

Innovate UK (I:UK)

Innovate UK (I:UK) is a major component of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), the national funding agency investing in science and research in the UK with a combined budget of more than £6 billion.

I:UK is the agency within UKRI responsible for research, development and innovation focused on productivity and economic growth. It does this through competitions supporting businesses to de-risk, enable and support innovation, encouraging or requiring them to collaborate with the UK's research base to develop and realise the potential of new ideas.

I:UK programmes range from feasibility studies to multi-partner industrial strategy thematic programmes - so understanding their role and the benefits of participation is key.



Top tips

1. Identify useful resources for further information on emerging I:UK challenges and calls
2. Explore the internal and external funding mechanisms in place to help engage in project partnerships
3. I:UK projects are often led by business but universities can be development partners and can use I:UK funds to undertake research to support the businesses
4. Exeter academics can work on projects which range from relatively modest feasibility studies, through to very large multi-partner industrial strategy thematic programmes

Innovation, Impact and Business support

We can help you by:

1. Identifying the opportunity and providing intelligence that will allow planning to ensure we stay ahead of the curve
2. Helping to develop a consortium. Developing existing business relations, formulating a project, connecting with other disciplines within the University of Exeter
3. Responding to and preparing for I:UK calls: developing the partnership, assigning roles
4. The bid writing challenge. Working within the application process, which is usually led by industry to prepare and submit a strong proposal
5. Developing industrial relationships sensitively

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