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- Investigate early-stage solutions
- Look to improve productivity, sustainability and resilience of farming.
- Move existing agricultural sectors towards net zero
- Collaborate with UK R&D communities for better agricultural solutions









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Summary

Total budget



Total project costs

£200k-500k





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For UK registered businesses wishing to collaborate with other UK organisations

Competition opens
18 Sept 2023

Competition deadline 15 Nov 2023 11:00 am

Projects to start by 1 May 2024









Competition Scope

Feasibility Round 3







Scope





In Scope

Address major on-farm or immediate post farmgate challenges or opportunities. Solutions **must** significantly **improve**:

- ✓ productivity
- ✓ sustainability and environmental impact
- ✓ progression towards net zero emissions
- √ resilience

Out of Scope: we will not fund projects that

- x do not benefit farmers, growers or foresters in England
- x are equine specific
- x involve wild caught fisheries
- x involve aquaculture, for fish production or human consumption
- x involve cellular expression of proteins or cultivated meat or acellular production systems
- x are for the production of crops or plants for medicinal or pharmaceutical use





Specific Themes







Address a significant industry challenge or opportunity in at least one of the below:

- ✓ livestock
- ✓ plants
- ✓ novel food production systems
- √ bioeconomy and agroforestry





Differences between both competitions

Feasibility

- √ £4.5M available total budget
- ✓ From 12 to 24 months
- ✓ £200K £500K total eligible project costs
- ✓ Opening 18 September / Close 15th November 2023
- ✓ Projects to start 1 May 2024
 - ✓ If you have primary producers receiving grant funding, a min of 50% of those funds, must be allocated to primary producers based in England
 - ✓ UK Business led
 - √ Collaborative





Hints and Tips





✓ Preparation is Key

Do not leave this until last minute

✓ Eligibility and Scope

To avoid missing out before assessment

✓ Build up your partnership

Get to know and understand your partners

Know who you are planning to work with before you commit and make sure all partners are aware of their role and responsibilities

If you apply you will be entering a competitive process



Given the year we have had in 2020, I hope this new year brings in a lot of opportunities and successes for all of us.

A number of months ago, I had the privilege of sitting in as an observer on 30 panel interviews to identify winning bids for our Transforming Food Production (TFP) programme: Future Food Production Systems and STIP Demonstration competitions.



https://innovateuk.blog.gov.uk/2021/01/07/lessons-from-panel-pitches/



