

DRIVE35 Scale-up: Feasibility Studies

Applicant Briefing

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Welcome and Introductions



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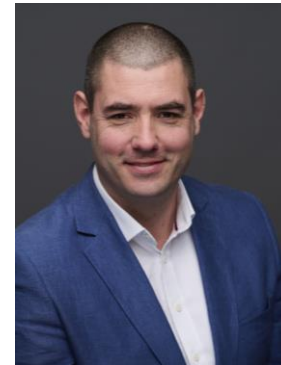
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Agenda

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- Key Dates
- Scope
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- Funding Rules
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Competition Summary, Key Dates, Application Questions, & Scope



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Driving Research and Investment in Vehicle Electrification (DRIVE35)

£2bn

in grant funding delivered over five years in partnership with the Department for Business and Trade, Innovate UK, and the Advanced Propulsion Centre UK

3 Strategic Funding Priorities

Supporting INNOVATION

Concept design to late-stage R&D

£150K up to £25m available, project duration from **12 to 36 months**, depending on selected stream

Accelerating SCALE-UP

Validation and process delivery

£150k up to £20m available, project duration from **12 to 72 months**, depending on selected stream

Enabling TRANSFORMATION

Industrial deployment at scale

**Vehicle Assembly
Supply Chain Development**



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ENABLING
TRANSFORMATION

Automotive Transformation Fund

ACCELERATING
SCALE-UP

Scale-up Fund

Feasibility Studies

SUPPORTING
INNOVATION

Collaborate

Demonstrate

Mobilise

Introducing Scale-up Feasibility Studies

Up to

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Scaling your manufacturing from R+D to commercialisation



Stage	Concept	Lab scale / workshop	Pilot line (low-volume manufacture)	Demonstration line (mid-volume manufacture)	Industrial plant (high-volume manufacture)
Description	Innovation of new tech concepts	Initial prototypes from manual lab or workshop	Initial production line	Single FOAK line representing scaled-up workflow	Full scale manufacturing
Flexibility and output	Complete flexibility, no process	Very high flexibility, manual process	High flexibility, low volume output	Medium flexibility and volume output	Very little flexibility, very high output
Development stage output	Early prototypes	Research to deliver prototypes and show product attributes	Process development to pilot initial critical process steps	Process development to demonstrate production at rate with QC	Customer product at full production scale
Commercial milestone delivered	Proof of Concept	Paid trials / 1 st off's	1st adaptor programmes	Secure increasing offtake	Volume programmes
Feasibility Study scope	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes

Scale-up feasibility for zero-emission vehicle technology

Even after substantial R+D, there remain risks in the development of these assets, including:

- **Manufacturing scale-up risk:** Will the manufacturing of the technology be possible and economically viable?
- **Market risk:** What is the scale, growth and timing of the market?
- **Planning risk:** What specific activities are required to deliver the project in the UK?
- **Execution risk:** What skills and capabilities will be required to deliver the facility?
- **Costs risk:** How much will the facility cost, what are the key variables and dependencies?
- **Financing risk:** What requirements need to be met to finance the facility and wider scale-up?
- **UK Investment risk:** What additional challenges exist in the UK associated with the build of this facility?

Feasibility studies are undertaken to understand, plan for and unlock these challenges.

Impacts and outcomes for your UK business



GROWTH: Support growth, transition and resilience of the UK's automotive supply chain, increasing capability whilst improving productivity, efficiency and competitiveness,



STRATEGIC TECH: Contribute to the UK's strategic aims and priorities, such as the HMG's Industrial Strategy as well as the Automotive Council's Roadmaps and Strategic Technology areas,



ENABLING INVESTMENT: Develops a detailed plan, business case and investment case for creation or conversion of manufacturing facilities which support the transition to zero-emission vehicles,



IMPACTS: Have the potential to create and safeguard numerous high-value jobs, enable substantial investment and create a lasting economic benefit to the UK,



REPORTING OUTPUTS: Deliver a detailed closeout report and presentation to the APC to review the business case and investment case, its outcomes and next steps, prior to closure.

What will a strong Scale-up Feasibility Study consist of?



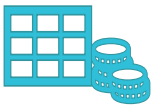
Develop a **project plan** for the build or conversion of manufacturing facilities in the UK.



Create or mature a **flow sheet and/or layout** of your manufacturing process and/or manufacturing facility,



Continue to develop robust **commercialisation plans** for the ZEV technology that you plan to manufacture from the UK,



Produce detailed **costing and financial models** examining the costs of developing and operating your manufacturing facility, and the incomes that it could enable,

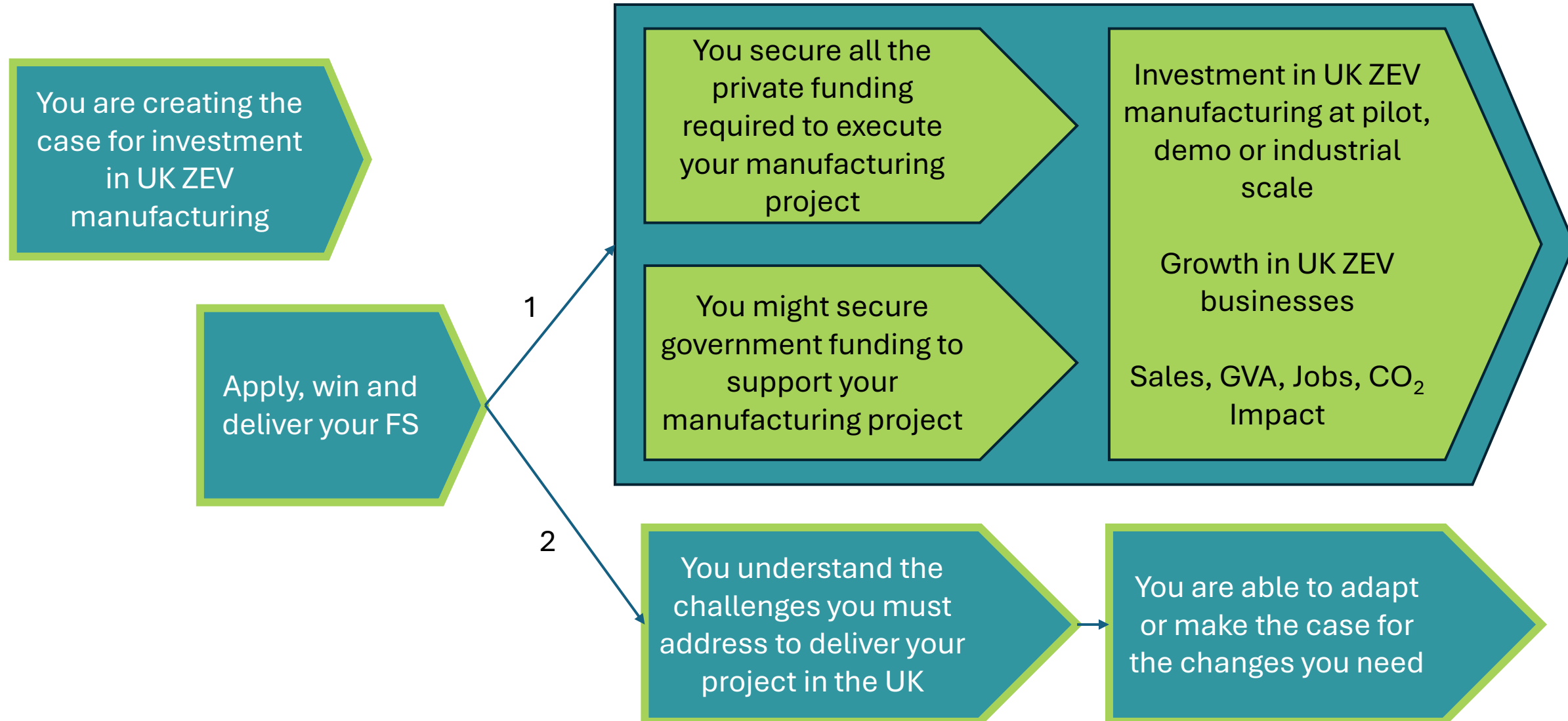


Produce a **business case** for future investment which enables a decision either to invest in the project in the UK or clearly shows the potential barriers or challenges to doing so, and the additional steps or measures to overcome them, and;



Develop the insight, plans and details required to show how you will **secure investment** in your manufacturing plan for the zero-emission vehicle supply chain in the UK.

Scale-up Feasibility Study: Target Outcomes



Scale-up Feasibility Studies: Eligibility

Your feasibility study, and the manufacturing project under consideration, must:



Primarily enable scale up in the UK auto sector, but spill over to or from other sectors is welcomed



Single applicant only, we are open to applications with substantial subcontracts



Carry out project work in the UK



Exploit the outcomes in the UK



Have a grant funding request between £150,000 to £750,000



A maximum of 50% grant funded for a large organisation, or 60% for an SME.



Start by 1st January 2026 and last no longer than 9 months



You must make an industrial contribution of 3.5% of any grant received to support the running costs of APCUK

Timeline

Milestones	Dates
Competition live	w/c 14 th July 2025
Applicant Q&A webinar	18 th July 2025
Application deadline	3 rd September 2025
Applicants informed	9 th October 2025
Project start from	1 st December 2025
Projects must start by	1 st January 2026

Technology Scope

We will fund feasibility studies that develop a business case for manufacturing of the following tech:

- Electrical energy storage:
 - Development of batteries, supercapacitors, their components, management, and integrated systems
- Electric machines and associated driveline
- Power electronics:
 - Including Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X)
- Internal combustion engine (ICE) for off-road applications:
 - We will fund project proposals that support a transition to zero emissions, utilising non-fossil fuels,
- Lightweighting:
 - Materials and manufacturing processes
- Fuel-cell systems:
 - Including associated balance of plant
- Hydrogen storage and management systems
- Zero-emission vehicle assembly

Technology Scope 2

Within the technology scope outlined on previous slide, your project can include:

- Upstream supply chain for the above technologies, including: Raw materials, Component manufacturing, Sub-assembly manufacturing,
- Circularity and Design for Disassembly: Projects delivering manufacturing systems which enable the disassembly, remanufacturing, recovery, and reuse of materials.
- The deployment (but not principally the development) of technologies to enable productivity and cost-competitiveness across the relevant aspects of applicable manufacturing operations in any of the following areas:
 - Digital Transformation: Integration of digital tools within the manufacturing process. Such as the use of AI, digital twins, and Internet of Things (IoT).
 - Manufacturing process decarbonisation: Processes that use renewable energy sources or innovations enabling reduced energy consumption within manufacturing processes including capture and reuse.
 - Lean Manufacturing: Implementation of innovative lean principles to improve efficient use of materials used in processes, reduce their environmental impact and improve efficiency including the use of advanced automation techniques.

Projects we will not fund

We will not fund projects:

- **Requesting grant greater than 60% of total project costs for an SME or 50% for a large business.**
- Focused on technology feasibility, technical research or technical product development.
- Which do not have a credible plan to enter the zero-emission vehicle supply chain in the future.
- Not aligned with the UK Industrial Strategy.
- Focused on the development or production of low-carbon fuels.
- Not of future benefit to the automotive sector.
- Focused on technologies or processes which are too technologically immature to scale with increasing market demand.
- Focused on fossil-fuelled internal combustion technology.
- Focused on the production of hydrogen.
- Focused on off-vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Focused primarily on the development of digital or data technologies.
- Focused on small personal mobility applications such as e-Scooters, e-Bikes, or other low-powered mobility devices.

We cannot fund projects that are:

- Dependent on export performance
- Dependent on domestic inputs usage



Application questions

Project Details and Application Questions Overview

Project Details

Application Team		
Application Details		
Research Category		
Project Summary	100 words	informs assessment
Public Description	100 words	for future communications
Scope	200 words	suitability for funding

Not Scored Questions

Q1 Applicant Location
Q2 Animal Testing
Q3 Permits and Licenses
Q4 International Collaboration
Q5 Trusted Research and Innovation
Q6 Your Business*

Scored Questions

Q7 This feasibility study
Q8 Your product or process
Q9 The target market
Q10 Your commercialisation plan
Q11 Your commercialisation team
Q12 Your finance plan
Q13 The impact of this feasibility study
Q14 Project costs

*(not scored directly but can be used to inform assessment)

Application Questions

Question 6 Your Business

Describe your current business and your vision of success for the future.

- History of the business
- Current scale and capacity
- Revenue / income streams
- Summary of your corporate strategy that is related to this proposal
- Owners and investors

Question 7 The Feasibility Study

Describe your proposed feasibility study including why you want to undertake it.

- Describe your FS proposal
- Key objectives, milestones, success factors
- Your delivery plan
- Project team and skills
- Fit of your project to your strategy and commercial plan?

Question 8 Your Product or Process

What product or process are you taking to market, how does it solve a customer problem and how it does it support the transition to Zero Emission Vehicle manufacturing?

- Description and functionality
- The customer problem this solves
- Value proposition and unit economics
- Readiness to scale: TRL/MRL maturity

Application Questions

Question 9 The Market

What is the market for this product or process? Competition? Market timing?

- Current supply chain
- Projection of size of the market
- Customer segmentation
- Your traction or engagement with your customers
- Competition in the market
- Why now

Question 10 Commercialisation Plan

Describe your broader commercialisation roadmap or plan associated with this product or service.

- Business model
- Timeline of steps to take to market
- Impacts will have on your organisational growth
- Scale of any investment
- Commercialisation risks

Question 11 Commercialisation Team

Do you have the right team to take the results of this project to commercial success?

- Leadership team members that will take the results of this feasibility study to commercial success
- Any team capability gaps to be addressed
- Your plan to address these

Application Questions

Question 12 Your Finance Plan

Describe how you will finance the outcomes of this feasibility study.

- The package of finance you will require
- Your target sources of finance
- Your readiness to engage
- The data or validation to enable you to achieve this investment, and how this FS delivers this

Question 13 Impact of this study

What will be the impact of this feasibility study?

- Environmental benefits
- UK investment
- Annual commercial revenue
- Jobs
- Benefits to UK customers, suppliers and wider industry

Question 14 Project Costs

How much this feasibility study will cost to deliver and the support you require to execute it.

- Total eligible costs of this feasibility study
- Grant you are requesting and why?
- How you will finance your unfunded contribution to the feasibility study,
- Subcontractors and why they are critical to the feasibility study

Portfolio approach to selection

We want to fund a variety of feasibility studies across different:

- Technologies,
- Vehicle applications,
- Markets,
- Technological maturities,
- Organisational sizes,

All of which are aligned to policy and regulatory deadlines enabling automotive transformation including the transition to fully zero-emission vehicle manufacturing. As such, selection of funded projects may be determined by the fit of the project to the competition portfolio. We call this a portfolio approach.

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Eligibility criteria



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Eligibility Criteria – Your Project

Your project must:

- have total a grant funding request of between £150,000 and £750,000
- last up to nine months
- carry out all of its project work in the UK
- intend to exploit the results from or in the UK
- start by 1 January 2026
- end by 30 September 2026

Your project must have a maximum of 50% grant funded for a large organisation, or 60% for an SME. For example:

- if you are applying as a large organisation and asking for £300,000 in grant, your total eligible project costs need to be a minimum of £600,000
- if you are applying as an SME and asking for £300,000 in grant, your total eligible project costs need to be a minimum of £500,000

Eligibility Criteria – Lead Organisation & Number of Applications

Lead organisation:

To work alone your organisation must be a UK registered business of any size.

More information on the different types of organisation can be found in our [Funding rules](#).

Number of applications

A business, academic institution, research and technology organisation (RTO), charity, not for profit or public sector organisation can only lead on one application but can be included as a collaborator in a further two applications.

If a UK registered eligible organisation is not leading an application, it can collaborate in any number of applications.

Eligibility Criteria – Subcontractors

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 cannot use subcontractors 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 eligible project costs.

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>If you have previously submitted an application that reached our assessment stage, you can re-apply once more with the same proposal.</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



Innovation Funding Service (IFS)

How to apply

The lead applicant must create an account:

UK registered businesses

Use Companies House lookup using your company number.
This facilitates our checks later if you are successful.



GOV.UK Innovation Funding Service

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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 in or create an account

Used this service before?

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.

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.

[Forgotten your password?](#)

National Security and Investment Act - overview

Subject to certain criteria, UK applicants are legally required to tell the government about acquisitions of certain entities in 17 sensitive areas of the economy (called 'notifiable acquisitions').

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-security-and-investment-act-guidance-on-notifiable-acquisitions/national-security-and-investment-act-guidance-on-notifiable-acquisitions>

These 17 areas are:

- Advanced Materials
- Advanced Robotics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Civil Nuclear
- Communications
- Computing Hardware
- Critical Suppliers to Government
- Cryptographic Authentication
- Data Infrastructure
- Defence
- Energy
- Military and Dual-Use
- Quantum Technologies
- Satellite and Space Technologies
- Suppliers to the Emergency Services
- Synthetic Biology
- Transport

If there is significant uncertainty about whether an acquisition is notifiable, you may contact the government on **investment.screening@cabinetoffice.gov.uk** to seek a view or get legal advice from your own sources.

New Question – Q4 International Collaboration (not scored)

Does your proposed work involve any international collaboration or engagement?

You must provide details of any expected international collaboration or engagement. You must include a list of the names and the countries any international project co-leads, project partners, visiting researchers, or other collaborators are based in. You must also include details of any subcontractors or service providers.

If your proposed work does not involve international collaboration or engagement, your answer must confirm this.

New Question – Q5 Trusted Research and Innovation (not scored)

You must explain if your proposed project work relates to UKRI's Trusted Research and Innovation Principles, including:

- a list of any dual-use (both military and non-military) applications to your research
- a list of the areas where your project is relevant to one or more of the 17 areas of the UK National Security and Investment (NSI) Act)
- whether an export control license is required for this project under the academic export control guidance and the status of any applications
- a list of any items or substances on the UK Strategic Export Control List

We may ask you to provide additional TR&I information at a later date, in line with UKRI TR&I Principles and funding terms and conditions

UK Strategic Export Controls - overview

[UK strategic export controls - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-strategic-export-controls)

The UK government has put together this guidance for those who export or transfer goods, software or technology (including data, information and technical assistance) which might be subject to strategic export controls.

It explains what control lists are, as well as who they apply to and when, so that exporters can make sure they comply with the law.

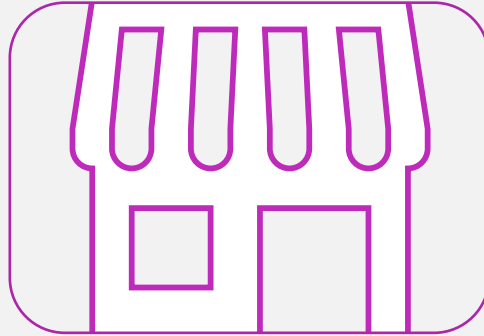
Applicants should assess how these controls may impact the project and confirm if they will need a licence (see question 5).

Your Project Cost Categories

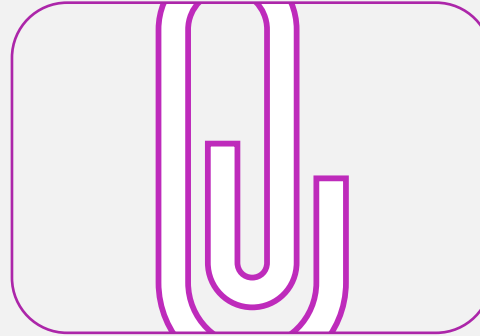
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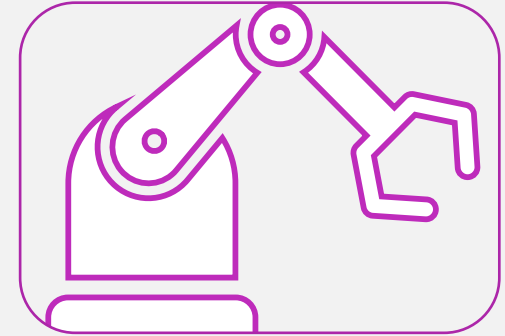
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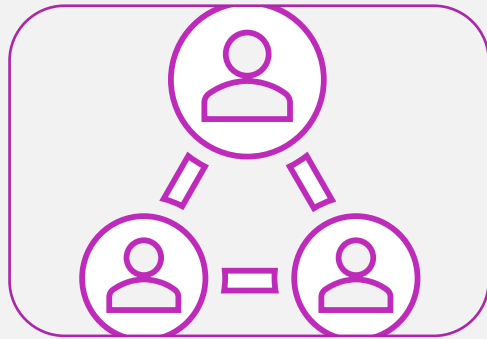
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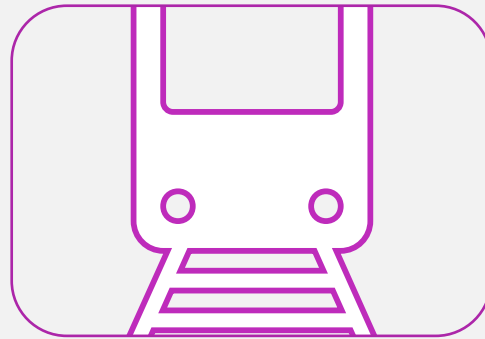
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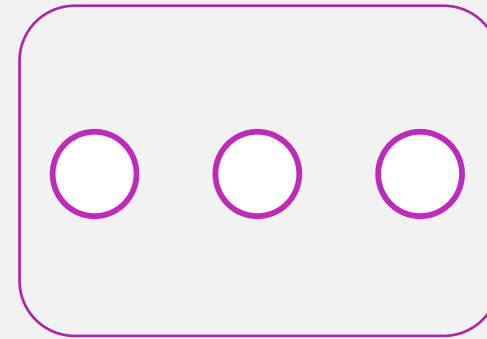
Capital Usage



Subcontractors



Travel &
Subsistence




Other

Your project finances


Finances

Your organisation is required to submit its project finances. Your organisation's project costs can be seen in the 'Finances overview'.


[Your project finances](#)

 Incomplete

[Finances overview](#)


 Incomplete

Finances


 Only members from your organisation will be able to see a breakdown of your finances.

Please complete your project finances.


[Your project costs](#)

 Incomplete


[Your project location](#)

 Incomplete

[Your organisation](#)

 Incomplete

[Your funding](#)

 Incomplete

Your project costs

Add your project costs by category – refer to previous slide for link to instructional video

Your project location

Enter postcode for where most of the project work will take place.

Your organisation

Add details of your organisation including size, turnover and number of employees

Your funding

Include your funding level percentage according to the competition's funding rules.

You can declare Other Public Sector Funding here if you have previously received public money for **exactly** the same activities

Checking your finances are complete

Finances summary

These organisations have not marked their finances as complete:

- Ludlow
- EGGS



This application cannot be submitted until all items in the finances section have been marked as complete by all partners.

		Total costs (£)	Funding level (%)	Funding sought (£)	Contribution to project (£)	Other public sector funding (£)
Empire Ltd Lead organisation	✓	200,903	30.00	57,803	140,632	2,468
Ludlow Partner	⚠	200,903	30.00	57,803	140,632	2,468
EGGS Partner	⚠	990	100.00	990	0	0
Total	⚠	£402,796		116,596	281,264	4,936

Check your finances have been correctly entered, with the correct costs, funding level % and funding sought figures, as per the eligibility criteria of the competition.

IFS DOES NOT VALIDATE
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS


Terms and Conditions

Before you can submit your application, **all** organisations in an application must agree to the draft terms and conditions for this competition. Please ensure you share the T&Cs with your legal team at the earliest possible opportunity.


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You must agree to these before you submit your application.

[Award terms and conditions](#)

 Incomplete

[Review and submit](#)

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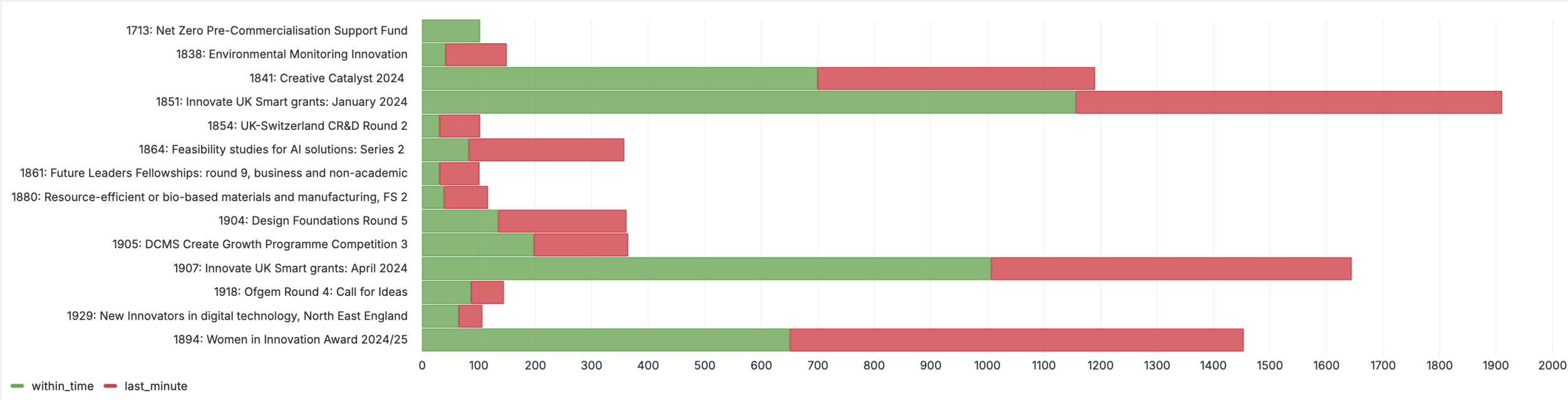
I agree to the [full terms and conditions](#) set out by the funding authority. I understand I need to agree to the final contract if my application is successful.

[Agree and continue](#)

Submitting your application

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.



Pros & Cons of using AI to support you

With the advances in AI technology, it is only natural to use technology to support you in applying to our competitions. Whilst we don't recommend or advise against it, we would like to make you aware of the following which could potentially impact your project.

Pros

- Removes barriers for people with disabilities and non-English speakers
- Allows you to rephrase your content to meet the word count in a question
- Ensures all aspects of a question are answered
- Can aid a better understanding of:
 - intended/wider market
 - best practice in project management
 - complementary technologies and advances in the industry
 - expected project impacts

Cons

- It is not always accurate in its assumptions and can get things wrong
- AI learns from the information you give it as well as what it has already learnt
- May provide a generic response meaning your application could use similar phrasing to others
- AI can be detected as non-human as it lacks expression and insight because it relies on logic to summarise information based on the question asked

Whilst AI offers many benefits, it is important you are aware that **you are potentially sharing your idea with the world**, so be careful what you share as you have no control over how it is shared on once you do.

Funding Rules



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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.

Compliance with the UK Subsidy Control Regime

On 4th January 2023, the [Subsidy Control Act 2022](#) came into effect.

This provides a framework for public authorities to design and award subsidies in a compliant way, whilst minimising any negative effects of subsidies both within the UK and Internationally.

Innovate UK offers funding in line with the UK's obligations and commitments to Subsidy Control. To ensure that Innovate UK remains compliant with the UK's international Subsidy Control duties in respect of:

- the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement;
- the subsidy control act 2022
- Article 10 of the Windsor Framework (successful applicants which are affected by the Windsor Framework 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 - this will be reflected in the terms and conditions of any award.

Subsidy Control (and State aid where relevant)

The Subsidy Control Act 2022 definition of a 'subsidy' means financial assistance which:

1. is given by a public authority. This can be at any level: central, devolved, regional or local government or a public body.
2. makes a contribution (this could be a financial or an in-kind contribution) to an enterprise, conferring an economic advantage that is not available on market terms.
3. affects international trade.

For awards made from 4 January 2023, the majority are subject to Subsidy Control Act 2022. EU State aid rules now only apply in certain limited circumstances.

Financial viability and eligibility

Innovate UK is unable to award funding to organisations that are considered to be in financial difficulty. All applicant organisations are subjected to financial viability and eligibility checks to ensure they are suitable for public funding.

[General guidance on Subsidy control \(and State aid where relevant\).](#)

Article 10 of the Windsor Framework

The EU and the UK formally adopted the [Windsor Framework](#) on 24 March 2023.

The Windsor Framework replaces the Northern Ireland Protocol, providing a new legal and UK constitutional framework.

Article 10 provides that European Union State aid rules will continue to apply to the UK in respect of measures which affect trade in goods or the electricity market between Northern Ireland and the EU.

Article 10 does not directly apply to subsidies for services and such subsidies will need to comply with the UK's subsidy control regime.

Undertakings in difficulty

In the unusual circumstance of an award having to be made under the EU GBER regulation (State aid), the applicant must pass **'undertaking in difficulty' checks as defined by GBER (2014)**.

Guidance on [Article 10 of the Windsor Framework](#).

Research, Development and Innovation Streamlined Subsidy Scheme

- Designed by Government to award subsidies to enterprises if they met defined criteria contained within the [Scheme](#)
- 3 categories available please check the competition you are applying for applicable categories
 - Feasibility Studies
 - Industrial Research and Experimental Development
 - Small and Medium Sized Enterprise (SME) Research, Development and Innovation Support
- When submitting an application as part of our due diligence you will be asked to declare any previous awards made in the 'applicable period' to ensure limits are not breached.
 - The applicable period is made up of:
 - (a) the elapsed part of the current financial year
 - (b) the two financial years immediately preceding the current financial year

Category 1: Feasibility Studies

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

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

Eligible costs please refer to the competition to which you are applying.

For a detailed definition of feasibility studies see [guidance document section 13.1.](#)



Assessment





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Project setup

If you pass the technical assessment, you will have a further eight steps detailed in your notification to complete in Project Setup before being able to start your project.

These are:

- Project details
- Project team
- Documents
- You will be allocated a Monitoring Service Provider (MSP)
- Bank details
- Finance checks
- Spend profile
- Grant Offer Letter

Please share the T&Cs with your legal team at the earliest possible opportunity to avoid any delays.

You are expected to complete all the steps above within 90 calendar days of receiving your notification. Failure to do so may result in funding being withdrawn.

Work can only commence on your project once you have received your Go Live email.

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Innovate UK Business Growth

<https://iuk.ktn-uk.org/business-growth/>

Innovate UK Business Growth (previously Innovate UK EDGE) is a key part of the UK innovation agency's deep investment in the pioneering businesses that drive economic growth. It is a publicly-funded service available to all high potential small to medium sized innovation-driven companies, including Innovate UK grant winners.

Exploit Innovation:

Grow your business by protecting your IP, improving innovation management and accessing the innovation ecosystem globally through us.

Source funding:

Grow and scale your business by accessing the right finance and funding for you and becoming investment ready.

Enter new markets:

Helping you to make connections to partners and leverage insights to expand into vertical and international markets and achieve scaling ambitions.

Ready to scale?

The Innovate UK Scaleup Programme helps the highest potential businesses realise their ambitions.



Useful Information

- UKRI's [General Guidance](#)
- Innovate UK Business Connect's [Good Application Guide](#)
- [Who we fund](#)
- Collaboration Agreement Guidance: [Lambert Toolkit](#)
- [Innovate UK: Shaping the Future](#)

Funding opportunities

To find out more about the competitions currently available you can visit either the [**Innovation Funding Service \(IFS\)**](#) or the [**funding finder**](#) on the UKRI website. Through these links, you can review the competitions available and decide which ones may be right for you.

You can [**sign up to our newsletter**](#) to receive all the latest information on our competitions straight to your inbox or [**register for email alerts**](#) to get page updates from Innovate UK.

The government also offers [**other opportunities for businesses to get finance and support**](#).

Innovate UK reserves the rights to host competitions on a needs basis and will adjust each competition criteria and scope accordingly. We may occasionally run closed competitions that are for invited applicants only. These are run based on the challenge requirement or need.

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