

Funding Opportunities

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About Us

Innovate UK Business Connect exists to make innovation more accessible, more inclusive and more impactful.

By bringing together the right people, knowledge and opportunities we help turn promising ideas into real-world solutions that deliver lasting value.



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Connecting sectors, sparking collaboration, and creating lasting impact for people and the planet.



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Funding Opportunities

Growth Catalyst for late-stage startups

Clean Energy and Climate Technologies

Specific themes

- Clean Energy Solution
- Sustainable Mobility
- Sustainable Low-Carbon Materials
- Manufacturing
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Food Production Systems.

Support

- Up to 70% of project costs
- Bespoke business growth action plan developed with Innovate UK specialist support.
- Project Costs: Varied based on themes

Eligibility: UK-registered late-stage startups (seed to Series A)

Application Timeline:

- Registration Opens: **2 May 2025**
- Registration Closes: **2 July 2025**

Farming Futures R&D Fund

low emissions farming

Specific themes

- Regenerative Farming
- Energy Efficiency
- Methanisation
- Reducing GHG Emissions in Livestock Production
- Innovations to Support Land Management

Support

- This funding is part of Defra's [Farming Innovation Programme](#)
- Funding: Up to £2.5 mil per project.
- Projects must commence on 1 Jan 2026 and last between 30 and 36 months

Eligibility: UK-registered businesses, university and RTO

Application Timeline:

- Registration Opens: **5 May 2025**
- Registration Closes: **25 June 2025**

Unlocking Space for Business

Unlocking Space for Business is a UK Space Agency programme supporting companies to deliver operational, customer and environmental benefits through the use of innovative satellite data and services.

Specific themes

- Financial Services
- Transport

In June UKSA will also announce a small grant dedicated to explore idea in the financial services and transport sector. Value up to £40

Other Opportunities

IUKBC and DEFRA EO Hackathon

This is an opportunity that will be launched later in the year.

The Hackathon will provide opportunities for companies using EO data to work on challenges related to DEFRA's area of interest.

Specific themes

- Farming
- Energy
- Aquaculture
- GHG monitoring

IUKBC GeoAI Innovation Festival

I am planning to put together a series of events based on GeoAI.

I am looking for partners to deliver such events, which may include:

- In person event
- Webinars
- Pitch competition
- Hackathon

I am also looking for Sponsorship towards paying for a

- Podcast
- Report

Transport Accelerator: Maritime 2025. Early Stage startup

Specific themes

- Autonomous Operations
- Storage and Distribution of Future
- People's Safety Experience
- Open Challenge

Support

- £10-20K support
- Bespoke business support

Eligibility: UK-registered companies with solutions at TRL 5-8

Application Timeline:

- Registration Opens: **2 May 2025**
- Registration Closes: **16 June 2025**

Funding Opportunities – Horizon Europe Work Programme

<p>Horizon Europe 2025 EU Missions: Restore Our Oceans and Waters</p> <p>Opens: 06/05/2025 Closes: 24/09/2025</p> <p>Funding available through Horizon Europe to restore, protect and preserve the health of our ocean, seas and...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>Horizon Europe 2025 EU Missions: 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030</p> <p>Opens: 06/05/2025 Closes: 20/01/2026</p> <p>Funding available through Horizon Europe to support climate-neutral and smart cities, with up to €15m for th...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>Horizon Europe 2025 EU Missions: Adaptation to Climate Change</p> <p>Opens: 06/05/2025 Closes: 24/09/2025</p> <p>Funding available through Horizon Europe for Adaptation to Climate Change, with up to €25m for the larges...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>Horizon Europe 2025 EU Missions: Soil Deal for Europe</p> <p>Opens: 06/05/2025 Closes: 24/09/2025</p> <p>Funding available through Horizon Europe to achieve healthy soils for Europe by 2050, with up to €11m for the...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>Horizon Europe 2025 work programme Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space</p> <p>Opens: 03/05/2025 Closes: 02/10/2025</p> <p>Topics available under Horizon Europe's Cluster 4 programme for 2025/26, with up to €75m available for the...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>Horizon Europe 2025 work programme Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility</p> <p>Opens: 03/05/2025 Closes: 17/02/2026</p> <p>Topics available under Horizon Europe's Cluster 5 programme for 2025/26, with up to €69m available for the...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>Horizon Europe 2025 work programme Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment</p> <p>Opens: 03/05/2025 Closes: 24/09/2025</p> <p>Topics available under Horizon Europe's Cluster 6 programme for 2025/26, with up to €130m available for th...</p> <p>More Information →</p>
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The Innovate UK [European Team](#) and [UK National Contact Points](#) can support you with these exciting potential funding opportunities and help you get the most out of Horizon Europe.



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Funding Opportunities – European Space Agency

<p>European Space Agency: Space For Intermodal Transport</p> <p>Open from 17/02/25: applications reviewed when received, apply by 12/9/25 latest.</p> <p>Funding for European teams interested in developing sustainable space-based services and applications for...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>European Space Agency: Maritime Decarbonisation – Green Fuels</p> <p>Opens: 21/03/2025 Closes: 16/05/2025</p> <p>ESA seeks to develop new space-based services that support the decarbonisation of the maritime sector,...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>European Space Agency: Green Hydrogen As a Sustainable Energy Source</p> <p>Opens: 11/04/2025 Closes: 23/05/2025</p> <p>ESA seek proposals for feasibility studies for services that explore innovative uses of space technology to advance...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>European Space Agency: Commercial Applications of Space Weather Data</p> <p>Opens: 19/02/2025 Closes: 16/05/2025</p> <p>ESA seek space-enabled services and products related to observation, monitoring, analysis and modelling...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>European Space Agency: Space For Sustainable, Connected and Liveable Cities</p> <p>Proposals reviewed periodically - apply from 28/3/25, final deadline 30/9/25.</p> <p>ESA invites proposals for feasibility studies and demonstration projects to leverage space-based services...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>European Space Agency: Space For Insurance Technology</p> <p>Opens: 30/04/2025 Closes: 06/06/2025</p> <p>Offers funding of up to €75k per project to European teams interested in developing services integrating...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>European Space Agency: Integrated Digital Solutions For The Energy Sector</p> <p>Opens: 13/02/2025 Closes: 30/06/2025</p> <p>ESA invites proposals for projects that leverage space-based technologies to advance resilience and...</p> <p>More Information →</p>	<p>European Space Agency: Maritime Decarbonisation</p> <p>Opens: 01/06/2024 Closes: 16/05/2025</p> <p>ESA seeks to support development of sustainable space-based services and applications related to...</p> <p>More Information →</p>
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UK Regional Ambassador Network: <https://business.esa.int/ambassador-platforms/ap-uk>



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Other Opportunities

Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP)

Specific themes

KTPs are applicable across various sectors. They are designed to facilitate innovation in any area where a business seeks to leverage academic expertise to address strategic challenges.

Support

- Up to 67% of project costs for SMEs
- Project duration is 12 to 36 months.
- Project Costs: Varied based on themes
- Access to academic expertise and facilities.
- Employment of a qualified graduate (KTP Associate) to lead the project.

Eligibility: Lead org is academic with a business project partner.

Application Timeline:

- Round 1: Opens 9 April 2025
- Round 2: Opens 11 June 2025
- Round 3: Opens 17 September 2025
- Round 4: Opens 26 November 2025
- Round 5: Opens 28 January 2026

BridgeAI Open Opportunities

Specific themes

Innovate UK BridgeAI accelerates responsible AI adoption by connecting innovation with implementation through tailored funding, training and expert support.

Support

- Connecting
- Expertise
- Upskilling

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- Improving digital trust - consultancy from BSI
- Turing Way Practitioners Hub 2025
- From design to deployment: Accelerating responsible AI adoption
- Digital Transformation Training Programme
- Bespoke AI and Data Science Advice for SMEs

Application Timeline:

- Various dates

Grant Finders

Innovation Funding Service

- <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/search?page=2>

Contract Finder

- <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search>

UK Space Agency

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-funding-academic-community-and-educational>

IUK Business Connect

- <https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/opportunities/>

UKRI Funding Finder

- <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/>

ESA

- <https://business.esa.int/funding>