

Call for Proposals for Singapore and UK Companies

Enterprise Singapore (“EnterpriseSG”) and Innovate UK are announcing the call for proposals for collaborative R&D and innovation projects between Singapore and the United Kingdom.

Interested companies from Singapore and UK are invited to submit their joint project proposals in the R&D of innovative products and applications in any technological and application area with a strong market potential.

1. Call Timeline

Activity	Date
Call Opens	03 Jun 2024
Submission Deadline	28 Aug 2024
Announcement of Approved Projects	03 Jan 2025

2. Project Scope

The call-for-proposals is open to all joint innovation projects focusing on developing innovative products and applications in any technological and application area. We would particularly welcome applications in the following sectors:

Tech areas

Advanced Manufacturing and Materials
Agrifood Tech
Mobility and Transport
Cybersecurity
Health and Life Sciences

3. Partnership Requirements

R&D projects which involve consortiums comprising at least one research performer and one business from UK and one research performer and one business from Singapore are preferred.

The support parameters and requirements are as follows:

Grant funding	UK: UK applicants can apply for a maximum of £750,000 in funding per project, and the proportion of self-
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	<p>financing and applied grants is dependent on the size of the company involved (50:50 large, 40:60 medium, 30:70 small).</p> <p>SG: Eligible Singapore SMEs may receive up to 70% reimbursement of eligible costs while non-SMEs may receive up to 50% reimbursement. There is no cap on the maximum total funding amount.</p>
Consortium composition requirements	<p>A project consortium must minimally comprise of 1 UK company and 1 SG company, both independent of each other.</p> <p>Although not mandatory, research performers from academic / research institutions are encouraged to join the consortium, but they cannot work alone.</p>
Special conditions	<p>Regardless of the number of researchers in the consortium, the budget allocated to research performers must not exceed 30% of the proposed total cost of the project.</p> <p>Research performers from Singapore who wish to participate in the project can do so as subcontractors / consultants to the main Singapore company applicant. They will not qualify as direct recipients of funding, and funding will be disbursed through the main applicant.</p>

4. Project Requirements

The project proposals must comply with the following guidelines:

- The project should focus on the development of new products, services or processes of industrial application leading to commercialisation in the domestic and/or global markets.
- The project should have an obvious advantage and differentiated value proposition resulting from the cooperation between participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure, new fields of application, etc.).
- The project should demonstrate a balanced technological contribution between the partners from both countries. Each partner should contribute no more than 70% of total project contribution, in terms of person months and total budget of the project.
- The project partners should agree in advance on the IP rights and on the commercialisation strategy of the product and process.
- The collaboration period should be no less than 24 months and no more than 36 months.

Any partners whose joint R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the current call for proposals in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

5. Eligibility Criteria

- **For UK Companies**

UK applicants can apply for a maximum of £750,000 in funding per project, and the proportion of self-financing and applied grants is dependent on the size of the company involved (50:50 large, 40:60 medium, 30:70 small).

The UK partner must meet the following criteria:

- a) Be a UK registered business of any size;
- b) Collaborate with a Singapore registered business, which must be a separate non-linked entity to the UK partner(s)

UK-based companies may refer to <https://www.apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/> for more information on eligibility.

- **For Singapore Companies**

Singapore applicants may refer to <https://www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/cip> for more information on the Co-Innovation Programmes.

The Singapore partner must meet the following criteria:

- a) Be a business entity that is registered and physically present in Singapore;
- b) ≥ 30% local equity held directly or indirectly by Singaporean(s) / Singapore PR(s), determined by the ultimate individual ownership and;
- c) Be financially able to see the project through to completion.

6. Submission Guidelines

- **For UK Companies**

Interested UK companies should refer to Innovate UK's [Innovation Funding Service](#) for information regarding eligibility criteria and the application process.

- **For Singapore Companies**

To apply, Singapore companies should submit your request to EnterpriseSG via this link: <https://go.gov.sg/uksgpreinterest> as soon as

possible. Thereafter, EnterpriseSG will be in touch to inform on the application process.

Singapore companies must complete the application along with the following supporting documents via the Business Grant Portal as advised by Enterprise Singapore by **30 August 2024, 18:00 (SGT, GMT +8)** to be considered for funding:

- a) Latest ACRA business profile (retrieved within six months from application date);
- b) Latest and previous two years audited financial statements or official management accounts;
- c) Relevant key quotations (e.g. equipment & software, materials & consumables, professional services);
- d) Supplementary Project Proposal form
- e) Any Letter of Intent.

7. Evaluation of Project Proposals

All applications are assessed against the eligibility criteria of the call before being put forward for the national assessment according to the national evaluation criteria.

EnterpriseSG and Innovate UK will carry out independent national assessments and will select the eligible projects to be financially supported in accordance with their national laws and regulations. Only projects that are selected and approved by both EnterpriseSG and Innovate UK will receive funding support under this call.

8. Announcement of Approved Projects

Both UK and Singapore partners whose projects have been selected will be informed of the results and the amount of funding for the successful projects by their respective funding agencies on 23 Dec 2024.

9. Main Contact Points

For further queries regarding this joint call, please contact the country representatives below:

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