



# Innovation Support & CLASP

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# External Innovations Team Toolkit

One size does not fit all



- **Responsive:** Follow-on Funding, IPS, Enterprise Fellowships
- **User-led:** Global Challenge, CLASP, KTP
- **Empowering:** Impact Acceleration Account, Innovation Fellows
- **Innovations Club:** Events and Newsletters



- **Workshop with Industry, Government, Charities, Innovate UK to define challenges**
- **Collaboration building event**
- **Work with Industry and other academic disciplines (~TRL 3-5)**
- **Mentors work with applicants to prepare for presentation to Panel**
- **Peer reviewed then assessed by independent Panel - 50% users**
- **Aim to be “on the market” within 5yrs after end of grant**

**Provide user-led solutions to challenges in Energy, Environment, Healthcare and Security**



# CLASP – Applications

- **Funding for:**
  - Collaborative development and testing of technology
  - Further market evaluation with partners
- **No limits on size or duration of project**
- **£1.5m funding pot available (funded 4 - 8 projects)**
- **Must demonstrate market need and route to market**
  
- **2 stage process:**
  - Outlines submitted on JeS by **1<sup>st</sup> September**
    - Full details on our website ([www.stfc.ac.uk/CLASP](http://www.stfc.ac.uk/CLASP))
    - Assessed and decisions in October
  - Invited Full proposals submitted on JeS by **1<sup>st</sup> December**
    - Mentors assigned to support applicants
    - Reviewed by external referees and market assessment reports commissioned by STFC
    - Assessed and decisions in February 2016



# CLASP – Applications

## Who can take part?

- **Applications led by Academia and draw on STFC outputs**
  - £422 live grant funding in UK universities
  - STFC Labs RAL, Daresbury, UK ATC
  - CERN, ESO, ESRF
- **Partnerships can be with non-STFC funded research groups & other disciplines**
- **Industry / Users can be included in a project (strongly encouraged), offering cash and/or in-kind support**
- **Collaboration agreements must be in place before projects start**



## RCUK and TSB – Gateway to Research

- All grants given by RCUK and Innovate UK since 2007
- Designed for companies to find collaborators and new ideas
- Research grants and their outputs



<http://gtr.rcuk.ac.uk/>

- **STFC and Knowledge Transfer Network (Defence and Security) are here to help too.**



# Other STFC Funding

## **Follow-on Fund (3 calls per year, 12 months £110k)**

- Proof of concept and market assessments.

## **Innovation Partnership Schemes (3 calls per year, £450k 3yrs)**

- Transfer technology and expertise to the marketplace in partnership with industry and other disciplines.

## **STFC Impact Acceleration Account ([www.stfc.ac.uk/IAA](http://www.stfc.ac.uk/IAA))**

- 22 Universities receiving direct funding

## **Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (Innovate UK ) (open call)**

- STFC fund partnerships involving STFC-funded academics.

## **Enterprise Fellowship (Royal Society of Edinburgh) (1 call per year)**

- One year salary and training to spin out a company



# Contacts

## Any Questions

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More details on CLASP - [www.stfc.ac.uk/clasp](http://www.stfc.ac.uk/clasp)

More details on our other funding programmes

- [www.stfc.ac.uk/workingwithindustry](http://www.stfc.ac.uk/workingwithindustry)
- [www.stfc.ac.uk/commercialisation](http://www.stfc.ac.uk/commercialisation)

More details on events & newsletter -  
[www.stfc.ac.uk/innovationsclub](http://www.stfc.ac.uk/innovationsclub)





# Thank You

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Good luck with your projects

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# External Innovations Strategy

*We work in partnership across the STFC community to maximise the benefits to the UK economy and society from our Science Programme.*

