

Example 1. **Innov8Covid**.... Get funding for ideas that address COVID-19

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- **Project length:** Up to 18 months
- **Closing date:** none - apply at any time
- **Funding:** 80% of the Full Economic Cost (FEC) for Research Council funding. State Aid rules apply.
- **Award range:** There is no specific budget for this call. We are interested in funding research of any scale that can demonstrate it will deliver impact in the project length.

We will support excellent proposals up to 18 months duration which meet at least one of the following:

- new research or innovation with a clear impact pathway that has the potential (within the period of the grant) to deliver a significant contribution to the understanding of, and response to, the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts.
- supports the manufacture and/or wide scale adoption of an intervention with significant potential
- gathers critical data and resources quickly for future research use

If a grant is awarded, we will provide funding at 80% of the FEC or in line with the awarding body's [Funding Rules](#).

After the deadline, valid applications will be sent for assessment. Only applications that meet the eligibility criteria and scope of the competition will be sent for assessment. You will be notified if your application is out of scope with full reasons as to why. Innovate UK reserves the right to declare applications as out of scope.

Applications are assessed by up to 5 independent assessors. The assessors are experts from both business and academia.

Applications are assessed against the same set of scoring criteria. Assessors will provide written feedback for each scored question in the application. All applications are assessed on individual merit. The grant funder's panel makes the final decision regarding funding. We reserve the right to apply a 'portfolio' approach in certain competitions. The portfolio will be spread across a range of:

- scope areas
- [categories of research and development](#)
- project durations
- project costs, including demonstrating value for money

This is to fit the [spend profile of the competition](#). It will make sure that funds are allocated across the strategic areas identified in the scope of the competition. Successful applications are all required to meet a quality threshold.