

News story: World-leading innovations in UK aerospace: ideas for funding

Organisations can submit an express an interest with their ideas for innovative aerospace design and manufacture.

There is up to £150 million available across the year in a series of regular calls. The best applications will then be invited to apply for grant funding.

The investment is part of a £3.9 billion programme between government and industry that aims to maintain and grow the UK's leading position in civil aerospace.

Innovate UK works with the [Aerospace Technology Institute](#) (ATI) and the [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#) to coordinate and manage the programme.

A more competitive aerospace industry

Funding in this competition is for industry-led research or capital investment projects.

Projects should look to:

- strengthen whole-aircraft design and system integration in the UK
- build smart, connected technologies and more electrified aircraft
- develop the UK as a global leader in large, complex aviation structures, especially wings
- develop new propulsion technologies, for example, large turbofans

Competition information

- the competition opens on 7 January 2019, and the deadline for expressions of interest is at midday on 23 January 2019
- depending on the project type, UK-based business, research and technology organisations and academic organisations can be the lead
- businesses could attract up to 70% of their eligible project costs
- applicants must sign up to the ATI [framework agreement](#)
- projects need to demonstrate that their expected costs and timescales are in proportion with their objectives