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Find out about funding opportunities

The Health Innovation East Midlands funding newsletter highlights funding opportunities for innovators. For each opportunity we have provided a brief summary and a link to the full details.

We help bring health and social care innovations to patients faster, to improve patient outcomes, increase value for the NHS, and support economic growth for UK plc. In supporting commercial, academic and clinical innovators we help develop solutions to real needs, develop the evidence base supporting those solutions, offer support to navigate appropriate governance standards, and drive adoption.

This newsletter is split into categories to help to organise the content by interest. These categories are industry, research and NHS.



If you are an innovator looking for support, please complete our East Midlands innovator engagement form to tell us more about your innovation.

Contact us & complete an innovator engagement form

Featured funding opportunities



Industry



Research



Horizon Europe 2025 work programme Cluster 1: Health

Deadline: 16 September 2025

No matter your field – whether you're a business, university, research institute, charity, or not-for-profit – you could be eligible to apply for Horizon Europe funding to advance your cutting-edge research and innovation, fostering lasting impact and meaningful change.

This opportunity is by Innovate UK, offering funding up to €20m.

[Find out more](#)



Industry



Research

Future Leaders Fellowships: Round 10, business and non-academic

Deadline: 5 November 2025

UK registered organisations can apply for a share of up to £110 million for ambitious research and innovation projects in any sector, and tailored support to develop careers for future leaders.

This funding is from UKRI.

[Find out more](#)



Industry



Research

East Midlands Emerging RehabTech Growth Enterprise (EMERGE) Impact Acceleration Fund

Opens: 4 August 2025

Deadline: 30 September 2025

EMERGE RehabTech has announced round one of its Impact Acceleration Fund delivering impact through advances in rehabilitation technologies.

Round one opens on 4 August and includes two funding streams:

- **Concept Impact Accelerator – Up to £100k per project** | expected start date March 2026 | duration up to 18 months.
- **Feasibility Impact Primer – Up to £50k per project** | expected start date 1 January 2026 | duration 6-12 months.

A briefing webinar will take place on 4 August 11:00am-12:00pm. [Register here](#).

[Find out more](#)



Industry



Research

2026 European Prize for Women Innovators

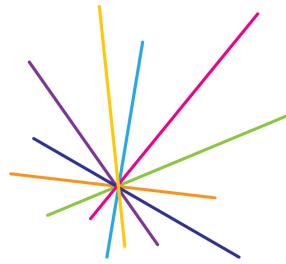
Deadline: 25 September 2025

The European Prize for women innovators is jointly awarded by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and the European Innovation Council (EIC). Through this collaboration, the EIT and EIC are showcasing a large pool of women innovators, offering more opportunities for trailblazers.

Nine individual prizes of between €20,000 and €100,000.

[Find out more](#)

Health Innovation Academy



Access free on demand funding resources

Our Innovation Academy has a section dedicated to funding advice and support including expert speakers from NIHR, Innovate UK, SBRI, and the British Business Bank.

Register for our **FREE** Innovation Academy



Ignite bespoke support

Through [ignite](#), Health Innovation East Midlands offers bespoke services to support health innovations no matter where they are in their development timeline. Within this fast-moving environment, we have a specific focus in the development and delivery of the work packages that are required for the majority of the funding competitions within the UK today.

With an excellent return of successful partnerships and funding wins, we can support innovators in the following key deliverable areas including (but not limited to): Pathway Mapping, Stakeholder Mapping, PPI (Patient & Public Involvement), EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion), Value Proposition, Budget/Cost Impact Analysis, Health Economics, Business Case, Commercialisation, and Adoption and Spread.

Ignite and Health Innovation East Midlands' focus and experience aligned with our NHS background and expertise allows us to support innovators in a unique way that has led to many successful funding competitions for our partners. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us at: ignite@nottingham.ac.uk

Other funding opportunities

Business Finance Week 2025

Running from 30 September to 9 October, this UK-wide campaign is hosted by the British Business Bank, working alongside partners across the country, to help smaller businesses better understand the finance options to help them to start, grow and thrive.

With a mix of free virtual and in-person events, topics include start up loans, equity investment and managing cashflow.

Each session offers practical, expert-led information tailored to business needs – whatever stage of their growth journey.



Santander X Global Challenge | Reimagine Silver Age

Deadline: 4 August 2025

Startups and scaleups from 11 countries, including the UK, are invited to apply with innovative solutions supporting healthy ageing. Categories include preventive health, assistive tech, longevity finance, and wellbeing. Six winners will share €120,000 and join the exclusive Santander X 100 global community.

[Find out more](#)



Growth Catalyst Early Stage: New Innovators

Deadline: 6 August 2025, 11:00am

UK registered micro and small businesses can apply for a share of up to £10 million to develop affordable, adoptable and investable innovations in the five critical technologies (AI included).

To lead a project your organisation must:

- be a UK registered micro or small business
- not have previously been awarded funding from Innovate UK
- carry out its project work in the UK
- intend to exploit the project outcomes from the UK for domestic or global benefit.

[Find out more](#)



Innovate UK Innovation Loans Round 22

Deadline: 27 August 2025, 11:00am

UK registered businesses can apply for loans for close to market innovative projects with strong commercial potential. They must significantly improve the UK economy and drive societal benefit.

This competition is open to single applicants from [micro, small or medium sized enterprises](#) (SMEs) registered in the UK. Loans can be applied for between £100,000 and £5 million to fund your project.

[Find out more](#)



Alzheimer's Society Accelerator Programme

The Alzheimer's Society Accelerator Programme provides investment and business support for transformative dementia innovations, helping them to develop and reach people affected by dementia faster.

The programme offers a 12 month partnership with funding up to £100k.

[Find out more](#)



HSBC Women's Business Growth Initiative

Deadline: Open (rolling basis)

HSBC's Women's Business Growth Initiative of £250 million is looking to partner with women business leaders.

The initiative offers personalised funding plus specialist pitch workshops and events, masterclasses that have been developed with business led and owned by women in mind to support growth.

[Find out more](#)



Industry



Research

Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) 2025 to 2026 round three

Deadline: 17 September 2025

The Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) programme allows a UK registered business or not for profit organisations to partner with a UK higher/further education institution, research and technology organisation (RTO) or Catapult, for a 12-36 month project bringing academic expertise into business.

A project's total eligible costs are £8,500 per month. Projects must be between 12 and 36 months

[Find out more](#)



Industry



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Women's Health Research Grant

Deadline: 20 September 2025

Now open for applications, the second Women's Health Research Grant from Garmin Health and Labfront supports innovative research that advances evidence in women's health. Grants are awarded to promising projects using data-driven approaches. Learn more about the first round's impact and submit your application today. Open to researchers worldwide.

[Find out more](#)



Research

Horizon Europe 2025 EU Missions: Cancer Mission

Deadline: 24 September 2025

Funding available through Horizon Europe for research into cancer prevention and cures, with up to €11m for the largest projects.

The goal of the Mission on Cancer is to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030, through prevention, cure and for those affected by cancer including their families, to live longer and better.

[Find out more](#)



NHS



Research

Life Sciences Innovative Manufacturing Fund (LSIMF)

Deadline: Open call

The Life Sciences Innovative Manufacturing Fund supports businesses investing in life sciences manufacturing projects in the UK.

The government has committed up to £520 million for life sciences manufacturing, to help deliver on the government's missions to kickstart economic growth and build an NHS fit for the future.

[Find out more](#)



Research

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

Deadline: Open call

If you have an excellent idea for a research project, the ESRC have their Research Grants open call. The ESRC is the UK's largest funder of economic, social, behavioural and human data science.

[Find out more](#)

The British Business Bank (BBB)

Deadline: Open

BBB are a government-owned business development bank dedicated to making finance markets work better for smaller businesses. Whether you're looking for finance to start a business, grow to the next level, or stay ahead of the competition, they say that they can deliver greater volume and choice of finance.

[Find out more](#)

Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) funding

Innovate UK Contracts for Innovation (formerly known as the Small Business Research Initiative or SBRI) helps public sector organisations to solve complex challenges by running a competitive funding opportunity, to develop and adopt new solutions and technologies.

[Find out more](#)

Other updates you might be interested in...

Health Innovation East Midlands 2024-2025 Annual Report

Health Innovation East Midlands has launched its Annual Report. In 2024–2025, we supported 323 companies to develop, commercialise, or scale 397 health innovations - helping to secure £28.8 million in investment for our economy.

Learn how we're transforming healthcare by bridging the gap between the NHS and innovators.

[Find out more](#)

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