



# Scalable Quantum Network Technologies: Collaborative R&D

#### **Applicant Briefing**

Date: Monday 18th September 2023

#### The webinar will start at 11:00am

- 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

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# Welcome and Introductions

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IUK KTN Manager, Quantum Technologies





# Introduction to UKRI and Innovate UK





# **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.





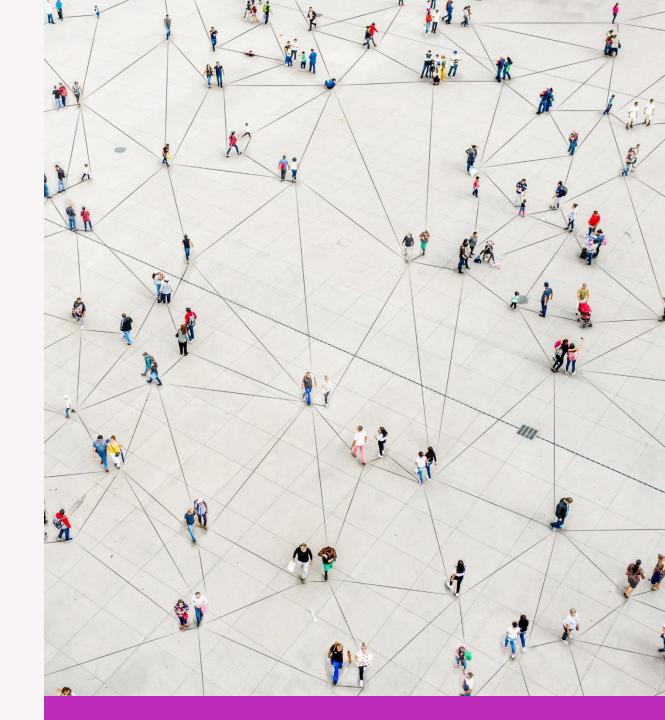
# **Innovate UK**

- 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



Scalable Quantum Network Technologies: Collaborative R&D

Innovate UK KTN: Connecting people and enabling innovation

Dr. Najwa Sidqi Knowledge transfer manager in quantum technologies







#### Our mission and activities

Raising awareness about quantum technologies and their applications for end user sector and connecting diverse stakeholders within the community.

#### **Our key activities:**

- Holding regular networking events around quantum and its applications
- Connecting people within the quantum community and building collaborations
- Supporting and delivering the UK national quantum technologies programme activities
- Building insights and informing policy
- Mapping the capabilities in quantum technologies(businesses, services, research, etc,...)

Innovate UK

KTN



#### The UK quantum landscape map



Provides a comprehensive directory for the UK quantum landscape:

- Businesses from quantum developers, supply chain, end users and consultancies
- Research groups and themes directory
- UKRI funded projects
- Training centres: applications, research areas and partners
- National hubs/centres: applications, capabilities, industrial and academic partners
- Nanofabrication facilities and quantum computers available under resources





#### Useful links and contact details

The UK quantum landscape:

https://ktn-uk.org/programme/quantum-landscape/

Follow us:

https://ktn-uk.org/quantum/

Newsletter sign up for funding and networking opportunities: <a href="https://info.ktn-uk.org/p/2VFU-7E8/quantum-technology-sign-up">https://info.ktn-uk.org/p/2VFU-7E8/quantum-technology-sign-up</a>

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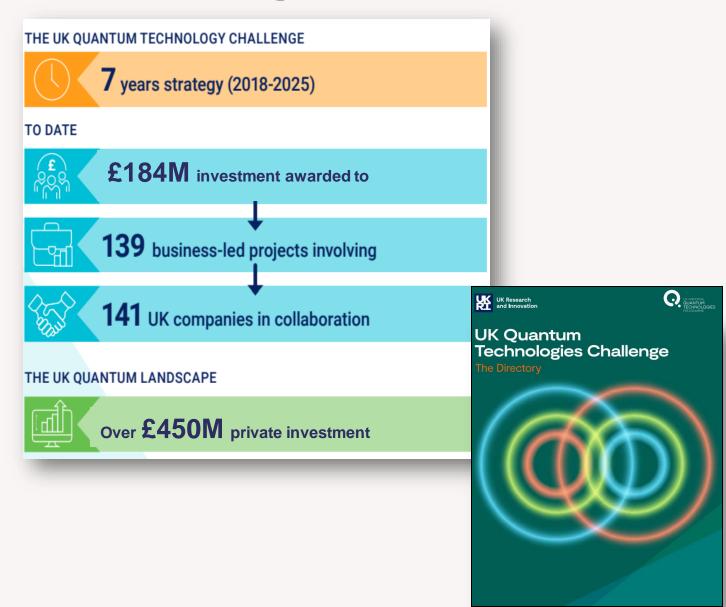
# Scope





# Context: UKRI Quantum Challenge

- UK is growing a vibrant industrial QT ecosystem
  - Addressing economic and societal challenges
- UKRI Quantum Challenge programme was committed in 2022 and now 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"

National Quantum Strategy

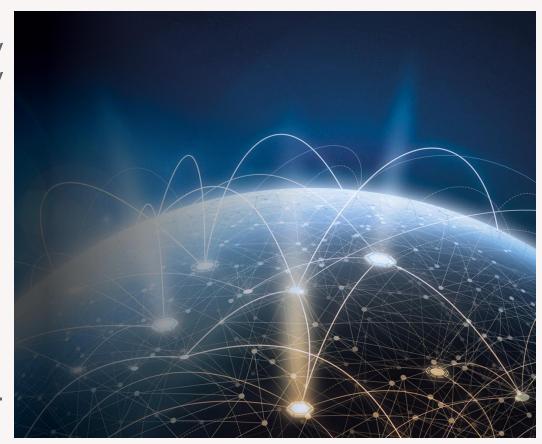
"making the UK the go-to place for quantum businesses and an integral part of the global supply chain"



March 2023

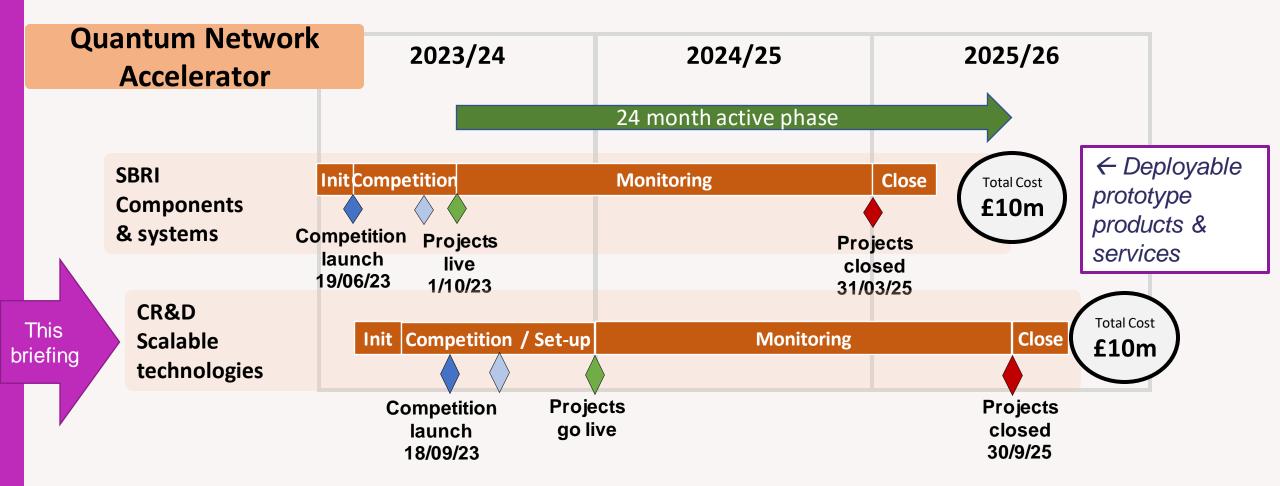
## **Quantum Networks Accelerator Programme**

- 1. Our communications networks are growing in capacity and complexity as our economy becomes increasingly underpinned by data.
- 2. Quantum network technologies will transform the way we distribute, secure, handle and process our information to meet these challenges, to build resilient communications and to make quantum computers scalable and usable.
- 3. Only when quantum technologies 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.





#### **Timeline**





# Scalable Quantum Network Technologies CR&D

Innovate UK will invest up to £10 million in collaborative projects of £1.5 million to £3 million in size, up to 18 months

- The overall aim of this competition is to accelerate quantum network technologies by removing technological barriers to their commercialisation and adoption.
- Your project must identify one or more key technological barriers and propose an innovative project that will address them.



# Competition objectives

- outline one or more technological barriers and their implications to businesses
- describe how this impedes widespread customer adoption
- deliver an innovative, competitive technical solution
- plan to demonstrate the technical solution and its commercial viability
- provide a roadmap for future commercial exploitation

Your proposal must be able to demonstrate how the project will **enhance the scalability of quantum network technologies** and **build UK leadership in the emerging global market.** 



# 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.

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Building resilience to 'store-now, decrypt-later' attacks. (technologies such as quantum key distribution, plus post-quantum cryptography where beneficial)



#### **Themes**

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

Entanglement-based networking

Developing the interface between quantum computers and networks to amplify capabilities of individual devices or platforms



# Where do we see specific barriers? (part 1)

We encourage projects that

- enable quantum networks to operate at --->
   scale
- develop security assurance frameworks for real world implementations of quantum-enabled solutions
- advance critical enabling technologies towards scale manufacture

- Long distances. Multinode networks. Increasing complexity
- Whole systems secured against appropriate threats
- - ▶ Bring down system costs



# Where do we see specific barriers? (part 2)

We encourage projects that

 unlock and amplify the capabilities of quantum processors by connecting them into networked architectures Networking quantum devices- - - ► through entanglement.Interfaces.

 Work with network architects, operators and service providers to introduce quantum technologies to enhance or transform current solutions and services

Engage the users.
Demonstrate the solutions!



# 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



# Wider remarks: why CR&D?

- Industry-led\* and genuinely collaborative (\*RTO may lead by exception)
- Build supply/value chain relationships
- Can address shared challenges & support diffusion of scalable solutions
- Co-investment evidences that technological barriers have industry buy-in
- Collaborations encourage expanding network of developers/users
- Bring down barriers to widespread user adoption...so engage them!



## **Out of Scope**

We will **not** fund projects which:

- duplicates existing innovation
- do not exploit the capabilities of, or mitigate the risks created by second generation quantum technologies



# **Quantum Network Accelerator: 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. Collaboration

- 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 (Missions)



# **Eligibility Criteria**





# Previously submitted applications

This competition <u>does</u> allow you to submit a previously submitted application.

Previously submitted application	Not a Previously submitted application
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)	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**

Project Eligibility	<ul> <li>lead must be a UK registered business of any size</li> <li>must be collaborative</li> <li>must carry out your project in the UK</li> <li>exploit the results from or in the UK</li> <li>In exceptional circumstances a research and technology organisation (RTO) can lead. The RTO must provide justification by email to support@iuk.ukri.org at least 10 working days before the competition closes. We will decide whether to approve your request.</li> <li>If the lead organisation is an RTO it must collaborate with at least 2 UK registered businesses.</li> </ul>
Start Date	on 1st April 2024
Total Grant	up to £10m
Total Project Costs	between £1.5m and £3m
Project length	between 12 and 18 months



# **Eligibility Criteria**

#### **Project Team**

To collaborate with the lead, your organisation must be one of the following UK registered:

- business of any size
- academic institution
- charity
- not for profit
- public sector organisation
- research and technology organisation (RTO)

Each partner organisation must be invited into the Innovation Funding Service (IFS) by the lead to collaborate on a project. Once partners have accepted the invitation, they will be asked to login or to create an account in IFS. They are responsible for entering their own project costs and completing their Project Impact questions in the application.

To be an eligible collaboration, the lead and at least one other organisation must apply for funding when entering their costs into the application. If the lead is an RTO they must apply for funding with at least 2 UK registered businesses.



# 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: <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2022/23/enacted">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2022/23/enacted</a> and <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/1117122/uk-subsidy-control-statutory-guidance.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/1117122/uk-subsidy-control-statutory-guidance.pdf</a>.

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 <u>Company accounts guidance</u>.
- 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 <u>Article 10 of the Northern Ireland protocol</u>, 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 <u>European Commission Recommendation</u> of 6 May 2003.



# **Eligibility Criteria: Research Categories**

The Research Categories for this competition are Feasibility Studies and Industrial Research.

If your organisation's work on the project is commercial or economic, your funding request must not exceed the limits below. These limits apply even if your organisation normally acts non-economically but for the purpose of this project will be undertaking commercial or economic activity.

#### 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 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

#### Example:

If your company's total project costs are £500k:

- your grant amount will be £350k if you are a micro or small organisation
- your grant amount will be £300k if you are a medium-sized organisation
- your grant amount will be £250k if you are large organisation



# Eligibility Criteria: Research Participation

The research organisations undertaking non-economic activity as part of the project can share up to 30% of the total eligible project costs. If your consortium contains more than one research organisation undertaking non-economic activity, this maximum is shared between them. Of that 30% you could get funding for your eligible project costs of up to:

- 80% of full economic costs (FEC) if you are a Je-S registered institution such as an academic
- 100% of your project costs if you are an RTO, charity, not for profit organisation, public sector organisation or research organisation



## **Non-funded Partners**

Your project can include partners that do not receive any of this competition's funding, for example non-UK businesses. Their costs will count towards the total project costs.

#### **Subcontractors**

- Subcontractors are allowed in this competition.
- Subcontractors can be from anywhere in the UK and you must select them through your usual procurement process.
- You can use subcontractors from overseas but must make the case in your application as to why you could not use suppliers from the UK.
- You must provide a detailed rationale, evidence of the potential UK contractors you approached and the reasons why they were unable to work with you. We will not accept a cheaper cost as a sufficient reason to use an overseas subcontractor.
- All subcontractor costs must be justified and appropriate to the total project costs.



# Making more than one application

- A business can only lead on one application but can be included as a collaborator in a further 2 applications.
- If the lead organisation is an RTO it must collaborate with at least 2 businesses.
- If an organisation is not leading any application, it can collaborate in any number of applications.



# 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.



# **Key Dates**

Timeline	Dates
Competition Opens:	Monday 18th September
Briefing Event:	Monday 18th September 2023
Submission Deadline:	11am on Wednesday 1st November 2023
Applicants Informed:	Monday 18th December 2023



Q&A

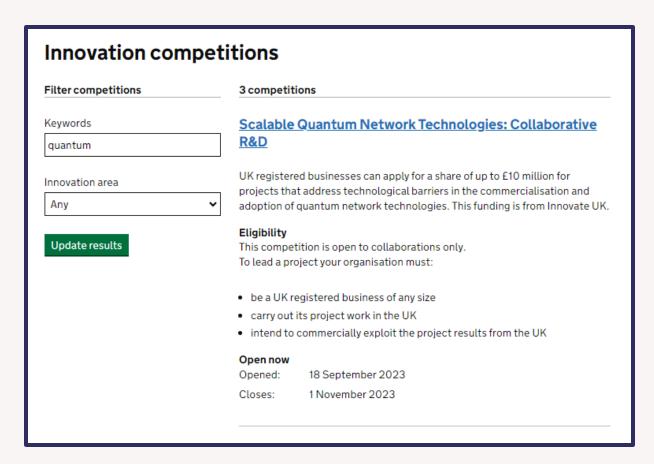


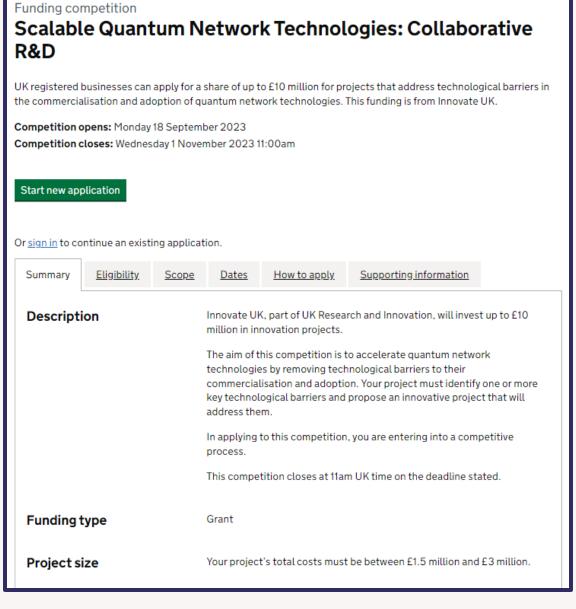




# Innovation Funding Service (IFS)

# Search for a funding competition and review criteria







# Lead Applicant: create an account

The lead applicant must create an account:

#### **UK registered businesses**

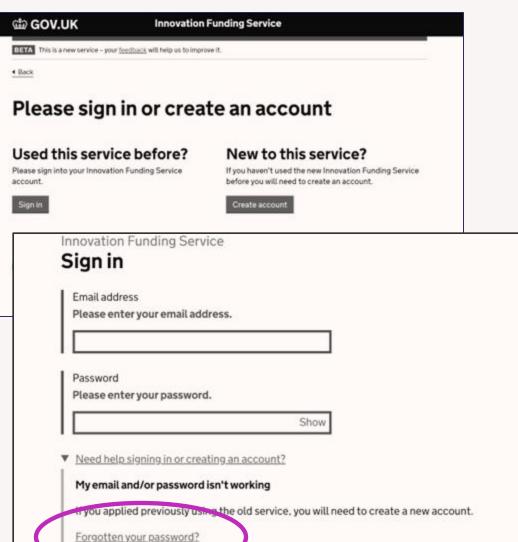
Use Companies House lookup as it speeds up our checks by providing your company number. You are unable to enter this at a later date.

#### 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.







# **Project Details**

#### Application Team

Decide which organisations will work with you on your project and invite people from those organisations to help complete the application.

#### Application Details

Give your project's title, start date and duration.

#### Research Category

Select the type of research you will undertake.

#### Project Summary

Describe your project briefly and be clear about what makes it innovative. We use this section to assign the right experts to assess your application.

#### Public Description

Describe your project in detail and in a way that you are happy to see published. Do not include any commercially sensitive information. If we award your project funding, we will publish this description. This could happen before you start your project.

#### Scope

Describe how your project fits the scope of the competition. If your project is not in scope it will not be sent for assessment. We will tell you the reason why.

#### 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.

#### EDI Survey

This must be completed by all participants.



# **Project Impact Questions**

- Each organisation in your application will complete the Project Impact questions within the 'Supporting information' section
- The Project Impact questions ask for data about your business and innovation and its contribution to the UK economy, society, and the environment
- Visit the <u>Project Impact guidance</u> page for more information, the types of questions you will be asked and how to get further support
- By providing this data, you are enabling us to better understand the impact of our support. It will help us identify success stories and provide evidence to government and the public of the value of supporting innovative businesses





#### For more information:

- Watch Our Impact Management
   Framework video <u>here</u>
- Watch How is the Project Impact data collected? video <u>here</u>

# **Application Questions**

Detailed guidance is available on IFS

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



# **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 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



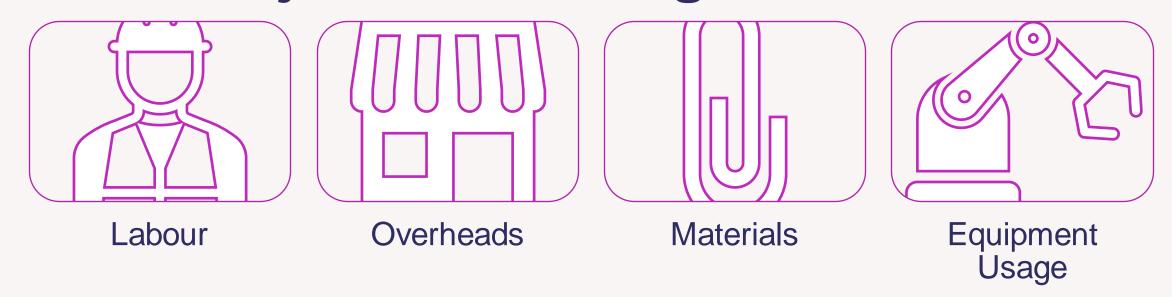
## **British Overseas Territories**

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**







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.

#### ► <u>Labour costs guidance</u>

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

Role within project	Gross employee cost	Rate (£/day)	Days to be spent by all staff at this grade	Total costs	
Project Manager	50000	£216	120	£25,862	Remove
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Add another role

### **Material costs**

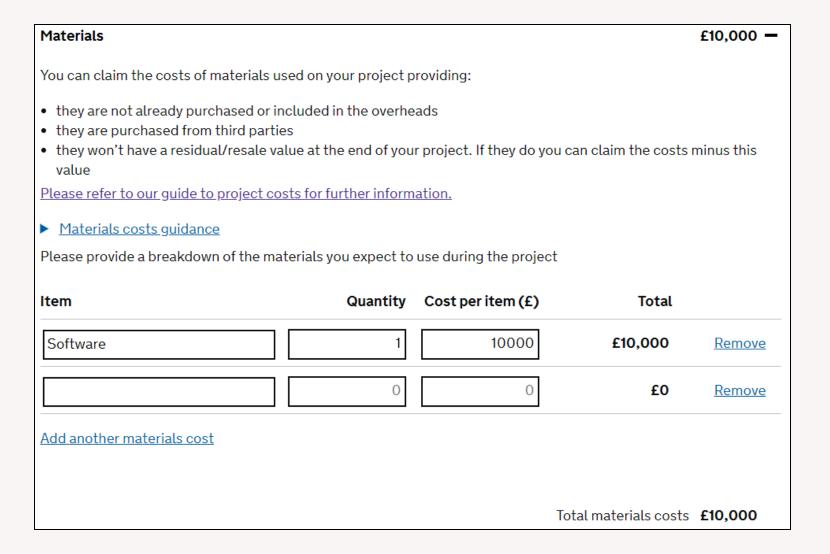
#### **Costs supported**

Off the shelf items via 3<sup>rd</sup> 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





## **Sub-contractors\***

#### **Costs supported**

Justification required if non-UK supplier chosen Independent contractor via 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 availablewithout justification

Subcontracting costs guidance	
Please provide details of any work that you	u expect to subcontract for your project.
Subcontractor name	
Robotics experts ltd	
UK	
Role of the subcontractor in the project an	nd description of the work they'll do
Role of the subcontractor in the project an facilitation and availability of robotics labs	



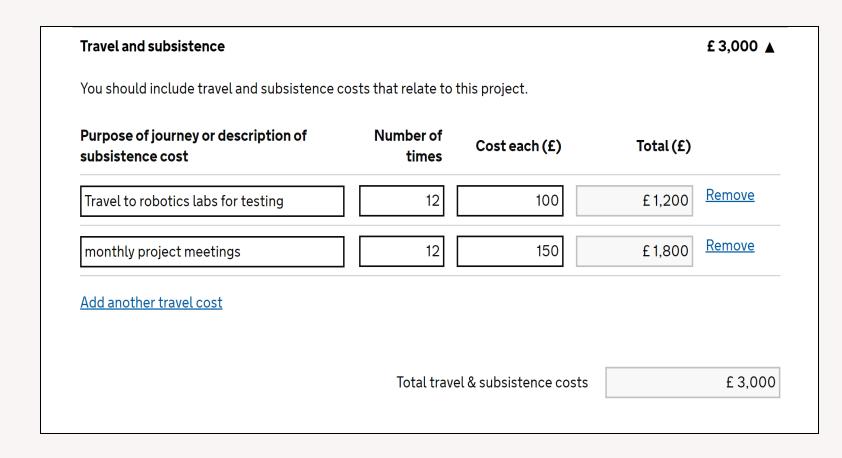
## **Travel & Subsistence\***

#### **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

## **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 pro (administration) overheads. To be eligible both overhead categories need to be The indirect overheads need to be additional as well as directly attributable. No categories/activities which are not eligible. To find out which costs are ineligible guidance.	e directly attributable to the project. ote that there are certain cost
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 <u>overhead calculation spreadsheet.xlsx (16KB)</u>

Download as an Open Office document <u>overhead calculation spreadsheet.ods (10KB)</u>

#### Upload your completed spreadsheet

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### 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

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Where required for sign off



Other costs	£0 A
Please provide details of any project costs which cannot be cov	vered by the other cost categories.
► <u>Other costs guidance</u>	
Please note that legal or project audit and accountancy fees ar cost'. Patent filing costs of new IP relating to the project are lin provide estimates of other costs that do not fit within any other	mited to £7,500 for SME applicants only. Please
Description and justification of the cost	Estimated cost (£)
	0

<sup>\*</sup>You will be required to provide invoices and basis of daily rates

<sup>\*\*</sup>At daily or hourly cost

# **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





# **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**

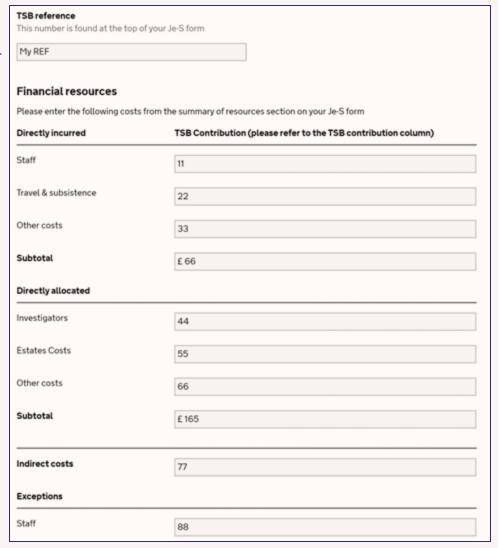
Enter the TSB reference number here

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.

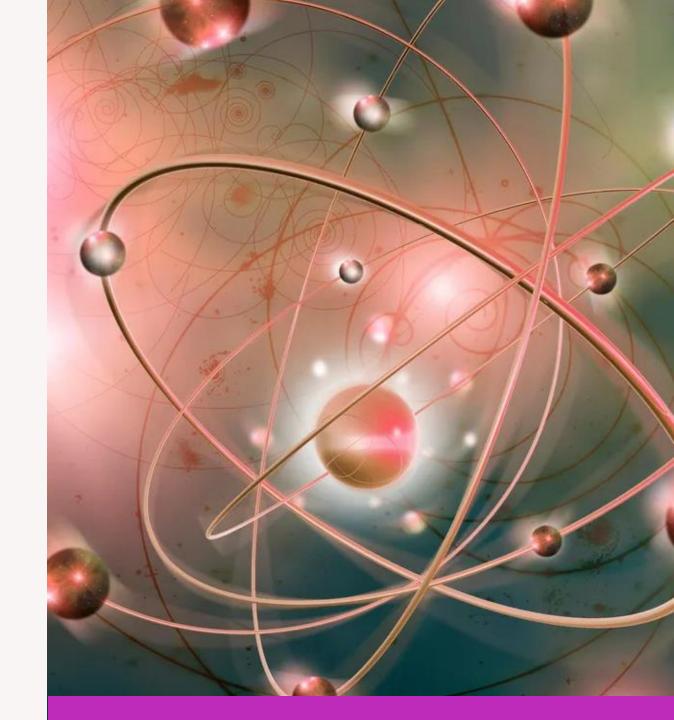
Any queries, contact Je-S Helpdesk (not Innovate UK)

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





# Submitting your application





# Checking your finances are complete

#### **Finances Summary**

The following organisations have not marked their finances as complete:

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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	<b>~</b>	£230,162	70%	£161,113	EO	£69,049
EMPIRE LTD Lead organisation	A	£282,655	70%	£197,859	£0	£84,797
<b>University of Bath</b> Partner	~	£239,114	0%	£0	£0	£239,114
Total		£751,931		£358,972	£0	£392,959

All organisations need to have marked their finances as complete before you can submit.

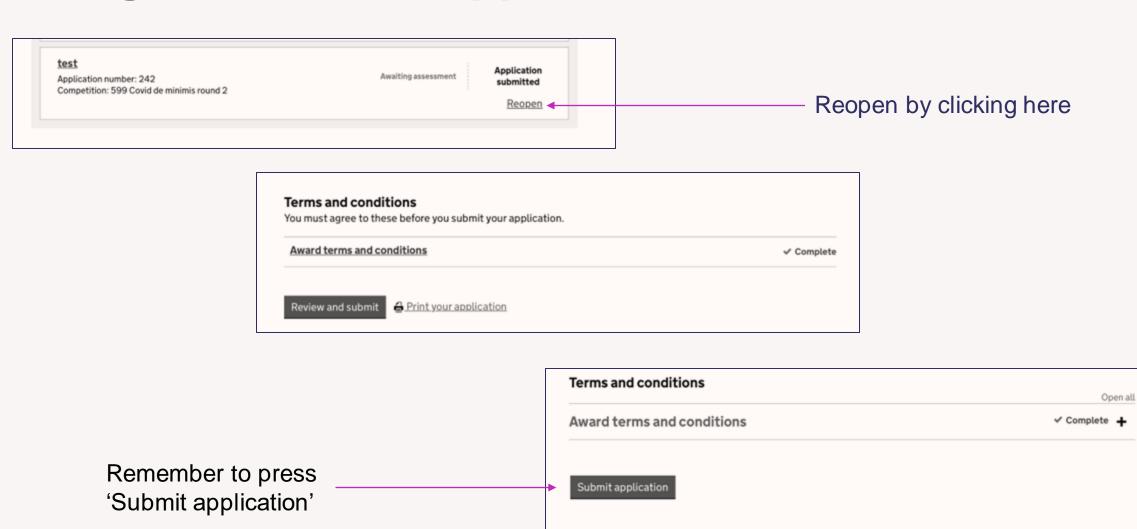
Research organisation participation is no greater than 30% of the total project costs.

IFS DOES NOT VALIDATE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS



# Editing a submitted application

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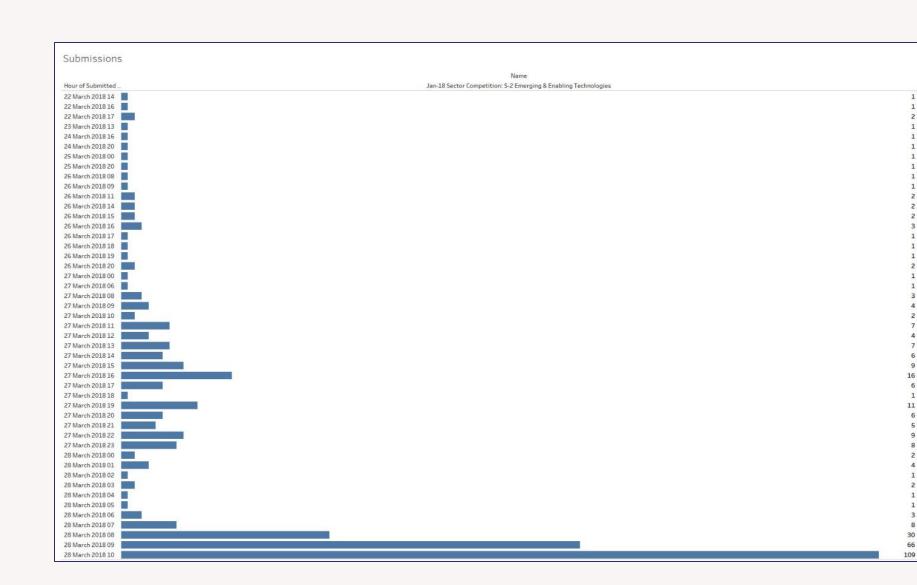
Need help with this service? Contact us

# 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.

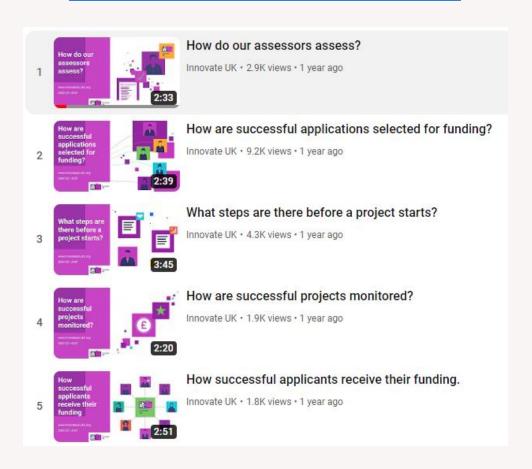
Remember that if there are collaborative partners, it is the lead applicant's responsibility to ensure all collaborative partners have completed their assigned sections and accepted the terms and conditions, before submitting.





# Assessment

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrMOh OrmeR6lTsx\_bCczElQTRH6ARdOFk







# **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.

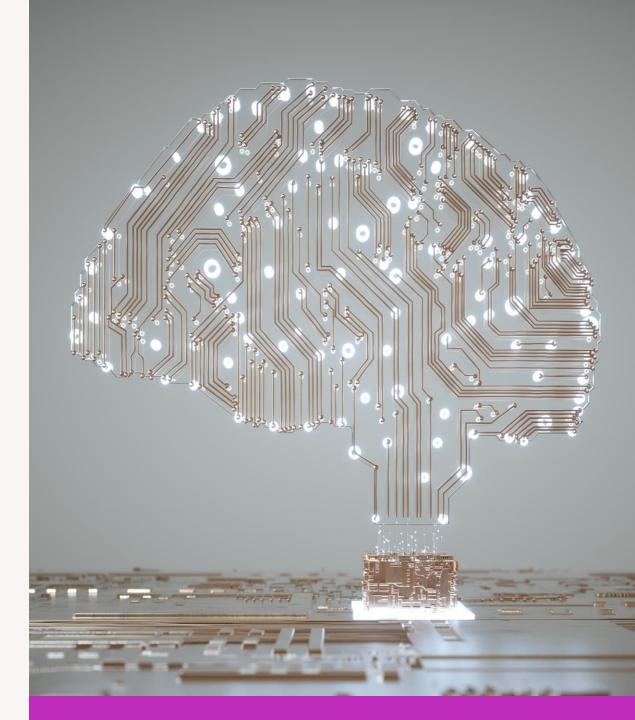
You will then receive email notification to offer grant funding or to inform you that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.

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.

For more information on the competition process, please go to: <u>Competition briefing:</u> <u>applicant information - YouTube</u>



# 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.



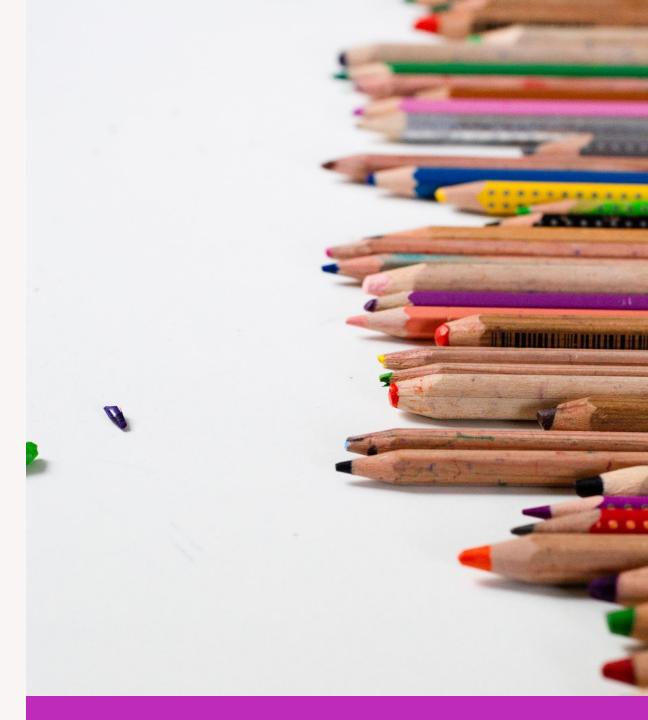




# **Available Support**

- 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 <u>support@iuk.ukri.org</u>
   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











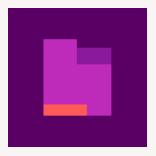
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### **Customer Support Services**

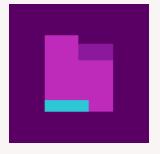
0300 321 4357 (Monday - Friday 9-5pm) support@iuk.ukri.org



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# Thank You







