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Innovate UK is a member country of the Eureka network, the world's largest public network for international cooperation in R&D&I, present in 47 countries.

Innovate UK is an active member of Eureka, and we see participation in the funding streams, that Eureka provides, as a valuable tool to help UK organisations scale up their approach to international collaboration.

Innovate UK Strategy - [Innovate UK: turning breakthrough ideas into industry giants – UKRI](#)
UKRI Strategy - [UKRI Strategy 2026 to 2031](#)

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- Innovate UK will commit £2.1m to the 2026 Call to fund projects up to £700k in grant. Note the funding is not at partner level and if more than one UK organisation is in the consortium, then this is shared.
 - All types of registered UK organisations may apply, however there must be at least one UK industry partner in the consortium for a UK Research or Academic partner to be eligible for funding.
 - Intervention rates of eligible costs for grant are:
 - Small – 70%
 - Medium – 60%
 - Large – 50%
 - RO/Academic – 30% of total UK industry costs.
 - Subcontracting is limited to 20% of total UK costs.
 - Overheads for businesses is limited to 20% of Labour costs.
 - Businesses less than one year old at point of Project Outline deadline (26/10/2026) will not be eligible to apply.
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- If your project's duration falls outside of our eligibility criteria, you must provide justification by email to support@innovateuk.ukri.org at least 10 working days before the competition closes. We will decide whether to approve your request.
 - [Further guidance](#)
 - [Cost Guidance](#)

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- If you are currently in receipt of a live grant, for a Eureka Cluster project, then you will be ineligible to apply for funding. You may participate as a self-funded partner.
- Innovate UK will not require an evaluated national application and will take into consideration the Cluster evaluation, however an application into the Innovate UK Funding Service (IFS) platform will be required to move your project into setup providing your project receives a label and we declare funding for your project.
- Innovate UK will take a portfolio approach to projects selected for funding, so that not all projects come from one theme or sector.
- We expect to fund three projects.
- Expected duration 12 – 36 months.
- Expected earliest start date of UK participation depends on UK funding approval but anticipated as 1st of May 2027.



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