

# Notice: Funding competition: energy catalyst round 5

*Updated:* Added link to register for brokerage event in London with DFID. Added link to recorded briefing and supporting materials.

The [Department for International Development](#) (DFID), the [Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy](#) (BEIS) and the [Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council](#) (EPSRC) are to invest up to £13 million in innovation projects to address the global need for clean, affordable and secure energy.

The aim of the Energy Catalyst competition is to support highly innovative, market-focused energy solutions in any technology or sector or international market.

Proposals must address all 3 elements of the energy trilemma:

- cost
- emissions
- security of supply

The competition is open to any UK organisation and may also include international partners. You should apply into the stream most closely aligned with your project. Universities and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are encouraged to apply. Research organisations may lead early-stage feasibility projects.

There are 3 options to apply into this competition. These are referred to as streams and will be run in parallel. The streams are dependent on the stage your project is at:

- early stage
- mid-stage
- late stage

You should choose the stream that broadly reflects the technical and commercial readiness of your project.

## **Early-stage competition stream**

These are technical feasibility projects. Projects can last up to 1 year, with total costs ranging from £50,000 to £300,000. Research organisations may lead early-stage projects, in partnership with at least one UK business. UK SMEs can lead early-stage projects with or without partners.

## **Mid-stage competition stream**

These are industrial research projects. Projects can last up to 3 years, with

total costs ranging from £50,000 to £1.5 million. Mid-stage projects must be collaborative and led by a UK business.

### **Late-stage competition stream**

These are experimental development projects. Projects can last up to 3 years, with total costs ranging from £50,000 to £10 million. Late-stage projects must be collaborative and led by a UK business.

All projects must include at least one UK business. We expect most projects to start on 1 January 2018.

The competition opens on 24 April 2017.

You must register before midday on 21 June 2017.

You must apply before midday on 28 June 2017.

[Watch the competition briefing webinar](#) or [view the event materials](#) and [presentation](#).

Attend one of the brokerage events in:

[London](#)

[Birmingham](#)

[Glasgow](#)

[London](#) (with DFID)

[Register and apply online](#).

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