UK-Singapore Collaborative R&D Grant
Call for Proposals for Singapore and UK Companies

Enterprise Singapore (“EnterpriseSG”) and Innovate UK are announcing the call for proposals for collaborative R&D and innovation projects between Singapore and the United Kingdom.

Interested companies from Singapore and UK are invited to submit their joint project proposals in the R&D of innovative products and applications in relevant technological and application areas with a strong market potential.

1. Call Timeline

Activity	Date
Call Opens	24 Aug 2026
Submission Deadline	16 Dec 2026
Announcement of Approved Projects	26 Feb 2027

2. Project Scope

The call for proposal is only open to joint innovation projects focusing on developing innovative products and applications in technological and application area within the following domains:

Domains	Examples of Tech Areas
Advanced Manufacturing	Robotics & automation; advanced materials; semiconductors; precision engineering; industrial tech
Clean Energy	Hydrogen; grid technologies; energy storage; renewables; decarb and climate tech
Life Sciences	Medical devices; diagnostics; digital therapeutics; precision medicine; biotech; engineering biology
Digital and Technologies	AI; cybersecurity; telecoms and connectivity; quantum

3. Partnership Requirements

R&D projects must minimally comprise at least one business from UK and one business from Singapore.

The support parameters and requirements are as follows:

Grant funding	Eligible Singapore SMEs may receive up to 70% reimbursement of eligible costs while non-SMEs may receive up to 50% reimbursement. UK applicants can apply for a maximum of £900,000 in funding per project, and the proportion of self-financing and applied grants is dependent on the size of the company involved (50:50 large, 40:60 medium, 30:70 small).
Consortium composition requirements	A project consortium must minimally comprise of 1 UK company and 1 SG company, both independent of each other.
Special conditions	Regardless of the number of researchers in the consortium, the budget allocated to research performers must not exceed 30% of the proposed total cost of the project. Research performers from Singapore who wish to participate in the project can do so as subcontractors / consultants to the main Singapore company applicant. They will not qualify as direct recipients of funding, and funding will be disbursed through the main applicant.

4. Project Requirements

The project proposals must comply with the following guidelines:

1. The project should focus on the development of new products, services or processes of industrial application **within the domains highlighted under the Project Scope section** and should lead to commercialisation in the domestic and/or global markets
2. The project should have an obvious advantage and differentiated value proposition resulting from the cooperation between participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure, new fields of application, etc.).
3. The project should demonstrate a balanced technological contribution between the partners from both countries. Each partner should contribute no more than 70% of total project contribution, in terms of person months and total budget of the project.
4. The project partners should agree in advance on the IP rights and on the commercialisation strategy of the product and process.
5. The collaboration period should be no less than 24 months and no more than 36 months.

Any partners whose joint R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the current call for proposals in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

5. Eligibility Criteria

For Singapore Companies

Singapore applicants may refer to https://www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/grow-your-business/innovate-with-us/market-access-and-networks/global-innovation-alliance/cip-programmes for more information on the Co-Innovation Programmes.

The Singapore partner must meet the following criteria:

a) Be a business entity that is registered and physically present in Singapore;
b) ≥ 30% local equity held directly or indirectly by Singaporean(s) / Singapore PR(s), determined by the ultimate individual ownership and;
c) Be financially able to see the project through to completion.

For UK Companies

UK applicants can apply for a maximum of £900,000 in funding per project, and the proportion of self-financing and applied grants is dependent on the size of the company involved (50:50 large, 40:60 medium, 30:70 small).

The UK partner must meet the following criteria:

a) Be a UK registered business of any size;
b) Collaborate with a Singapore registered business, which must be a separate non-linked entity to the UK partner(s)

UK-based companies may refer to https://www.apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/ for more information on eligibility.

6. Submission Guidelines

For Singapore Companies

To apply, Singapore companies will have to complete the following procedures:

1. Visit the Business Grants Portal (BGP)
2. Apply for "EDG (Co-Innovation Programme)"
    - For assistance on CorpPass, please refer to the guide here.
    - Please note that EDG (Co-Innovation Programme) is not the same as the Enterprise Development Grant (EDG). All applications for EDG (CIP) should be submitted through BGP2.0, which is different from the application portal used for ED. Do check the top of your web browser and ensure that you are using the right portal (BGP2.0) before clicking the "Submit" button.
3. Complete the application form and submit accordingly. Please ensure you have selected the correct CIP Programme in your application.

Singapore companies must complete the application along with the following supporting documents via the Business Grant Portal as advised by Enterprise Singapore by **16 December 2026, 18:00 (UTC+8)** to be considered for funding:

a) Latest ACRA business profile (retrieved within six months from application date);
b) Latest and previous two years audited financial statements or official management accounts;
c) Relevant key quotations (e.g. equipment & software, materials & consumables, professional services);
d) Supplementary Project Proposal form (download here)
e) Any Letter of Intents.

For UK Companies

Interested UK companies should refer to Innovate UK's Innovation Funding Service for information regarding eligibility criteria and the application process.

7. Evaluation of Project Proposals

All applications are assessed against the eligibility criteria of the call before being put forward for the national assessment according to the national evaluation criteria.

EnterpriseSG and Innovate UK will carry out independent national assessments and will select the eligible projects to be financially supported in accordance with their national laws and regulations. Only projects that are selected and approved by both EnterpriseSG and Innovate UK will receive funding support under this call.

8. Announcement of Approved Projects

Both UK and Singapore partners whose projects have been selected will be informed of the results and the amount of funding for the successful projects by their respective funding agencies on **26 Feb 2026**.

9. Main Contact Points

For further queries regarding this joint call, please contact the country representatives below:

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