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The [Centre for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles](#) (CCAV) has up to £25 million to invest in up to 4 pilot schemes for self-driving vehicles.

Funding is for pilots of self-driving passenger vehicles which include at least a 6-month trial in a public or semi-controlled setting. Trials should have a clear commercial focus, with potential to become an enduring service.

CCAV was set up by the [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#) and the [Department for Transport](#) to help ensure the UK is a world leader in developing and testing connected and autonomous vehicles.

It is investing £150 million, match-funded by industry over 5 years, into cutting edge technologies. Trials are already under way in Bristol, Coventry, Greenwich and Milton Keynes.

Projects must pilot viable business opportunities

Projects should aim to test and validate:

- the technologies against a clear user need
- public acceptance of the technologies
- the business models that will deliver the service

They should focus on a viable and sustainable business opportunity that could be introduced as a service from the early 2020s.

Competition information

- the competition opens on 25 June 2018, and the deadline for applications is at midday on 19 September 2018
- projects must be led by a business working with other businesses and researchers
- we expect projects to have total costs of between £4 million and £20 million and to last between 18 and 30 months
- businesses could attract up to 70% of their total project costs
- briefing events will be held in [London](#), [Cardiff](#), [Belfast](#), [Glasgow](#) and [Sunderland](#) at the end of June and beginning of July 2018