

# Funding update

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**Innovate UK is the UK's innovation agency. They work with people, companies and partner organisations to find and drive the science and technology innovations that will grow the UK economy and fund opportunities. They are currently developing their five-point plan for the years ahead: Innovate UK [five-point plan](#).**

Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
<a href="#">UK and Canada biomanufacturing innovations in cell and gene therapies</a> <sup>NEW</sup>	Innovate UK has partnered with The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) for this funding opportunity aimed at UK SMEs. This competition aims to identify UK partners who will bring innovative solutions to support and collaborate with the NRC Challenge Program in Health and Disruptive Technologies for Cell and Gene Therapy.	£100,000	23/12/2020
<a href="#">SBRI - AI supporting early detection and diagnosis in heart failure management</a>	The aim of this competition is to develop a system that can provide accessible, timely and accurate data on heart failure from healthcare information which is routinely collected in primary and secondary care. Together they will develop a solution to automatically evaluate and accurately extract meaningful data from several healthcare data sources, such as: image, quantitative, unformatted text. The output will be a national dashboard to give clinicians, managers and policymakers timely access to data so that they can manage, develop or improve patient care.	£40,000	09/12/2020
<a href="#">Innovation continuity loans: Strand 2 October 2020 follow-on competition</a>	Innovate UK is offering up to £210 million in loans to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and third sector organisations that have a challenge in continuing, completing or following on an innovation project. Loans are for organisations that find themselves facing a sudden shortage or even unavailability of funds resulting directly from the COVID-19 pandemic. We are looking to support highly innovative late stage projects with a clear route to commercialisation and economic impact.	£1,600,000	04/11/2020

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<a href="#">SBRI Competition - Next generation home vision testing</a>	This is a Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) competition funded by NHS Scotland. The aim of the competition is to pioneer remote vision testing. Successful applicants will receive 100% funding and have access to advice from NHS Forth Valley, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, NHS Fife and NHS Grampian. The aim of this competition is to improve eyesight testing so that it can be done at home, in school and in under-served communities. Live remote supervision would be provided by healthcare professionals.	£100,000	18/11/2020
<a href="#">Innovate UK Smart Grants: August 2020</a>	Smart is Innovate UK's 'Open grant funding' programme. Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, is investing up to £25 million in the best game-changing and commercially viable innovative or disruptive R&D innovations. All proposals must be business focused.	£2,000,000	25/11/2020
<a href="#">Healthy ageing: investor partnership programme, round 2</a>	Investors can apply to partner with Innovate UK to align their investments with up to £12 million grant funding in UK registered SMEs delivering innovation in the healthy ageing market. This funding is from the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund.	Discretionary	04/11/2020
<a href="#">Innovate UK Future Fund (COVID-19)</a>	A financial package to support innovative new UK companies, and those driving research and development, that are facing financing difficulties due to the coronavirus outbreak and are not eligible for existing coronavirus rescue schemes.	£5,000,000	30/11/2020

**NIHR is the nation's largest funder of health and care research and provide the people, facilities, and technology that enable research to thrive. They provide significant funding opportunities especially to help with the evaluation of the innovation and research studies associated with it.**

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<a href="#">NIHR- Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme</a>	The EME Programme primarily supports clinical trials, and other robustly designed studies that test the efficacy of interventions. The interventions should have the potential to improve patient care or benefit the public. The programme will only support studies where there is sufficient evidence that the intervention might work in man, i.e. that there is 'proof of concept'. Current calls here include Cystic Fibrosis, Novel strategies to reduce overtreatment, Paediatric Care among others.	Discretionary	None specified
<a href="#">NIHR Evidence Synthesis Programme</a>	<p>The Evidence Synthesis Programme is funded by the NIHR. They support the production of evidence synthesis through three funding streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technology Assessment Review teams are funded by NIHR to provide NICE with independent research to inform their guidance committees</li><li>• The NIHR Evidence Synthesis Programme Grant Scheme aims to produce high quality systematic reviews that are of direct benefit to users of the NHS in England. This call runs annually and is not currently open.</li><li>• The NIHR Incentive Awards are available to Cochrane Review Groups and Campbell Collaboration Coordinating Groups to facilitate, and possibly accelerate review activity that is already planned or under way.</li></ul>	Discretionary	None specified
<a href="#">NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&amp;DR) Programme</a>	The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme funds research to produce evidence to impact on the quality, accessibility and organisation of health and social care services. This includes evaluations of how the NHS and social care might improve delivery of services. Current calls here include Cystic Fibrosis, self neglect in the community. Please refer their calls for more information	Discretionary	None specified

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<a href="#">NIHR Health Technology Assessment</a>	The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme funds research about the clinical and cost-effectiveness and broader impact of healthcare treatments and tests for those who plan, provide or receive care from NHS and social care services. They have a number of themed calls, please refer their website for more information	Discretionary	None specified
<a href="#">i4i Product Development Awards</a>	i4i Product Development Awards (PDA) support innovations at any stage of the translational research and development pathway, including the clinical development of laboratory-validated technologies or interventions. This funding stream is researcher-led and does not specify topics for research. Research proposals must include applicants from two organisation types: an NHS Trust, higher education institution or small-to-medium-sized enterprise (SME).	Discretionary	09/12/2020
<a href="#">i4i Challenge Awards</a>	i4i Challenge Awards are commissioned on an ad hoc basis in areas of existing or emerging healthcare need. The expected output is a disruptive technology with the potential to offer improved outcomes for NHS patients. The 2020 NIHR i4i Challenge Awards will fund the assessment of medtech innovations in real-world healthcare settings. The aim is to shorten the evidence gap between the safety/efficacy studies typical of a newly or nearly CE marked technology and what is required for decisions by commissioners and regulators.	Discretionary	None specified
<a href="#">i4i Connect</a>	i4i Connect is aimed at small-to-medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in need of a funding boost to reach the next stage in the development pathway. Eligible SMEs may comprise developers of medical devices, in vitro diagnostics and digital health technologies with direct patient benefits, looking to ultimately integrate into the NHS. The funding stream aims to help SMEs get to a point where they can apply for further funding, in particular for an i4i Product Development Award. It also aims to de-risk projects at any stage of the translational research and development pathway to support follow-on investment.	£150,000	None specified
<a href="#">NIHR Programme Development Grants</a>	NIHR Programme Development Grants (PDG) are designed to enable a research team to carry out targeted preparatory work to develop a competitive Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR) funding application. They can also be used to further develop an existing or ongoing PGfAR-funded programme of research.	£150,000	None specified

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<a href="#">NIHR- Programme Grants for Applied Research</a>	Research funded through a Programme Grant typically consists of an interrelated group of high-quality projects focused on a coherent theme and hence require multidisciplinary approaches, including clinical, health economics, statistics, qualitative and behavioural sciences, to ensure that research objectives can be met. The amount awarded and the length of the funding period will depend on the nature of the proposed work, in particular whether or not the proposal includes a substantial powered trial.	£ 2,500,000	25/11/2020
<a href="#">The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme</a>	The programme funds research to generate evidence to inform the delivery of non-NHS interventions, specifically, we provide new knowledge on the benefits, costs, acceptability and wider impacts of non-NHS interventions intended to improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health.	Discretionary	None specified
<a href="#">NIHR- Research for Patient Benefit Programme</a>	Applications are invited for research proposals that are concerned with the day-to-day practice of health service staff, and which have the potential to have an impact on the health or wellbeing of patients and users of the NHS. As a response mode researcher-led programme, Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) does not specify topics for research, but encourages proposals for projects which address a wide range of health service issues and challenges.	£350,000	11/11/2020
<a href="#">Research for Social Care</a>	RfSC will fund research which generates evidence to improve, expand and strengthen the way adult social care is delivered for users of care services, carers, and the public. For full details, please see the call specification. Individual projects will be funded up to £350,000.	£350,000	None specified
<a href="#">Current Themed Calls</a>	The current themed call is Injuries, accidents and urgent and emergency care	Discretionary	None specified

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<a href="#">Artificial Intelligence for Multiple Long-Term Conditions (Multimorbidity) call (AIM)</a>	The AIM call will fund programmes of research which will use AI and data science methods, combined with expertise in clinical practice, applied health and care research and social science, to systematically identify or explore clusters of disease. In addition to the identification and mapping of new clusters of disease, the call seeks research to better understand the trajectories of patients with MLTC-M over time and throughout the life course, including the influence of wider determinants such as environmental, behavioral and psychosocial factors.	£5,000,000	None specified
<a href="#">Artificial Intelligence in Health and Care Award (AI award)</a>	The AI in Health and Care award is run in partnership with the Accelerated Access Collaborative and NHSX. The AI in Health and Care Award supports AI technologies across the spectrum of development, from initial feasibility to evaluation within clinical pathways in the NHS and social care settings, to the point that they could be nationally commissioned. Key areas of focus include screening, diagnosis, decision support and system efficiency.	£150,000	None specified

**Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020) – in addition to the private investment that this money will attract. It promises more breakthroughs, discoveries and world-firsts by taking great ideas from the lab to the market.**

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<a href="#">Horizon 2020 EIC Accelerator</a>	The EIC Accelerator supports high-risk, high-potential SMEs and innovators to help them develop and bring onto the market new innovative products, services and business models that could drive economic growth. Selected companies receive funding and optional equity and are offered business coaching and mentoring to scale up their innovation idea. They get extra acceleration services to connect with investors, corporates and likeminded entrepreneurs.	£2,273,737	None specified
<a href="#">EIC Horizon Prize for 'Early Warning for Epidemics'</a>	The challenge is to develop a scalable, reliable and cost-effective early warning system prototype to forecast and monitor vector-borne diseases in order to contribute to the prevention of outbreaks mitigating their impact on local, regional and global scales and providing support to existing elimination efforts.	Discretionary	16/02/2021
<a href="#">Horizon 2020 FET Open</a>	FET Open, part of the EIC Pathfinder pilot, supports the early-stages of the science and technology research and innovation around new ideas towards radically new future technologies.	£2,728,050	None specified
<a href="#">Horizon 2020 Fast Track to Innovation</a>	The Fast Track to Innovation (FTI) is now central part of the European Innovation Council (EIC) pilot, targeting radically new, breakthrough products, services, processes or business models that open new markets.	£2,728,050	None specified

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<a href="#">ISCF Healthy Ageing Social, Behavioral &amp; Design Research Programme</a>	UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) will be inviting applications to the ISCF Healthy Ageing Social Behavioural and Design Research Programme from May 2020. £9.5m (100% fEC) will be available to support world leading research that makes a significant contribution to the lives of people as they age.	Discretionary	None specified
<a href="#">Nesta Impact Investment</a>	Nesta Impact Investments is a £17.6m fund investing in life-changing innovations that help tackle the major challenges faced by older people, children and communities in the UK.	£1,000,000	None specified
<a href="#">Global Innovation Fund</a>	The Global Innovation Fund is a non-profit innovation fund headquartered in London with an office in Washington D.C. that invests in the development, rigorous testing, and scaling of innovations targeted at improving the lives of the world's poorest people. Through our grants and risk capital, we help breakthrough solutions to global development challenges from for-profit firms, non-profit organisations, researchers, and government agencies to maximise their impact and affect meaningful change.	Discretionary	None specified
<a href="#">Knowledge Transfer Partnerships</a>	The Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme helps businesses in the UK to innovate and grow. It does this by linking them with an academic or research organisation and a graduate. A KTP enables a business to bring in new skills and the latest academic thinking to deliver a specific, strategic innovation project through a knowledge-based partnership.	Discretionary	02/12/2020

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Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
<a href="#">Accelerator Award</a>	The Accelerator Award is awarded by Cancer Research UK and it enables translational research by funding cross-institutional teams to produce tools, platforms and resources which will transform the research landscape.	£ 5,000,000	None specified
<a href="#">Biomedical Resource Grants</a>	These grants are from Wellcome Trust and they are for researchers who want to establish new biomedical resources (including databases and collections) or substantially enhance existing ones. These resources should enable new research and benefit the wider scientific community.	£1,500,000	None specified
<a href="#">Eurostars Project</a>	In the UK, only SMEs are eligible for funding. Participation in a Eurostars project can bring you a passport to growth, further innovation, an opening to new global markets and even greater business success. Eurostars is the only European funding programme to be specifically dedicated to support R&D-performing SMEs in their innovative R&D projects.	£300,000	None specified
<a href="#">Technology Development Grants</a>	These grants are for researchers who want to develop new technologies and tools (including informatics tools and software) for biomedical research, or substantially enhance existing ones. These technologies and tools should enable new research and benefit the wider scientific community.	£1,500,000	None specified
<a href="#">Open Research Fund</a>	This funding supports researchers to develop and test innovative ways of making health research open, accessible and reusable. One can apply to the Open Research Fund if they want to develop, pilot and evaluate innovative approaches that aim to make health research more open.	£50,000	To be confirmed later

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<a href="#">MedTech Navigator Innovation Grants</a>	Key stakeholders need to be involved with medical product development, such as the beneficiary (patient), user (clinician) and buyer (NHS organisation), who often have different interests and requirements. The MedTech NAVIGATOR Innovation Grants are designed to facilitate such bespoke interactions between SMEs and eligible Knowledge Providers, such as an NHS Trust, or a University, during the product development process.	£7,500	None specified
<a href="#">Research and Development Challenge Fund 'Fast Track' (Penelope and Eugene Rosenberg Awards)</a>	The fund is also able to support smaller grants, through a new rapid assessment process. This 'Fast track' Research and Development Challenge Fund Scheme provides smaller scale awards of between £5K-£10K per project with rapid turn-around time (c. 2-3 weeks for assessment) to allow projects who have immediate needs outside of core R&D Challenge Fund deadlines to access funding. The same criteria will be used as that used by the main fund but without extensive external review.	£10,000	None specified
<a href="#">Innovator Awards</a>	These awards support researchers who are transforming great ideas into healthcare innovations that could have a significant impact on human health.	£750,000	None specified

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Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
<a href="#">2020 TUF smaller research projects fund</a>	TUF will fund projects for patient benefit that seek to improve services and treatments and communications with patients and carers. The outcomes of the study must be measured and evaluated and demonstrate improved care and well-being of patients. They should be Nurse-led and/or clinician-led projects	£10,000	31/10/2020
<a href="#">Diabetes UK Project Grant</a>	For high quality, hypothesis driven diabetes research projects, lasting up to five years and costing less than £500,000. As part of any funding application to Diabetes UK, they are asking applicants to include a work plan that takes into account the impact of COVID 19 on the project deliverables. Research priority areas include glucose monitoring technologies in inpatient care and practice based pharmacy research in diabetes.	£500,000	01/12/2020
<a href="#">Novo Nordisk Grant</a>	This award is for clinical research or clinically relevant research in the UK, and intended primarily as finance towards an existing project for researchers working in the field of diabetes rather than the full funding of projects or salaries of established research workers.	Discretionary	10/12/2020
<a href="#">Dunhill Medical Research project grants</a>	The Trust is keen to support high quality research projects which are important to understanding the mechanisms of ageing, treating disease and frailty and identifying and developing new and effective ways to improve the lives of older people. They will consider: bioscience underpinning the mechanisms of ageing; research relating to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of health services and social care delivery for older people; research relating to improving technology and the built environment, to meet the needs of an ageing population; behavioral research; clinical and applied research; health services research; public health research;	£300,000	None specified

# Regional funding streams

Name	Summary	Funding	Deadline
<a href="#">New Anglia Small Grants Scheme</a>	This offers grants from £1,000 to £25,000 to help you grow your business. These normally cover up to 20% of your total project costs – but can cover up to 30% in some areas of Norfolk and Suffolk.	£25,000	None specified
<a href="#">East Sussex Invest 7</a>	East Sussex Invest 7 fund is an East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Regional Growth Fund (RGF) programme to support the local economy and create jobs. It is delivered by the County Council in partnership with Locate East Sussex (LES).	£25,000	None specified
<a href="#">SMART: SCOTLAND grants- Scottish Enterprise</a>	The SMART:SCOTLAND grant is one of our research and development (R&D) grants that aims to support high risk, highly ambitious projects. It covers two key areas of R&D: conducting feasibility tests and developing prototypes. It's only available to small and medium enterprises (SMEs)* based in Scotland and supports activities that have a commercial endpoint.	Discretionary	None specified
<a href="#">SoLSTICE (Leics)</a>	Through the SoLSTICE programme, part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the East Midlands Academic Health Science Network, we offer support to SME's to innovate products, services and processes. There are a number of funds offered: 1. Innovation Support Grants- to procure external suppliers 2. MedTech Trial Grants- to support clinical trials and evaluation of products	£50,000	None specified
<a href="#">Research and development (R&amp;D) grants- Scottish Enterprise</a>	If your company is looking to research and develop a new product, process or service – or significantly improve an existing one – our R&D grants can offer a range of support for your project. We're interested in the new stuff. Your project must be new and innovative – something that your company hasn't done before. It could be something you're working on independently or with a commercial partner, or you could be carrying out technical work as part of a collaboration. We can offer funding for innovation that could improve company competitiveness, encourage further R&D for your company and benefit the Scottish economy.	Discretionary	None specified

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<a href="#">Coast to Capital Business Recovery Grants</a>	We are delighted announce the launch of our 'Business Recovery Grants' scheme, which is aimed at helping small to medium sized organisations in our area recover and grow from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The scheme is not only about boosting the local economy, but increasing job creation and retention and social value.	£170,000	18/12/2020
<a href="#">North East Business Support Fund</a>	The North East Business Support Fund is tailored to small businesses in County Durham, Northumberland, Tees Valley and Tyne and Wear.	Discretionary	None specified

**There are various other grants that might align with your business needs which are mostly regional, to be found in the Government website [here](#) under the '*Finance and support for your business*' section. Please tick on the '*GRANTS*' checkbox for better results.**

# Accelerators and Incubators

Name	Summary	Coverage	Deadline
<a href="#">Health Technology Accelerator Programme</a>	The Health Technology Accelerator Programme (HTAP) is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to support small to medium businesses in the West of England region develop new products or services for the health and life science sector. It provides mentoring and business support, sector specific expertise and networking/ industry collaboration opportunities.	Discretionary	None specified
<a href="#">The Greater Lincolnshire Growth Fund</a>	The Greater Lincolnshire Growth Fund has been created to support the private sector businesses operating in one of the LEP's priority sectors and to add value to other existing funding streams. £2,925,000 of grant funding is available to both Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and larger businesses within the Greater Lincolnshire area who can deliver transformational projects which align with the wider ambitions of the Strategic Economic Plan.	£500,000	None specified
<a href="#">Coventry and Warwickshire business support programme</a>	The Coventry and Warwickshire Business Support Programme is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund with further support from Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council. It is delivered by the Coventry & Warwickshire LEP Growth Hub, County Council, City Council and a wide range of specialist delivery partners. The Programme is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund.	Discretionary	None specified
<a href="#">Coast to Capital Growth Hub</a>	The Coast to Capital Growth Hub provides free and impartial government funded business support in Greater Brighton, West Sussex and East Surrey area which can help your ambitious and innovative business achieve growth.	Discretionary	None specified
<a href="#">DigitalHealth.London's Accelerator programme</a> <small>NEW</small>	DigitalHealth.London's Accelerator programme aims to speed up the adoption of technology in London's NHS, relieving high pressure on services and empowering patients to manage their health.	Discretionary	Applications not opened for 2021

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<a href="#">NHS Innovation Accelerator</a> <sup>NEW</sup>	Applications for this Call must address at least one of the following themes: NHS response to COVID-19; Mental health; Supporting the workforce. The NIA particularly welcomes female applicants and applicants from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities, as they are currently underrepresented amongst our Fellows.	Discretionary	16/10/2020
<a href="#">Accelerate Cambridge</a> <sup>NEW</sup>	Accelerate Cambridge offers a structured approach of three-month programmes that combine entrepreneurship training, regular coaching and mentoring, as well as access to shared workspace. We help teams of entrepreneurs turn an idea into a business, launch, and then keep going. Accelerate Cambridge is part of an ecosystem of support for entrepreneurs in Cambridge and will help you to navigate your way through it and find the resources you need.	National	Spring 2021
<a href="#">Accelerate@Babraham</a> <sup>NEW</sup>	A new bio-incubator and life science accelerator capability has been launched at the Babraham Research Campus. Accelerate@Babraham is designed to support the earliest stages of new life-science ventures, by providing easy-access laboratory and office space, (the 'bio-incubator') together with supporting programmes of business, science, finance and entrepreneurial mentoring (the 'accelerator') provided by strategic partners.	Regional (Cambridge)	None specified
<a href="#">IMAGINE IF! Accelerator</a> <sup>NEW</sup>	IMAGINE IF! provides early-stage science startups with extensive opportunities to take your venture to the next level: tailored mentorship, the potential to secure non-dilutive capital, free advice from leading professional service companies and rapid networking across the Innovation Forum's platform.	National	None specified
<a href="#">Biocity Business Accelerator Programme</a> <sup>NEW</sup>	The BioCity Business Accelerator Programme is an intensive eight-week programme specifically designed to help scientific entrepreneurs launch and grow businesses from their science. You will learn how to 'Lean Start-up', using a set of highly effective tools to identify gaps in your business, evaluate risks and create a business model that stands-up to the scrutiny of potential investors, partners and customers.	Regional	£50,000

**Local enterprise partnerships (LEPs) are voluntary partnerships between local authorities and businesses, set up in 2011 by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to help determine local economic priorities and lead economic growth and job creation within the local area.**

**If you are looking for business funding, support or guidance, please contact your local [Growth Hub](#). If you wish to engage with LEPs or have a product or service which may be of interest to them, please use the list of LEPs below to be taken to each LEP's home page where you will find their contact details.**

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