

R&D Funding Opportunities

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Innovate UK Smart Grants: October - January

Deadline: 8th January 2020

Smart is the new name for Innovate UK's 'Open grant funding' programme. Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, will invest up to £25 million in the best game-changing, innovative or disruptive ideas with a view to commercialisation.

This competition provides funding for innovative research and development (R&D) from feasibility (including market research), through to technology or prototype testing and development stages up to (but not including) commercialisation.

All proposals must be business focused, rather than pure research. Applications can come from any area of technology (including arts, design, media or creative industries), science or engineering and be applied to any part of the economy.

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Innovation loans: September 2019 open competition

Deadline: 27th November

Innovate UK is offering up to £10 million in loans to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Loans are for highly innovative late stage projects with the best game changing and/or disruptive ideas or concepts. There should be a clear route to commercialisation and economic impact.

Your project should aim to develop new products, processes or services which are significantly ahead of anything similar in the field. You can also propose an innovative use of existing products, processes or services.

Your proposal can use any technology from any part of the economy. Your project must focus on commercialisation, growth or scale up.

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Decarbonisation of Industrial Clusters

Deadline: 27th November

UK businesses can apply for a share of up to £1 million to develop plans for decarbonising an industrial cluster. The project must deliver, or support delivery of, significant emissions reductions in a UK industrial cluster by 2030. Plans should include the following: engineering designs, simulations, commercial arrangements, impact assessments and baseline measurements. Successful applicants will then be invited to apply for a share of up to £131 million to deliver on plan.

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Transforming Foundation Industries

Deadline: 5th February

UK registered organisations can apply for a share of £5 million for fast-start projects to improve the resource and energy efficiency of foundation industries. The aim is to bring businesses from different industries together to work on common resource and energy efficiency opportunities. Your project can focus on any part of the manufacturing process, including production and material product development. Total eligible costs must be between £50,000 and £500,000.

Support programmes

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships

- The Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme helps businesses in the UK to innovate and grow by linking them with an academic or research organisation and a graduate.
- The scheme can last between 12 and 36 months, depending on what the project is and the needs of the business.
- A KTP is part-funded by a grant. You will need to contribute to the salary of the Associate who will work with your business, plus the cost of a supervisor who will oversee the scheme.

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