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Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition – Round 4

Eligibility and Innovation Funding Service

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Eligibility criteria



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Eligibility criteria

	Vessel or Infrastructure demonstrations	Vessel and Infrastructure combined demonstrations	Feasibility studies and pre-deployment trials
Project eligibility	To lead a project your organisation must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a UK registered business of any size • collaborate with other UK registered organisations • Trust ports and Municipal ports will be treated as businesses 		
Total project costs	£500,000 and £6 million	£500,000 and £8 million	£100,000 and £3 million
Research Categories	Industrial research and experimental development	Industrial research and experimental development	Feasibility studies
Project length	Projects must last between 10 and 12 months		

Scope Reminder

As a reminder there are three different strands on this competition each with its own scope requirements;

Strand 1 – Vessel or Infrastructure Demonstrations

Strand 2 – Vessel and Infrastructure Combined Demonstrations

Strand 3 – Feasibility Studies and Pre-Deployment Trials

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their application is submitted into the correct strand.

If you submit your application into the wrong strand, it will be marked as ineligible and not sent for assessment.

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>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

Compliance with the UK Subsidy Control Act 2022

The Subsidy Control Act represents a development of the UK subsidy control regime that came into effect at the end of 2020 as part of the implementation of the UK's commitments in the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA), this was officially recognised in April 2022. Please see the Subsidy Control Act Legislation : <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2022/23/enacted> and https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1117122/uk-subsidy-control-statutory-guidance.pdf .

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 Subsidy Control Act 2022, 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 the Subsidy Control Act 2022. To ensure that Innovate UK remains compliant with the UK's international Subsidy Control Act 2022 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 Act 2022 - this will be reflected in the terms and conditions of any award.

Due diligence

Under the Subsidy Control Act 2022, we will carry out financial health checks and ongoing concern assurances on your organisation.

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.

Eligibility Criteria - EU State Aid Regulations – Northern Ireland Protocol

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.

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.

Eligibility Criteria: Funding Opportunities

Funding for R&D projects split in to 3 categories; feasibility studies, industrial research and experimental development.

For feasibility studies and industrial research projects, you could get funding for your eligible project costs of:

- up to 70% if you are a micro or small organisation
- up to 60% if you are a medium-sized organisation
- up to 50% if you are a large organisation

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

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

For research organisations conducting fundamental research you could get funding for your eligible project costs of up to 30% in strands 1 and 2 and up to 50% in strand 3.

For general guidance on what our research categories are please visit:

<https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/general-guidance/categories-of-research-and-development/#contents-list>

What is collaboration?

In all collaborative projects there must be:

- at least two organisations claiming grant within the application (including the lead)
- evidence of effective collaboration

We would expect to see the structure and rationale of the collaboration described in the application.

Making more than one application

- If you are involved in more than one application, you must clearly state how all projects can be resourced and delivered if successful. You may be asked for further evidence of your resources at interview if invited.
- If Innovate UK have concerns about your ability to deliver multiple projects successfully, we reserve the right to award funding based on evidence of capacity to manage them.
- If you are involved in other Innovate UK funded projects, you must show you have the resources in place to deliver further projects funded by this Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition (CMDC).

Innovate UK reserve the right to decide the success of an application based on evidence of capacity to manage multiple live projects. If you are delivering live Innovate UK projects, we will review your current delivery and performance towards expected stated deliverables.

Other Innovate UK projects

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

We will not award you any further funding if you:

- applied to a previous competition as the lead or sole company and were awarded funding by Innovate UK, but did not make a substantial effort to exploit that award
- applied to a previous competition as the lead or sole company and failed to comply with grant terms and conditions.

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 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

Key Dates

Timeline	Dates
Competition Opens	02 August 2023
Briefing Event	12 July 2023
Submission Deadline	27 September 2023, 11:00
Interviews	13 – 24 November 2023
Applicants informed	02 January 2024



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[CMDC Round 4 – Vessel or Infrastructure demonstrations](#)

UK registered organisations can apply for a share of up to £34 million for innovative clean maritime technologies. This funding is from The Department for Transport.

Eligibility

This competition is open to collaborations only.

To lead a project your organisation must be a UK registered business of any size.

Opening soon

Opens: 2 August 2023

Closes: 27 September 2023

[CMDC Round 4 – Vessel and Infrastructure Combined Demonstrations](#)

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Eligibility

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Funding competition

CMDC Round 4 – Vessel or Infrastructure demonstrations

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Competition opens: Wednesday 2 August 2023

Competition closes: Wednesday 27 September 2023 11:00am

⚠ This competition has not yet opened.

Start new application

Summary

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Description

Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, will work with The Department for Transport (DfT) to invest up to £34 million in innovation projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from shipping.

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.



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Create your account

Your organisation

i Your organisation must be UK based to receive funding from Innovate UK

Business

Find your organisation on Companies House
Enter your organisation name or registration number

Companies House search results
Select your organisation from the options below

[NOMENSA LTD](#)
04214477 - Incorporated on 10 May 2001
13 Queen Square, Bristol, BS1 4NT

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Please sign into your Innovation Funding Service account.

New to this service?
If you haven't used the new Innovation Funding Service before you will need to create an account.

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Sign in

Email address
Please enter your email address.

Password
Please enter your password.

▼ [Need help signing in or creating an account?](#)

My email and/or password isn't working

If you applied previously using the old service, you will need to create a new account.

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Project Details

- **Application Team** - Collaborators can invite organisations who you are working with on the project. 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

Application Form		Appendix?
Question 1	Applicant location (not scored)	No
Question 2	Need or challenge	No
Question 3	Approach and innovation	Yes - optional
Question 4	Team and resources	Yes - optional
Question 5	Market awareness	No
Question 6	Outcomes and route to market	No
Question 7	Wider impacts	No
Question 8	Project management	Yes - mandatory
Question 9	Risks	Yes - mandatory
Question 10	Knowledge sharing and clean maritime market development	No
Question 11	Added value	No
Question 12	Costs and value for money	No

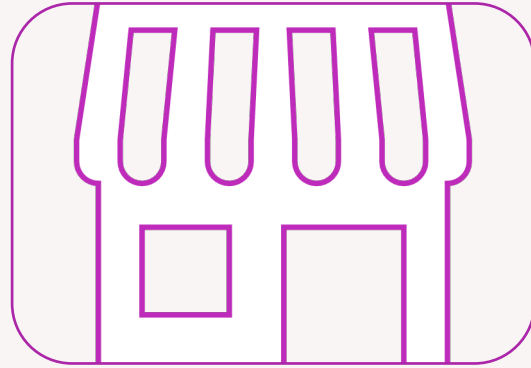
Application finances



Your Project Cost Categories



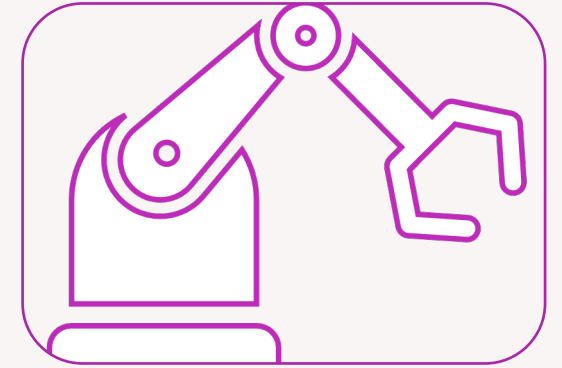
Labour



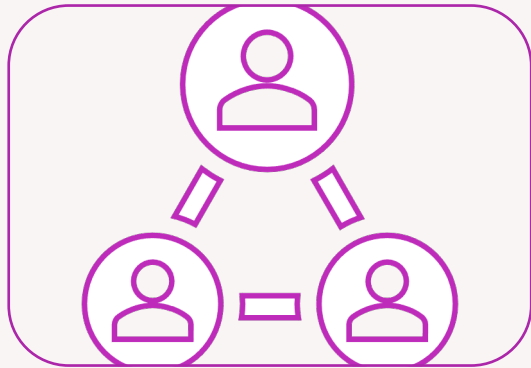
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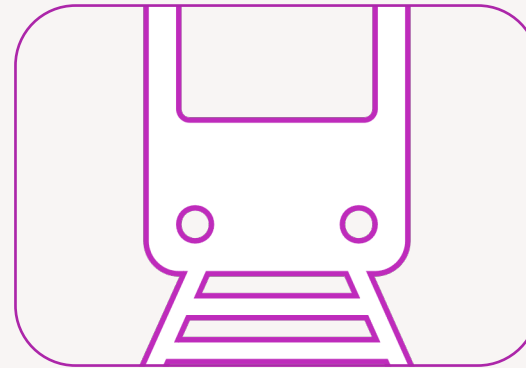
Materials



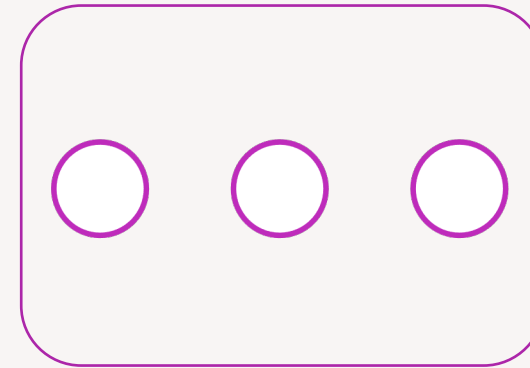
Equipment Usage



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 £25,862 —

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

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
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	£0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	£0	Remove

[Add another role](#)

Total labour costs **£25,862**

Material 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

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**

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 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*

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)

Travel and subsistence				£ 3,000 ▲		
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

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

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

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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

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	
<input type="text" value="Laptop"/>	
New or existing item	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Existing	
Depreciation period (months)	
<input type="text" value="24"/>	
Net present value at the start of your project or the price you bought it for (£)	
<input type="text" value="2000"/>	
Residual value at end of project (£)	
<input type="text" value="500"/>	
Utilisation (%)	
<input type="text" value="50"/>	
Net cost	
£750	

Other*

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

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 (£)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

[Add another cost](#)

Finance summary

Finances summary

The finances of all project partners are included in this summary.

	Total costs (£)	Funding level (%)	Funding sought (£)	Contribution to project (£)	Other public sector funding (£)
Lead organisation	XXX		XXX		
Partner	XXX		XXX		
Total	XXX		XXX		

The maximum total project costs for this competition are listed below;

Strand 1 - £500,000 - £6,000,000

Strand 2 - £500,000 - £8,000,000

Strand 3 - £100,000 - £3,000,000

You must make sure your total in the Total Costs column is no more than specified amount in the brief.

Research organisation participation must be no more than 30 or 50% of the total project costs depending on the strand you are applying into.

N.B All organisations can see a summary of project costs.

Funding

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

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



Organisation or type of activity	Technical feasibility studies and industrial research	Experimental development
Business (economic activity)	Micro or Small – 70% Medium – 60% Large – 50%	Micro or Small – 45% Medium – 35% Large – 25%
Research organisation (non-economic activity)	Universities – 100% (80% of Full Economic Costs) Other research organisations* can claim 100% of their project costs	
Public Sector Organisation or Charity** (non-economic activity)	100% of eligible costs	
Research organisations (undertaking economic activities) Organisations receive funding related to the size of their organisation	Micro or Small – 70% Medium – 60% Large – 50%	Micro or Small – 45% Medium – 35% Large – 25%

*Other research organisations must:

- be non-profit distributing and
- disseminate the project results and
- explain in the application form how this will be done

**Public Sector or Charities Must:

- be performing research activity and
- disseminate project results and explain in the application form how this will be done
- ensure that the eligible costs do not include work / costs already funded from other public sector bodies

Academic partners



Why Je-S?

We use the Research Councils' Joint Electronic Submission System (Je-S) to collect academic finances.

The Je-S system automates the collection of Full Economic Costs (FEC) based costs from academic partners and tells them exactly what numbers should be used in the application form for their costs.

Also to collect project finance details from non-HEIs (e.g. RTOs) that are claiming they are carrying out academic quality work and want to be funded on an FEC basis.

Using Je-S means that Innovate UK follows standard Research Council guidelines on funding universities and enables Research Councils to easily co-fund Innovate UK projects.

The Je-S system is completely separate from Innovate UK and we cannot advise on its usage.

Project costs – academic partners

Enter the TSB reference number here



Enter the TSB Contribution column figures from *your* J-eS output document into the project costs section of the application.

Upload the Je-S with council status form as a PDF at the bottom of the screen.

Any queries, contact Je-S Helpdesk (not Innovate UK)

- jeshelp@je-s.ukri.org
- 01793 444164

TSB reference This number is found at the top of your Je-S form	
<input type="text" value="My REF"/>	
Financial resources Please enter the following costs from the summary of resources section on your Je-S form	
Directly incurred	TSB Contribution (please refer to the TSB contribution column)
Staff	<input type="text" value="11"/>
Travel & subsistence	<input type="text" value="22"/>
Other costs	<input type="text" value="33"/>
Subtotal	<input type="text" value="£ 66"/>
Directly allocated	
Investigators	<input type="text" value="44"/>
Estates Costs	<input type="text" value="55"/>
Other costs	<input type="text" value="66"/>
Subtotal	<input type="text" value="£ 165"/>
Indirect costs	<input type="text" value="77"/>
Exceptions	
Staff	<input type="text" value="88"/>

Submitting your application



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Checking your finances are complete

Finances Summary

The following organisations have not marked their finances as complete:

- EMPIRE LTD



[Return to the finances section to complete your finances](#)

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

		Total costs	% Grant	Funding sought	Other public sector funding	Contribution to project
Barry Shaw Experts Ltd Partner	✓	£230,162	70%	£161,113	£0	£69,049
EMPIRE LTD Lead organisation	⚠	£282,655	70%	£197,859	£0	£84,797
University of Bath Partner	✓	£239,114	0%	£0	£0	£239,114
Total		£751,931		£358,972	£0	£392,959

All organisations have marked their finances as complete.

Research organisation participation is no greater than 30 or 50% of the total project costs depending on the strand you are submitting into.

IFS DOES NOT VALIDATE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

Editing a submitted application

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

Awaiting assessment

Application submitted

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

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'Submit application'

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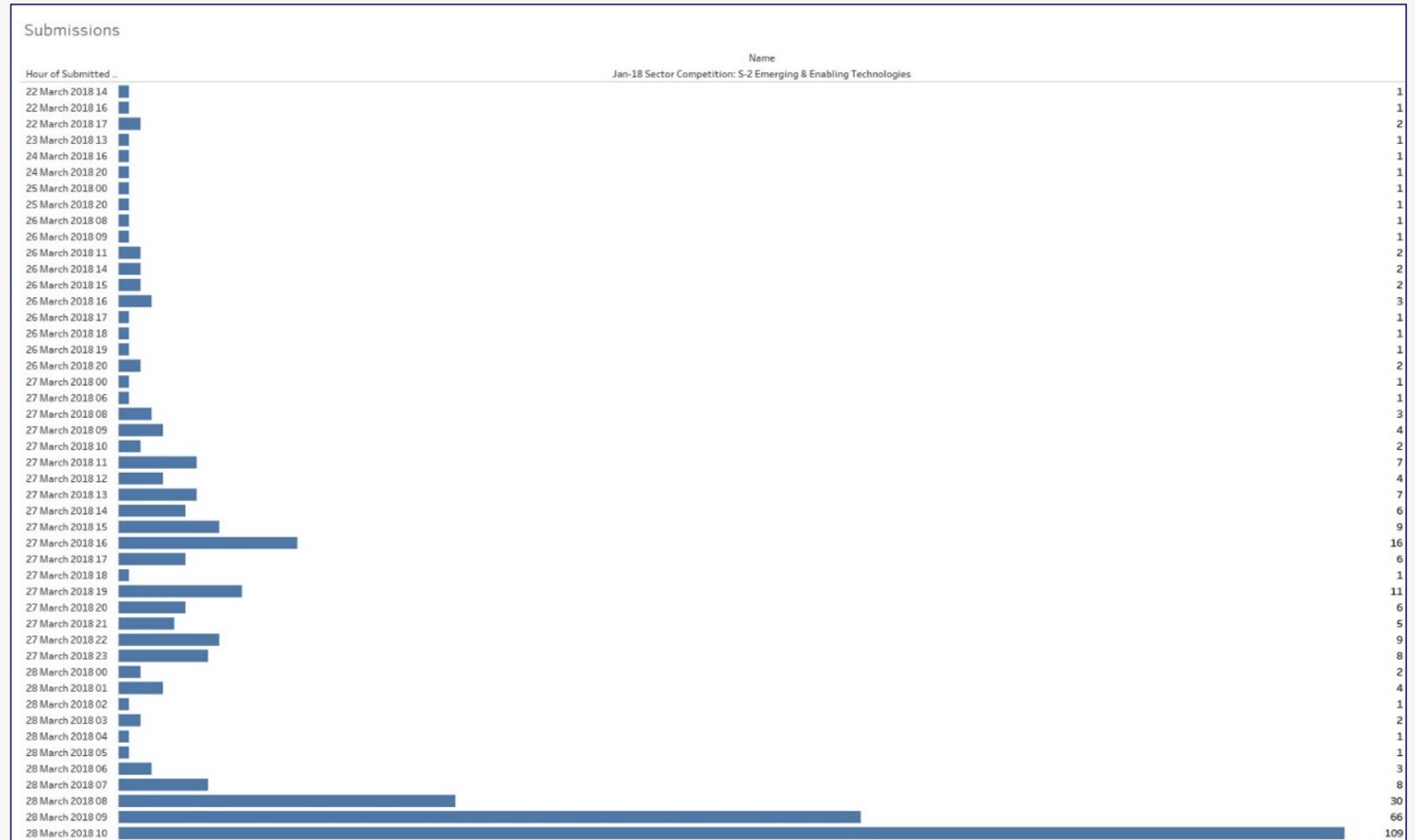
[Submit application](#)

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

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.

Remember that if there are collaborative partners, it is the lead applicant's responsibility to ensure all collaborative partners have completed their assigned sections and accepted the terms and conditions, before submitting.



Assessment



How our assessors assess?

All eligible 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.

How are successful applicants selected for funding?

Assessors will score each section of 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.

You will then receive email notification to offer grant funding or to inform you that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.

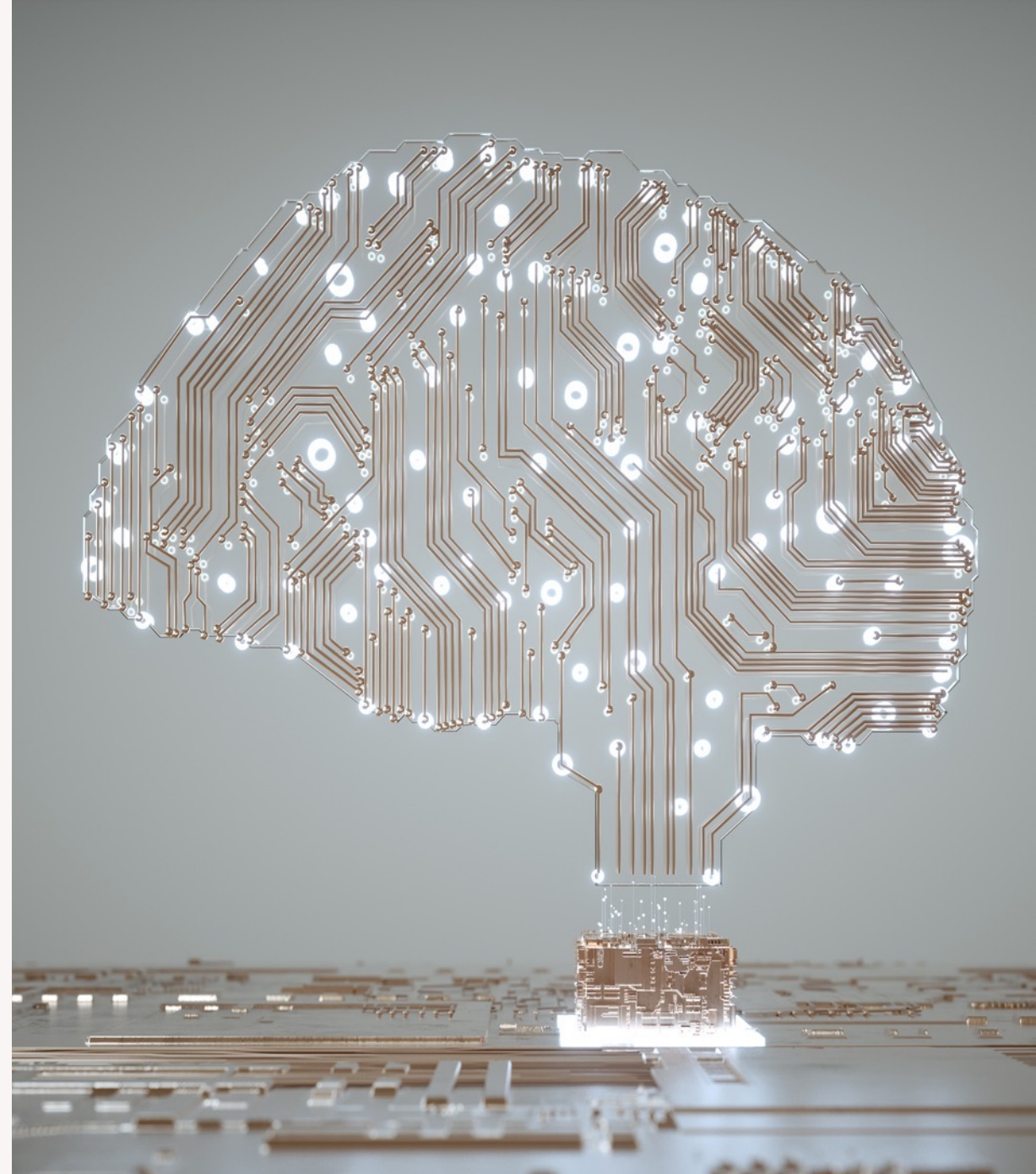
Whether successful or unsuccessful in receiving grant funding, you will receive feedback on your application. It is intended to be constructive in nature and to highlight both the strong as well as the weak areas of your application.

Interviews (Strand 1 and Strand 2 only)

If you are invited to progress to interview:

- you can bring up to nine people to attend the interview
- you will have 30-minute to present a maximum of 31 PowerPoint slides, with no videos or embedded links
- there is a 45 minute Q&A session lead by members of the panel
- you will have an opportunity to respond to the assessor feedback so the panel can read it prior to interview
- the response to feedback, presentations and presenters' names have to be provided ahead of the interview

Project setup for successful applicants



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 to complete the project team, project details and bank details
- you will then have 90 days 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*

Innovate UK EDGE

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 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.

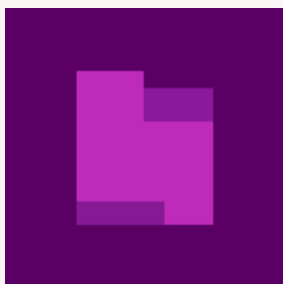
Submit your application – please do so well ahead of the deadline as extensions cannot be provided

Contact

Customer Support Services

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