

# Opportunities

Available robotics funding opportunities

# Environmental Monitoring Innovation



Innovate UK and The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) are inviting UK registered businesses to apply for a share of up to £5 million for collaborative projects to develop innovative solutions in environmental monitoring. The aim of the competition is to fund collaborative projects that develop environmental monitoring solutions to enable improved monitoring of environmental variables

## Your project must:

- focus on one or more of the following challenge areas:
  - (i) biodiversity & natural capital,
  - (ii) soil health (including measuring soil carbon),
  - (iii) water quality and
  - (iv) greenhouse gas (GHG) and ammonia emissions from Defra sectors

Your project's total costs must be between £150,000 and £450,000

Competition opens: Monday 22 January 2024

Competition closes: **Wednesday 6 March 2024 11:00am**

<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/1838/overview/8e7ae74c-af9d-4c8b-8bee-084865a57276#summary>

# Farming Innovation Programme: Large R&D partnerships Round 3



The aim of this competition is to fund industrial research and experimental development projects that will address major on-farm or immediate post farmgate challenges or opportunities.

## Your project must significantly improve:

- Productivity, sustainability and environmental impact of farming, progression towards net zero emissions, resilience

## To lead a project your organisation must:

- be a UK registered business of any size
- collaborate with other UK registered organisations
- be or involve at least one micro, small or medium-sized enterprise(SME)
- involve at least one grant claiming academic institution, research and technology organisation (RTO), charity, not-for-profit or public sector organisation

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

(i)business of any size(ii)academic institution (iii) charity (iv) not for profit (v) public sector organisation (vi)research and technology organisation (RTO)

Competition opens: 15 January 2024, Online briefing event: 25 January 2024 ([Recording](#))

Competition closes: **13 March 2024 11:00pm**

<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/1820/overview/583e96c0-b7ca-4642-be80-b32608d7e6dc#summary>

# APC25: Industrialising net zero automotive technology



The aim of this competition is for collaborative R&D projects that design, develop and manufacture technology. Proposals will work towards delivering net-zero on-vehicle technologies for on-road or off-road vehicles, including 2 wheelers.

Your proposal must be a collaborative, pre-production research and development (R&D) project that:

- i. supports the UK's vision and underpin core capabilities by securing long term R&D investment
- ii. creates or safeguards high value jobs when undertaking the project and as a result of any post project R&D and manufacturing activities
- iii. achieves, through the associated supply chain, the design, build, test and manufacture of net zero vehicles
- iv. supports the UK's transition to zero emission vehicles and a pathway to net zero automotive industry

## Your project must :

- have a grant funding request between £2.5 million and £20 million
- be a minimum of 50% match funded, start on 1 November 2024 and last between 18 and 36 months

Competition opens: **Monday 15 January 2024** online briefing event held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024 ([Recording](#))

Competition closes: **Wednesday 13 March 2024 11:00am**

<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/1806/overview/10d62883-7be4-447d-99e4-9d498ec10fe1#summary>

# Innovate UK Smart grants: January 2024



The Innovate UK Smart grant supports SMEs and their partners develop the best game changing and world-leading innovative R&D projects. It offers funding where other opportunities are not available or appropriate, and where timing is key to ensure swift and successful commercialisation post-project completion. Broad scope

## Your project must focus on:

- taking customer and user needs into account to deliver more desirable and useful solutions
- identifying who is ready to buy your innovation
- being developed, planned and resourced beyond the end of the Innovate UK funded project, taking into account the focus of any project partners and their existing commitments
- fitting in with and complementing your ongoing business planning and development, product offerings and organisational structure to maximise chances of success

## TWO STRANDS

1. 6 to 18 months - have total eligible project costs between £100,000 and £500,000, be single or collaborative
2. 19 to 24 months, have total eligible project costs between £100,000 and £1 million, be collaborative

BOTH strands should start by 1 October 2024 and end by 30 September 2026 and include at least one micro, small or medium enterprise (SME) as the lead or a collaborative grant claiming partner

Competition opens: 18 January 2024, Online briefing event: 25 January 2024 ([Recording](#))

Competition closes: **24 April 2024 12:00pm**

<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/1851/overview/00f86f76-4844-4c58-9622-137bd3c4389b#summary>



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