



Innovation Funding Call 5: Key Facts

Gateway criteria

- Innovative (not generic business support or growth projects)
- Significant input from a company in Yorkshire & the Humber
- Alignment with one or more Core Research Themes
- Academic input from a researcher at the University of Leeds, Royal College of Art, or University of Huddersfield
- Match-funding from applicant companies (in-kind or cash)

Core Research Themes

- Late-stage customisation
- Circular economies
- Digital communication of aesthetics
- Data-driven design
- Education and skills

What funding is available?

	Max Total Project Value	Max Grant value	Purpose	Funding Breakdown
Proof of Market	£10,000	£9,000	Evaluating market opportunities; identifying existing IP / conducting freedom to operate searches; explore further funding options; small-scale R&D activity	10% minimum match-funding 90% intervention rate
Proof of Concept	£50,000	£37,500	Progressing proven methods and knowledge into validated technologies	25% minimum match-funding Up to 75% intervention rate
Innovation Challenge Project	£100,000	£60,000	Demonstrating and beginning to scale up new technologies in a commercial setting	40% minimum match-funding Up to 60% intervention rate



How to apply

- Submit an Expression of Interest
- Be assigned a team member
- Work with a member of the FFF team to complete a Full Application
- Wait for the Investment Committee decision
- Find out if you have been successful!

Post-award requirements

- Project start date Oct - Dec 2021
- Maximum project length 12 months
- Signed collaboration agreement
- Reporting on project delivery and impact
- Support with publicity, including a press release and case study

Things to consider

- Payment in arrears - you will need to provide proof of payment to be reimbursed
- Grant cannot be used to pay usual business costs e.g. paying staff
- Match-funding can include staff time, travel, Lost Opportunity Costs (e.g. raw materials / machine time)
- Intellectual property (IP) - background IP will remain with the originator, foreground IP will be contracted under Lambert 4
- If you don't already have an academic partner in mind, we can help you identify one.

Investment Committee

Adam Mansell (CEO, UKFT)

Andy Duley (Director of Commercialisation, University of Leeds)

Bill Macbeth OBE (MD, Textile Centre of Excellence)

Prof Stephen Russell (FFF Director)

Key Dates

Call Opens	19 July 2021
Call closes for Expressions of Interest	30 September 2021
Deadline for full applications	15 November 2021
Successful applicants notified	30 November 2021

Book Your Call

Book a 45-minute call with a member of our team to discuss your project.

Email Natasha Francis (FFF Project Administrator):

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