

# **INNOVATION FUNDING and SUPPORT – November 2023**

# **Innovate UK Smart Grants**

UK registered organisations can apply for a share of up to £25 million for game-changing and commercially viable research and development (R&D) Innovation that can significantly impact the UK economy. This funding is from Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation.

Total Fund: £25,000,000

Opening Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Closing Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Projects of 6 to 18 months must have total costs of between £100,000 and £500,000 and can be single or collaborative. Projects of 19-36 months must have total project costs of between £100,000 and £2 million and be collaborative.

Smart grants typically run all year round.

Defra Farming Innovations Programme
Research Starter 4 (December 2023) and Large R&D Round 3 (January 24)
Further detail to be released shortly

REforMM
No current funding calls, but worth keeping an eye on
Future calls will be announced in

Launchpad: Agritech and food the in East of England

Launchpad: net zero industry, South West Wales - R1 CR&D

Region specific projects looking to increase innovation in certain areas of the UK

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## **Knowledge Transfer Partnerships**

UK registered academic institutions, research and technology organisations (RTOs) or Catapults can apply for a share of up to £8 million to fund innovation projects with businesses or not for profits organisations.

This funding is from Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, co-funders Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP)

Opening Date: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Closing Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

KTP's run all year round

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# Innovate UK Edge - £15k awards

Funded access to Catapults & RTOs to support growth and scaling through innovation

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**Creative Catalyst** 



End to end innovation support for the Creative Industries

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# **EUREKA**

Upcoming EUREKA Programme Information webinar: 9th November 2023

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# **Innovation Loans**

Innovate UK's pilot programme of innovation loans started in 2017 and, through seven competitions, has now committed £80 million to over 100 successful applicants. Innovation loans aim to provide flexible and patient capital to support business growth through innovation.

# **Regional Funding**

#### Northern Ireland

### Resource Matching service

Funding for innovation and R&D | Invest Northern Ireland (investni.com)

Also available is the standard innovation funding, ranging from Innovation Vouchers for wider business to TDI and Grant for R&D for Invest NI client companies.

## **Scotland**

Interface Standard Innovation Vouchers
Interface Advanced Innovation Vouchers
IBioIC Innovation Scale-up Accelerator Programme

### Wales

Smart FIS (Welsh Scheme)

## Other useful links

# **IUK KTN AgriFood Newsletters**

To keep up to date with available funding competitions, relevant events and activities please subscribe to the following newsletters:

## **Innovate UK KTN Innovation Canvas Tool**

This is a great tool to use to sense check your innovation, idea or project and help identify the key challenge areas for focus.

# **Innovation Exchange**

Innovation Exchange is a KTN programme specially designed to help organisations search for game-changing solutions to challenges and bring them to market faster.