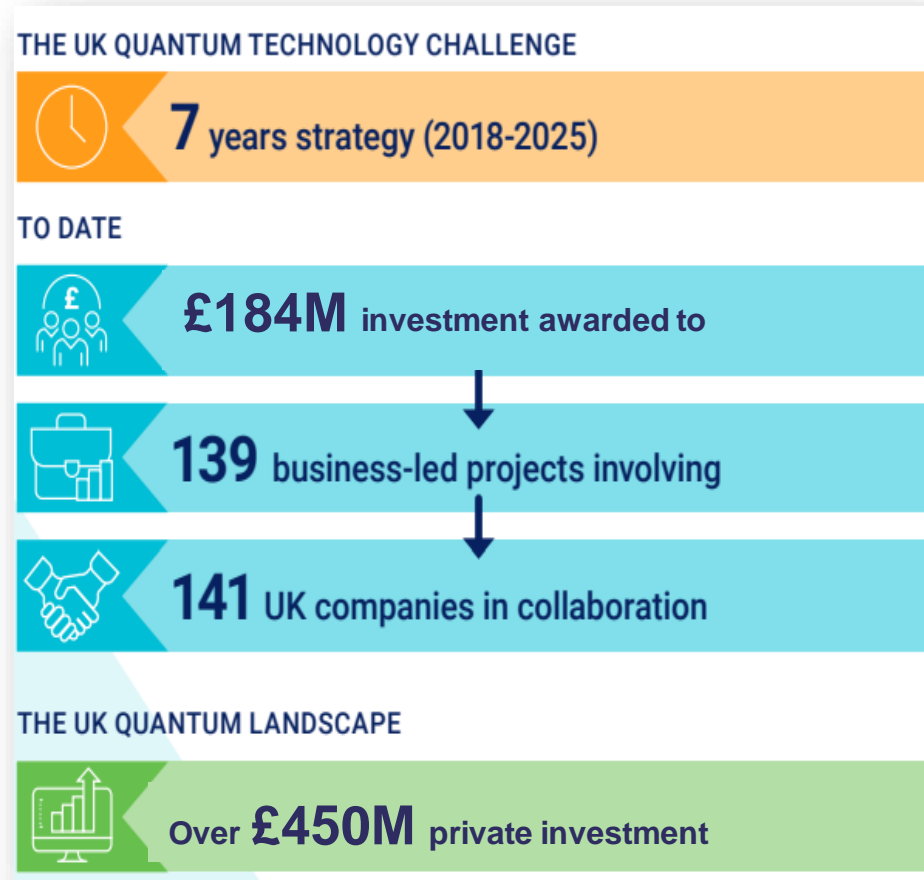


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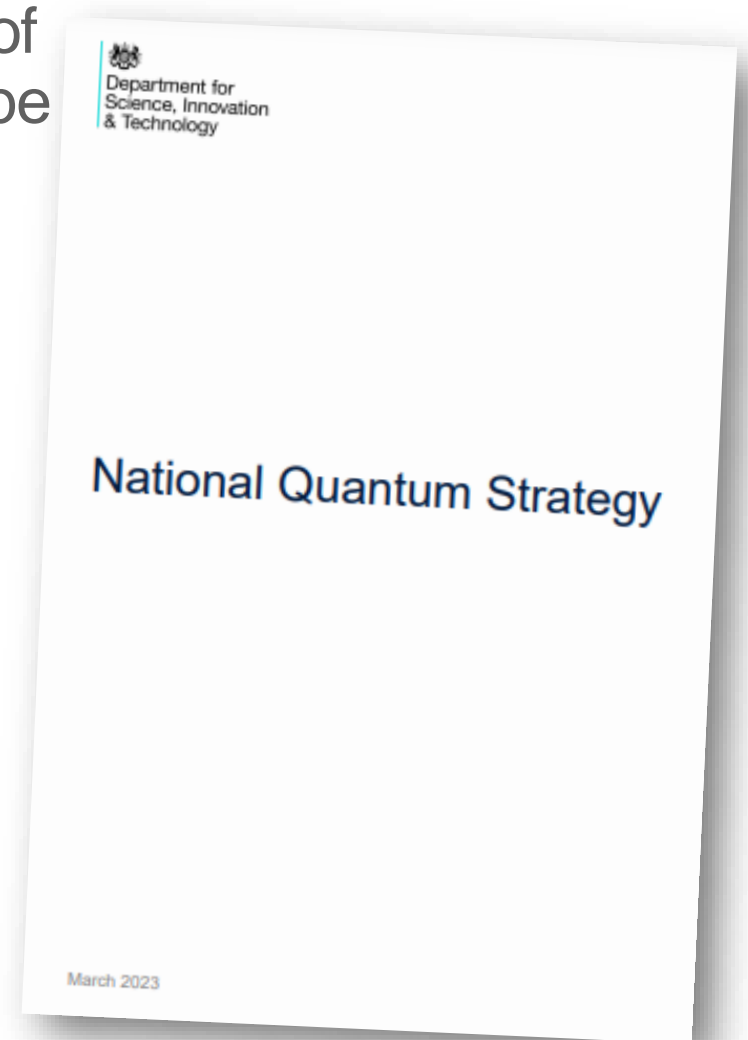
Context: UKRI Quantum Challenge

- UK is growing a vibrant industrial QT ecosystem
 - Addresses economic and societal challenges
- UKRI Quantum Challenge programme is committed and in the delivery phase



Context: National Quantum Strategy 2023

- Government has now made a forward commitment of £2.5Bn over 10 years to scale up UK's ambitions to be a leading quantum-enabled economy
- *“the UK to be a world leading quantum-enabled economy” and “to ensure that quantum technologies are an integral part of the UK’s digital infrastructure”*
- *“making the UK the go-to place for quantum businesses and an integral part of the global supply chain”*



Quantum Networks Accelerator Programme

Quantum technologies will transform the way we handle, process and secure our data. Only when they are integrated into networks will their potential be realised and democratised. The first economy meet this challenge will deliver on a more prosperous and resilient society.

Supporting Government's 10-year vision for a UK economy where *“quantum technologies are an integral part of the UK's digital infrastructure”*

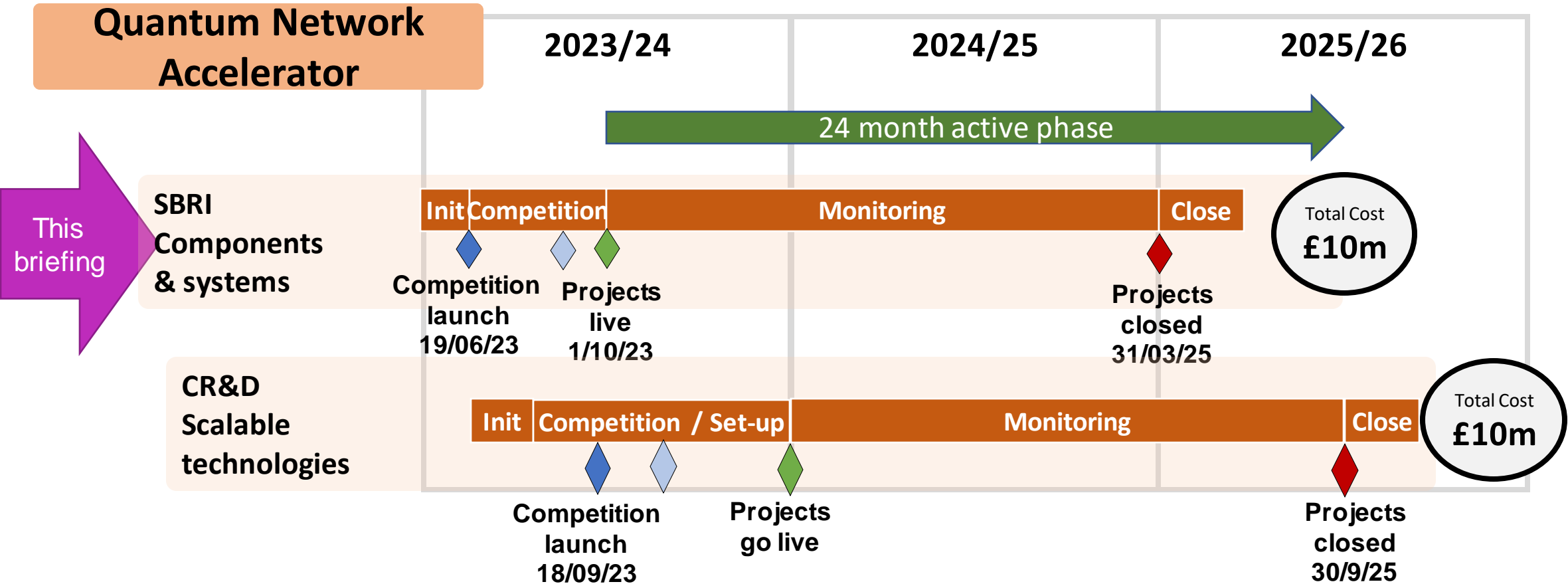


Objectives

The Quantum Networks Accelerator programme will:

1. **Remove technical barriers** to commercialisation
2. **Drive engagement** between the supply chain and users
3. **Advance components and systems** to market
4. **Demonstrate** clear commercial benefits
5. **Build on UK strengths** in quantum, semiconductors, future telecoms and photonics to develop a leading industrial capability

Timeline



Challenge: Quantum Networks, enabling components and systems

- Our communications networks are increasing in capacity and complexity as our economy becomes increasingly underpinned by data. Quantum network technologies will transform the way we secure, handle and process our information to meet these challenges, **to build resilient communications, and to make quantum computers scalable and usable.**
- The aim of this competition is to accelerate the development of enabling components and systems for quantum network technologies and **to build UK leadership in the emerging global market**

We want these innovative projects to enable the UK to become an integral part of the global supply chain for these technologies!

Competition objectives

- Outline how your proposed solution can have a commercial impact
- Evidence the commercial impact by engaging with one or more customers throughout the project
- Demonstrate your solution in a representative setting
- Deliver a deployable prototype by the end of the project

A single phase competition.
not suitable for feasibility studies.

Competition objectives

A single phase competition focused on **prototype development and evaluation**.

This can include prototyping, demonstrating, piloting, testing and validation of new or improved products, processes or services in environments representative of real-life operating conditions.

The primary objective is to make further technical improvements on products, processes or services that are not substantially set.

You must demonstrate a credible and practical route to market, so your application must include a plan to commercialise your results.

Technical scope

Quantum 2.0

‘Second generation quantum technologies are defined as those involving the generation and coherent control of quantum states, resulting in phenomena such as superposition or entanglement. We consider technologies involving single photon generation and detection to be in scope.’

Themes

Your project can focus on one or more of the following

1. Techniques for securing data in storage and in flight
2. Networking of quantum computers to advance information processing

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Quantum communications to develop more robust encryption technologies.

Building resilience to 'store-now, decrypt-later' attacks.

Themes

Your project can focus on one or more of the following

1. Techniques for securing data in storage and in flight
2. Networking of quantum computers to advance information processing

Entanglement-based networking

Amplifying capabilities of individual devices or platforms

Taking a portfolio approach

- We want to fund a **variety of projects** across different **technologies, organisations, themes and markets**. We call this a portfolio approach.
- Projects that build on previous or current IUK activities **must** be clear how a new endeavour will lead to distinct outputs & outcomes

We encourage projects that

- Work with network architects, operators and service providers to introduce quantum technologies to enhance or transform current solutions and services
- Enable the UK to become an integral part of the emerging supply chain for quantum network technologies

Wider remarks on competition scope

We expect Quantum Network Technologies to have a broad impact across markets such as telecoms, data centres, cybersecurity, space.....

Want to see innovation in, and acceleration of:

- Enabling component technologies

 - Sources, detectors, transmitters, receivers, memories, repeaters, QRNGs, hardware encryption modules, software solutions.....

- And systems

 - Higher level architectures, integrated systems of components, Development of capability demonstrators.....

End goal of delivering commercially deployable prototypes with clear commercial prospects and a strong exploitation pathway for the benefit of the UK!

Why SBRI?

- Sufficiently ambitious projects to accelerate development
- Projects to be focused on **the lead** to exploit the technology, and **bring the solutions to market**
 - Only subcontracting where necessary
- Close relationship with the user ensures the solution being developed meets their use cases and needs.
- Solutions beyond feasibility stage, which need an extra impetus to become market ready.



Become familiar and get comfortable with the SBRI terms as we look to deliver future programmes under this framework, alongside collaborative grant funding in quantum technologies!

Out of Scope

We will **not** fund projects which:

- are covered by existing commercial agreements to deliver the proposed solutions
- duplicates existing innovation
- do not engage with potential future customers to understand needs
- do not use second generation quantum technologies
- would directly duplicate other UK government or EU funded initiatives you have already been funded to deliver

Forward look: CR&D scalable quantum network technologies

Up to £10 million in total. Projects between £2 million - £3 million.

Competition launches 18 Sept 2023

To accelerate quantum network technologies by removing technological barriers to their commercialisation and adoption. Your project must identify a key technical barrier and propose an innovate project that addresses it

For example:

- Enable quantum networking at scale
- Advance technologies towards scale manufacture
- Develop assurance of real-world implementations
- TBC

Impacts

Lens through which we will measure success...

1. Products

- New QT products and services
- Increased revenue for QT products/services by UK companies

2. Investment

- Increased investment into quantum R&D
- Increased investment into UK QT businesses

3. Market share

- Generation of new export opportunities
- Greater share of the global QT market

4. Commercial relationships


- Increased business to business engagement and supply chain relationships
- Increased business to academic engagement

Final remarks on programme

Our ambition is that the Quantum Network Accelerator will:

1. Be transformational to the participants and users involved
2. Support the objectives of the National Quantum Strategy and;
3. Be influential in shaping future activities and priorities

Other live opportunities in Quantum:

 **GOV.UK**

Innovation Funding Service

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Funding competition

SBRI: Quantum Catalyst Fund, phase 1 and phase 2

Organisations can apply for a share of £15 million inclusive of VAT, to develop proposals for the application of quantum technologies, that address challenges of interests for the UK Government.

Competition opens: Monday 29 May 2023

 **Competition closes:** Tuesday 27 June 2023 11:00am

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Start new application

Eligibility criteria



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Eligibility Criteria

Project Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Applicant can be an organisation of any size.▪ Can work alone or with others from business, research organisations, research and technology organisations (RTOs) or the third sector as subcontractors.▪ Contracts will be awarded to a single legal entity.▪ Projects must carry out their project work in the UK.▪ Intend to exploit the results from or in the UK.
Project Costs	Between £1m and £2m in total costs inclusive of VAT for each project.
Project Length	Between 12 and 18 months.

Types of organisations we fund

- Business – Small or Micro, Medium or Large registered in the UK
- Research Organisation (RO):
 - Universities (HEIs)
 - Not for profit distributing Research & Technology Organisation (RTO) including Catapults
 - Public Sector Research Establishments (PSRE)
 - Research Council Institutes (RCI)
- Public sector organisations and charities doing research activity of any size
- The lead applicant can use subcontractors from any type of organisation where needed.

If you are 100% owned by a large parent company as a small subsidiary this means you are classed as a large company. For more information on company sizes, please refer to the [company accounts guidance](#).

Key Dates

Timeline	Dates
Competition Opens	19th June 2023
Briefing Event	19th June 2023
Submission Deadline	31st July 20223, 11:00
Applicants informed	25th August 2023
Contracts signed and returned no later than	25th September 2023

Q&A



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Innovation Funding Service (IFS)

Search for a funding competition and review criteria

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Any

Update results

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SBRI: Quantum Networks, Enabling Components & Systems

Organisations can apply for a share of up to £10 million, inclusive of VAT, to develop enabling components and systems for quantum network technologies.

Eligibility

To lead a project, you can:

Funding competition

SBRI: Quantum Networks, Enabling Components & Systems

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Competition opens: Monday 19 June 2023

Competition closes: Monday 31 July 2023 11:00am

[Start new application](#)

Or go to [your dashboard](#) to continue an existing application.

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Description

This is a [Small Business Research Initiative](#) (SBRI) competition funded by Innovate UK.

The aim of the competition is to accelerate the development of enabling components and systems for quantum network technologies and to build UK leadership in the emerging global market.

This is a single-phase competition.

In applying to this competition you are entering into a competitive process.

Any adoption and implementation of a solution from this competition would be subject to a separate, possibly competitive, procurement exercise. This competition does not cover the purchase of any solution.

This competition closes at 11am UK time on the date of the deadline.

Funding type

Procurement

Project size

The projects can range between £1 million to £2 million in total costs, inclusive of VAT.

Lead Applicant: create an account

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.



This screenshot shows the 'Create your account' page for 'Your organisation' on the GOV.UK Innovation Funding Service. It includes a search bar for finding the organisation on Companies House, with 'nomensa' entered. Below the search bar, it displays the 'Companies House search results' for 'NOMENSA LTD', including its company number (04214477) and address (13 Queen Square, Bristol, BS1 4NT).

This screenshot shows the 'Please sign in or create an account' page on the GOV.UK Innovation Funding Service. It has two columns: 'Used this service before?' with a 'Sign in' button, and 'New to this service?' with a 'Create account' button. Below these is a 'Sign in' section with fields for 'Email address' and 'Password', each with a 'Show' button. At the bottom, there is a link for 'Need help signing in or creating an account?' and a message stating 'My email and/or password isn't working' and 'If you applied previously using the old service, you will need to create a new account.' The 'Forgotten your password?' link is circled in red.

Project Details

- **Application Details** – Give your project's title, start date and duration.
- **Who made you aware of the competition?** Select a category to state who made you aware of the competition. You cannot choose more than one.
- **How long has your organisation been established for?** Select a category to state how long has your organisation been established for. You cannot choose more than one.
- **What is your organisation's primary area of focus?** Select a category to state your organisation's primary focus area. You cannot choose more than one.
- **Project and Scope Summary** – Provide a short summary of your project.
- **Public Description** - Please provide a brief description of your project. If your application is successful, we will publish this description.
- **Location** - You must state the name of your organisation along with your full registered address. You must also state the name and full registered address of any potential or confirmed subcontractors.
- **Equality, diversity and inclusion** - We collect and report on equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) data to address under-representation in business innovation and ensure equality, diversity and inclusion across all our activities. All team members and Lead applicants must complete the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion survey embedded in IFS as part of your application.

Application Questions

Detailed guidance available on IFS

Application Form		Appendix?
Question 1	Themes (not scored)	No
Question 2	Proposed idea or technology	Yes (optional)
Question 3	Technical project summary	No
Question 4	Current state of the art and intellectual property	No
Question 5	Project plan and methodology	Yes (mandatory)
Question 6	Technical team and expertise	No
Question 7	Costs and value for money	Yes (optional)
Question 8	Commercial potential	No

Application finances



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Labour

Eligible:

- Gross salary
- National insurance
- Company pension contribution
- Other non-discretionary package costs

Ineligible:

- Discretionary bonuses
- Performance related payments of any kind
- Sick days
- Waiting time
- Training days
- Non-productive time

Labour

£25,862 —

Be specific and add each role separately.

► [Labour costs guidance](#)

Working days per year

Number of staff and roles within the project

Role within project	Gross employee cost	Rate (£/day)	Days to be spent by all staff at this grade	Total costs
<input type="text" value="Project Manager"/>	<input type="text" value="50000"/>	£216	<input type="text" value="120"/>	£25,862 Remove

[Add another role](#)

Total labour costs
£25,862

Overheads

Innovate UK's definition

Additional costs and operational expenses incurred directly as a result of the project. These could include additional costs for administrative staff, general IT, rent and utilities

Indirect (administration) overheads

Please ensure they are additional and directly attributable to the delivery of the project

Direct overheads

- e.g. office utilities, IT infrastructure, laptop provision not covered by capital usage
- must be directly attributable to the project
- provide detailed breakdown together with methodology/basis of apportionment

Overhead costs £ 44,483 ▲

You can incur overhead costs associated with those directly working on the project as well as indirect (administration) overheads. To be eligible both overhead categories need to be directly attributable to the project. The indirect overheads need to be additional as well as directly attributable. Note that there are certain cost categories/activities which are not eligible. To find out which costs are ineligible/eligible refer to our [project costs guidance](#).

► [Overheads costs guidance](#)


☐ No overhead costs

☒ 20% of labour costs

☐ Calculate overheads

Calculate overheads

If you feel your overheads are higher than 20% you may calculate a value using the Innovate UK model in the spreadsheet available below. The model shows you which types of indirect costs associated with your project you may claim. For support with this option, please contact our Customer Support Service on 01793 44 2700. Any value claimed under this model will be subject to a review. This will assess the appropriateness of your claim if your grant application is successful.

 **Download the overhead calculation spreadsheet**
Download as an Excel document [overhead calculation spreadsheet.xlsx \(16KB\)](#)
Download as an Open Office document [overhead calculation spreadsheet.ods \(10KB\)](#)

Upload your completed spreadsheet
No file currently uploaded

+ Upload

Material costs

Please be clear on what the materials are, just putting consumables does not provide enough detail.

If insufficient information is provided, we will request more information should you be successful which may delay your project start date.

Materials £10,000 —

You can claim the costs of materials used on your project providing:

- they are not already purchased or included in the overheads
- they are purchased from third parties
- they won't have a residual/resale value at the end of your project. If they do you can claim the costs minus this value

[Please refer to our guide to project costs for further information.](#)

► [Materials costs guidance](#)

Please provide a breakdown of the materials you expect to use during the project

Item	Quantity	Cost per item (£)	Total	
<input type="text" value="Software"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="10000"/>	£10,000	Remove
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	£0	Remove

[Add another materials cost](#)

Total materials costs **£10,000**

Capital equipment usage

Eligible:

Used in the project or shared with day-to-day production.

Calculations will need to be in line with your accounting practices.

Even if the equipment is depreciated fully over the life of the project this must be added under capital equipment.

Capital usage £750 —

You can claim the usage costs of capital assets you will buy for, or use on, your project.

► [Capital usage guidance](#)

Please provide a breakdown of the capital items you will buy and/or use for the project.

Item description

Laptop

New or existing item
☒ New ☐ Existing

Depreciation period (months)

24

Net present value at the start of your project or the price you bought it for (£)

2000

Residual value at end of project (£)

500

Utilisation (%)

50

Net cost
£750

Subcontractors

Eligible:

Subcontracting outside of the UK is permitted, you should fully explain the specific skills the subcontractor brings to the project.

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

All costs must be justified and quantified.

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

► [Subcontracting costs guidance](#)

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

Subcontractor name

Robotics experts ltd

Country where the subcontractor will work

UK

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

facilitation and availability of robotics labs

Cost

36795

Travel and subsistence

Eligible:

Costs must be directly linked to the project.

Please breakdown your costs as follows:

- Travel
- Accommodation
- Subsistence

If you have an annual trip to visit the parent company this is not an eligible cost.

Travel and subsistence £ 3,000 ▲

You should include travel and subsistence costs that relate to this project.

Purpose of journey or description of subsistence cost	Number of times	Cost each (£)	Total (£)	
Travel to robotics labs for testing	12	100	£ 1,200	Remove
monthly project meetings	12	150	£ 1,800	Remove

[Add another travel cost](#)

Total travel & subsistence costs £ 3,000

Other costs

Costs that could not be added under previous headings

Do not double count

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

Other costs £0 ▲

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

► [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.

Description and justification of the cost	Estimated cost (£)
<div></div>	<div>0</div>

[Add another cost](#)

VAT

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

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

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

Make sure not to double count this as it may increase your project costs over the limit

'Thomas Ltd. ' Total project costs		£113,799
Are you VAT registered?		
If you are VAT registered, VAT will be calculated at 20%		
<input type="radio"/>	Yes	
<input type="radio"/>	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	By ticking this box you are accepting that the project costs for your organisation are eligible as defined in the project costs guidance (opens in a new window) .	

Project cost summary

Finances									
Funding breakdown									
Return to your project finances to complete or make changes to your organisation's financial information.									
	Total	Labour (£)	Overheads (£)	Materials (£)	Capital usage (£)	Subcontracting (£)	Travel and subsistence (£)	Other costs (£)	Total VAT (£)
Thomas Ltd.	£136,559	24,784	15	25,000	4,000	50,000	0	10,000	22,760
Organisation									
View finances									

Ensure the highlighted costs fits the criteria for this competition. The maximum project costs for this competition are XXXX

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

Your organisation

Once you have completed your costs you will be asked to select your organisation size, enter your turnover from the last financial year and number of full time employees at your organisation

[← Your project finances](#)

Your organisation

Organisation size
Please use [our guidance \(opens in a new window\)](#) to determine your organisation.

☐ Micro or small

☐ Medium

☐ Large

Turnover (£)
Your turnover from the last financial year.

Full time employees
Number of full time employees at your organisation.

[Mark as complete](#)

Payment milestones

Month completed

Milestone

% of project costs

Payment request

Close all

1

Milestone 1

0%

£0

-

Month completed

Milestone

Payment requested (£)

1

Milestone 1

0

Task or activity

Words remaining: 200

Deliverable

Words remaining: 200

Success criteria

Enter each milestone and any associated payments

Month completed	Milestone	% of project costs	Payment request	Open all
1	Milestone 1	33.33%	£50,000	+
2	Milestone 2	33.33%	£50,000	+
3	Milestone 3	33.33%	£50,000	+
Add another project milestone				
Total payment requested		100%	£150,000	
Mark as complete				
Save and return to project finances				

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



Information to include in your milestone template

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

Terms and Conditions

Before you can submit your application you must agree to the draft terms and conditions for this procurement competition. They may differ from any you have agreed to before. These terms are set and are non-negotiable

Terms and conditions

You must agree to these before you submit your application.

[Award terms and conditions](#)

 Incomplete

[Review and submit](#)

 [Print your application](#)



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

[Agree and continue](#)

Submitting your application

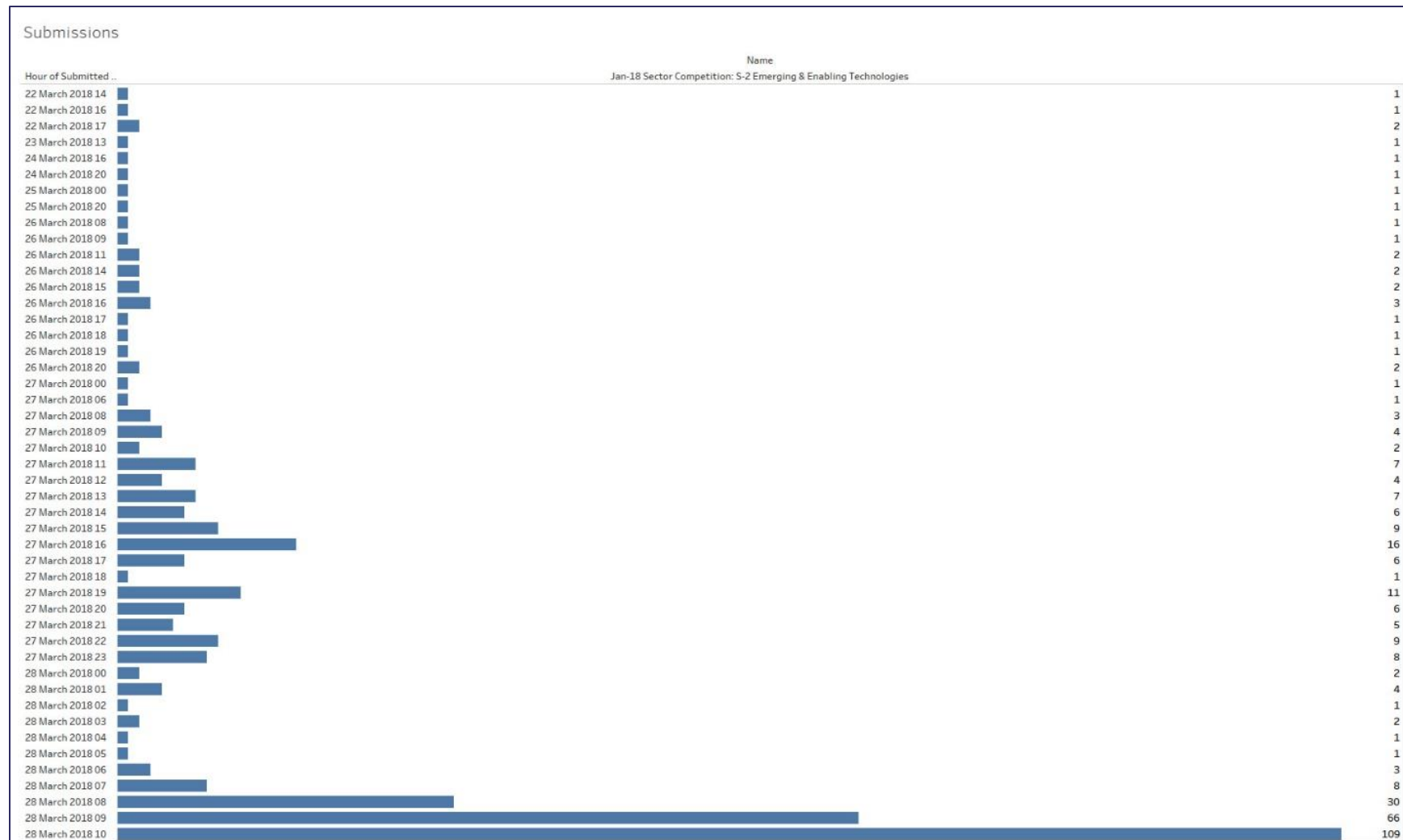


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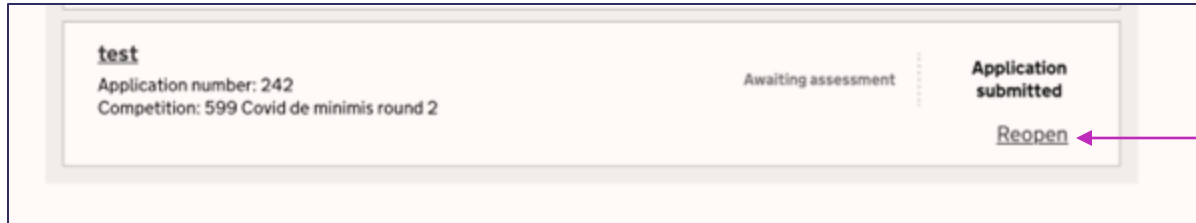


Submit your application early!

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



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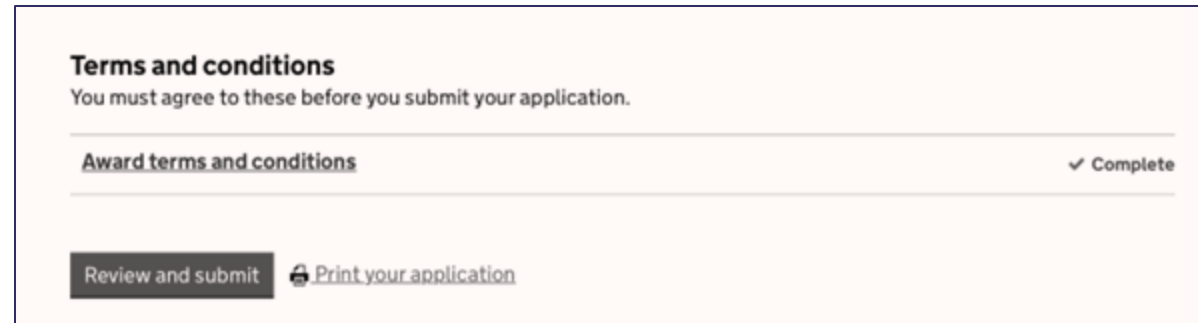
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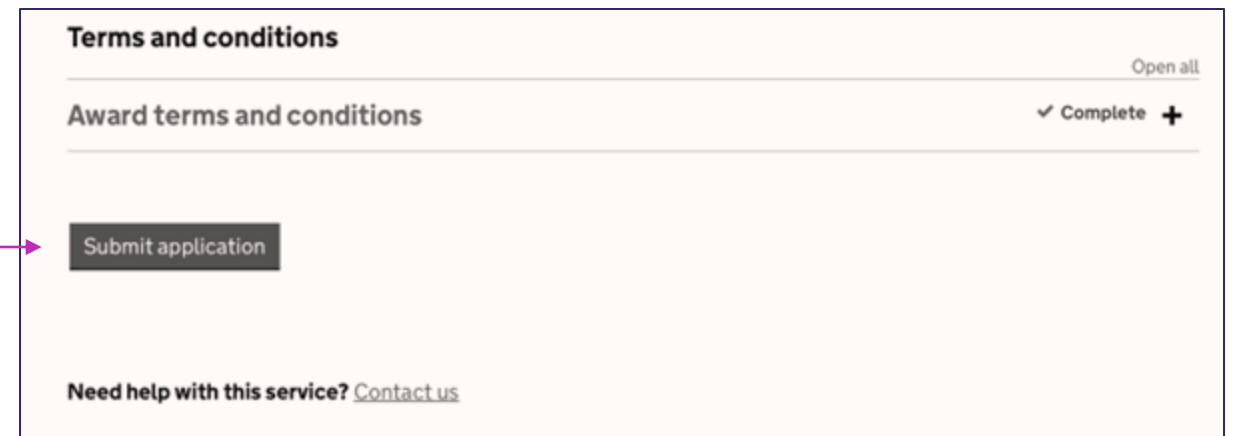


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Assessment



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How 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. **Remember that SBRI must not include profit.**
- clear and concise answers
- the right amount of information
- no assumptions

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

How are successful applicants selected for funding?

- Assessors will score each section of your application.
- After the assessor process, InnovateUK will independently moderate assessor scores. Any outliers in scores may be removed and your total score will be updated.
- You will then receive email notification to offer grant funding or to inform you that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.
- Whether successful or unsuccessful in receiving grant funding, you will receive feedback on your application.

Note on feedback

- The feedback is compiled using the written comments of the independent assessors who review and assess the applications
- It is intended to be constructive in nature and to highlight both the strong as well as the weak areas of your application
- Please bear in mind that because applications are assessed by a number of assessors, you may receive information which appears to be conflicting. This may reflect their different interpretations of the proposal that you submitted
- It must also be noted that some proposals may appear to have been favourably assessed based on their comments, in such instances it could be that your proposal simply fell below the funding threshold, with others achieving a higher merit score overall



Application assessment

Score Av	Score Spread	Count of No Scope	Count of No Recc'd
84.4	20	0	0
84.4	31	0	1
84.2	31	0	1
84	25	0	0
84	21	0	0

- The score spread shows the difference between the top and bottom scores
- If score spread is 30% or more we will look to see if an outlier is apparent
- If there is a 3 or more appear in either the two columns **Count of No Scope** or **Count of No Recommended** we review the applications feedback and if justified, the application will not be eligible for funding

Identifying outliers

Scope?	Recc'd?	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10		Total
true	true	9	8	10	10	9	9	10	9	10	9		93
true	true	9	9	8	7	10	7	8	10	9	10		87
true	false	5	6	7	6	6	7	5	7	7	6		62
true	true	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9		88
true	true	10	8	9	9	10	10	8	9	10	9		92
	Average	8.2	7.8	8.6	8.2	8.8	8.4	8.0	8.8	9.0	8.6		84.4
	Spread	5	3	3	4	4	3	5	3	3	4		31

- The **green** box = particular assessor scores on an application
- The **purple** box = set of scores for a particular question
- The **red** box = at first glance this looks like an outlier

Scores and feedback

Medical device feasibility studies

Feedback overview

✓ Congratulations, your application has been successful
Scores and written feedback from each assessor can be found below.

Application details

Assessors do not provide scores on these sections of the application.

Project title	Project timescales
Medical device feasibility studies	Project start date: 1 July 2017
Application number	Duration: 6 months
92	Total project cost
Lead organisation	£150,706
EMPIRE LTD	

Medical device feasibility studies

Need or challenge

1. What is the business need, technological challenge or market opportunity behind your innovation?

Your answer:

This medical device will save the NHS millions by reducing patient recovery time. It will have use worldwide, not just in the UK.

Average score: 7/ 10

Your assessors' feedback

Assessor 1

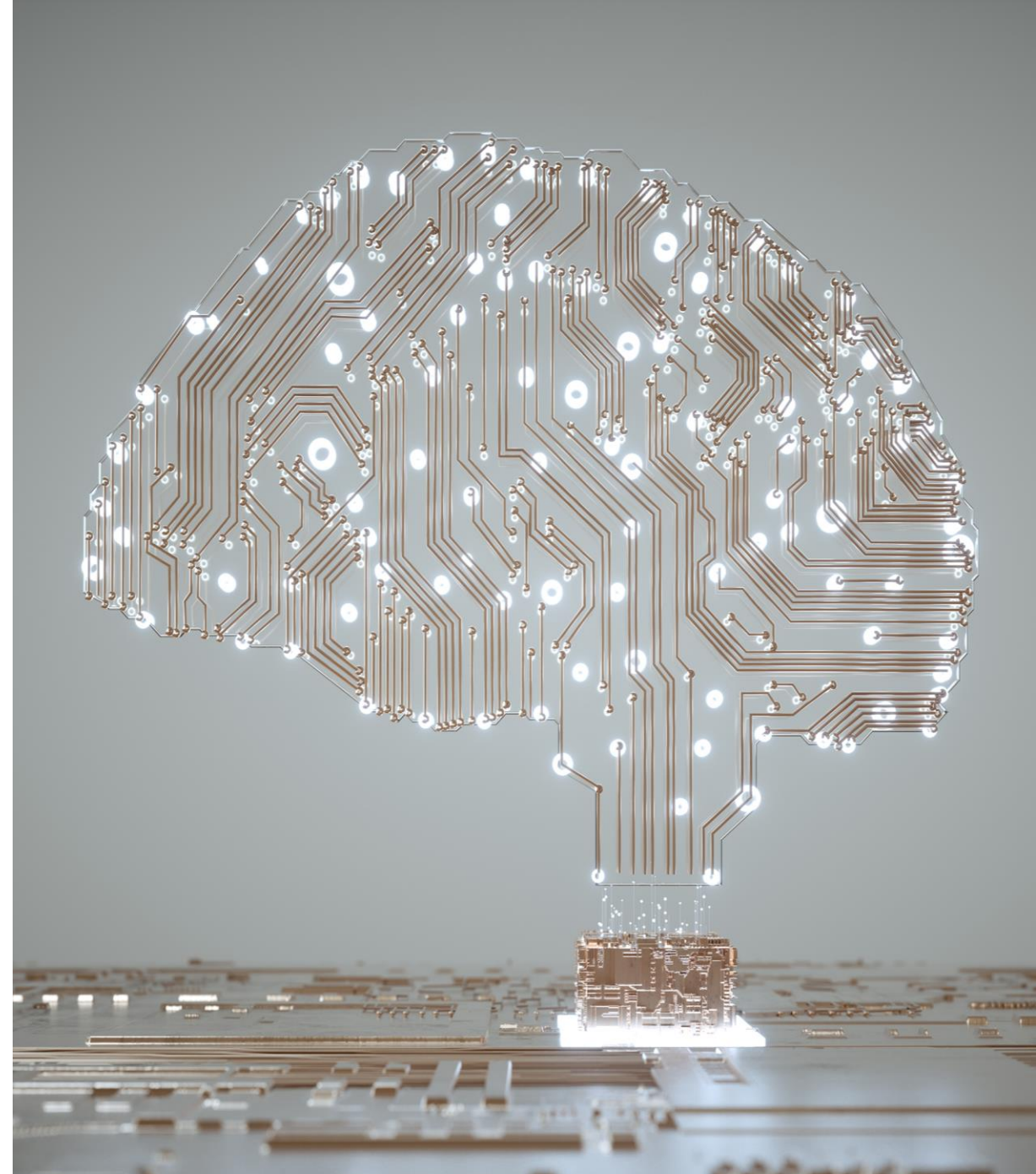
The applicant has aptly described the need and challenge which this project seeks to resolve. There has clearly been some market research, however, a the application shows a lack of understanding of the wider market to which this project applies.

Assessor 2

Project setup for successful applicants



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Notification

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 in total to complete the project team; project details; bank details; VAT registration details
- you must return your signed contract to us, within **5** days of receiving it and no later than 30 days following notification of the award
- 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.

Bank details for project set up

We accept most bank accounts with major high street banks. We would suggest you have a standard bank account to allow us to make payments to you during your project.

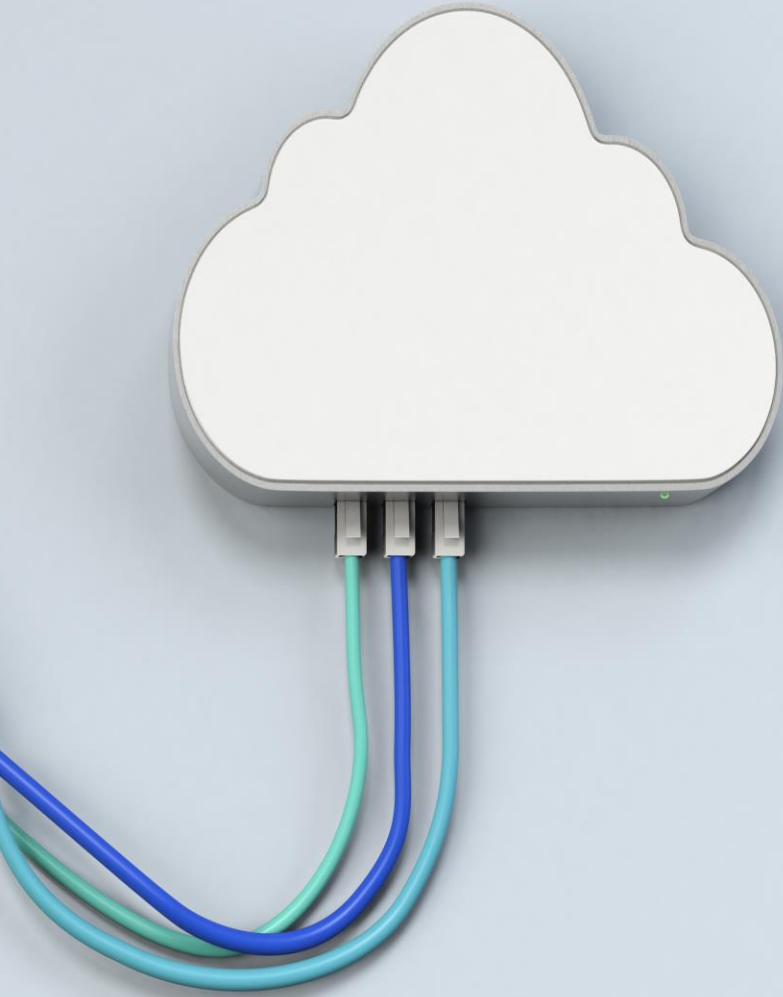
Examples of standard bank accounts:

- HSBC, NatWest, Barclays, Lloyds, Santander, Starling, Metro Bank, Mettle, Tide Bank, Revolut, Monzo, Wise (Formerly Transferwise), Cashplus Bank, Virgin Money, Silicon Valley Bank UK, The Co-operative Bank, Prepay Technologies (Trading as Prepay Solutions), Danske Bank, Coutts, Ulster Bank, Nordea, Clear Bank, Anna, Payoneer, CAF Bank, Advance Payment Solutions (Part of Cashplus Ltd), Axiom Bank, Triodos Bank, Counting Up (Part of Prepay Solutions) Advance Payment Solutions (Part of Cashplus Ltd)

Non-standard accounts could either lead to delays due to additional checks needed, or you will have to provide us with another bank account. This will delay your project start date.

Examples of non-standard bank accounts:

- Viva Payments – Wallet
- Ziglu Ltd
- Air Wallex



Project set up

- All communication will be through IFS
- Lead applicant must provide bank details, updated milestone register (if requested) and a signed version of the contract.

Project delivery

- All projects are paid **quarterly in arrears** and only following quarterly reporting and approval from the monitoring officer.
- You will be assigned a monitoring officer, who will monitor your progress against your application and will usually visit you quarterly.
- Claims can only be made for **milestones achieved** between the project start and end dates

Timelines if successful in award

Timeline	Dates
Applicants Notified	25 th August 2023
Project Set Up Team contact Successful Applicants	25 th August 2023
<p>Within 7 days of contact from Project Set Up, Successful Applicants must send in Project Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Details • Project Location • Project Manager • Finance Contact 	1 st September 2023
Reminder from Project Set Up (15-day warning)	11 th September 2023
Contracts must be signed within 30 days from successful notification and not later than	25 th September 2023

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 to Expect

1.

Contact our Customer Support Services team by email or phone as early as possible.

We suggest at least 15 working days before the deadline.

2.

Our Customer Support Service team will refer you to our partner Diversity & Ability (D&A).

3.

D&A will conduct a Discovery Conversation with you and make recommendations for additional support.

4.

D&A will organise and deliver bespoke additional support for and with you.

5.

Submit your application!

Please do so well ahead of the deadline as extensions cannot be provided.



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Q&A



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