

[News story: Game-changing ideas for civil aerospace: apply for funding](#)



There is up to £4 million for collaborative projects that lead to game-changing civil aerospace technologies.

The [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#), working through the [Aerospace Technology Institute](#) (ATI) and Innovate UK, has up to £4 million to develop world-leading civil aerospace technologies.

Organisations can submit their interest in one of 2 competitions for:

- fast-track collaborative research and development projects
- longer-term collaborative research and development projects

Projects must be in line with the UK aerospace technology strategy, [Raising Ambition](#). This strategy is supported by an annual investment of £150 million by the UK government in research and technology development.

A further £4 million will be on offer for feasibility studies in 2019.

Fast-track collaborative research and development

Exploit technology within 3 to 5 years

Up to £2 million is available for fast-track projects that could be exploited within 3 to 5 years.

Projects could look at:

- sensing for harsh environments and integrated vehicle health monitoring
- coping with extreme conditions
- creating secure, smart, connected and efficient sub-systems
- technologies to improve factory efficiency

Fast-track competition information

- the competition opens on 24 September 2018, and the deadline for expressions of interest is midday on 5 December 2018
- projects that meet the quality threshold will be invited to make a full

funding application

- an SME can lead a project, working with other businesses or research organisations
- we expect projects to range in size from £425,000 to £1 million and to last between 1 and 2 years
- businesses could attract up to 50% of their project costs
- you will need to sign up to the [ATI framework agreement](#) to be eligible to apply

Collaborative research and development

Longer-term returns

Up to £2 million is available for longer-term collaborations, the results of which could be exploited in 5 years or more.

Themes include:

- how to enable single crew operations
- machines and electronics that allow for more electric aircraft
- supporting the next generation of materials and processes
- preliminary design and trade tools for future aircraft and systems

Competition information

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- projects that meet the quality threshold will be invited to make a full funding application
- a business must lead the project, working with other businesses or research organisations
- we expect projects to range in size from £425,000 to £1.5 million and to last up to 3 years
- businesses could attract up to 50% of their project costs
- you will need to sign up to the [ATI framework agreement](#) to be eligible to apply

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