



AceOn Group Submitting Innovation Grants



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What's Available

Innovate UK (UKRI)

- Entered our first Innovation Grant in 2012 as Team Leader – SolarSDS (Failed)
- Submitted a bid as a Partner Jan 2019 - Re-Engineering SLA Batteries (Failed)
- Received our 1st Innovate UK Grant as a Partner Aug 2016 – Faradion
- Currently on an Innovate UK Project which Started Oct 2020
- 17 Current Innovation Competitions

Other opportunities

- Follow local LEP Websites
- Memberships like SWM feeding SME with details
- Universities have good knowledge of grants
- Other grants around Sustainability



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Innovation competitions

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17 competitions

[Infrastructure solutions for zero emission vehicles](#)

UK registered businesses can apply for a share of up to £10million to develop infrastructure solutions that address challenges associated with the transition to zero emission vehicles. Funded by the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV).

Eligibility

This competition is open to collaborative projects only. To lead a project your organisation must:

- be a UK registered business of any size
- collaborate with partners claiming funding

For more information on company sizes, please refer to the [company accounts guidance](#). This is a change from the [EU definition](#) unless you are applying under State aid.

Open now

Opened: 15 March 2021

Closes: 21 April 2021

[Transitioning towards Zero Emission Vehicles : CR&D](#)

Innovation funding in the UK often takes the form of grants. These grants are attractive to businesses as they provide cash for a project.

Applying

Challenges

- Has to be a SME who lead the project
- Finding a new Innovative approach that has not already been awarded
- Writing a comprehensive bid
- Currently on a Innovate UK Project which Started Oct 2020
- 17 Current Innovation Competitions
- Awaiting 3 Bids for the outcome

Huddles

- Where do you start?
- Time – It takes a lot of resource to submit a good application
- Creating a team – SME Partners, sub-contractors and a University
- Knowledge – Putting an application together with partners' roles
- Finance – Good understanding on finance projection of such project
- Five or Six Assessors mark your Bid
- Waiting to hear – You put on hold project as you're waiting for the outcome



Applications

Applications in progress

[Development of Innovative Off-Grid Energy Storage for Sub-Saharan Africa using portable and affordable Na-ion Battery System](#)

Application number: 83383
Competition: Energy Catalyst round 8: clean energy access - industrial research

Awaiting assessment

Submitted

[Bio-Inspired Cooling for SuperFast Charging / Discharge Lithium Ion Batteries](#)

Application number: 102242
Competition: Faraday Battery Challenge: Innovation Feasibility Studies, Round 4

Awaiting assessment

Submitted

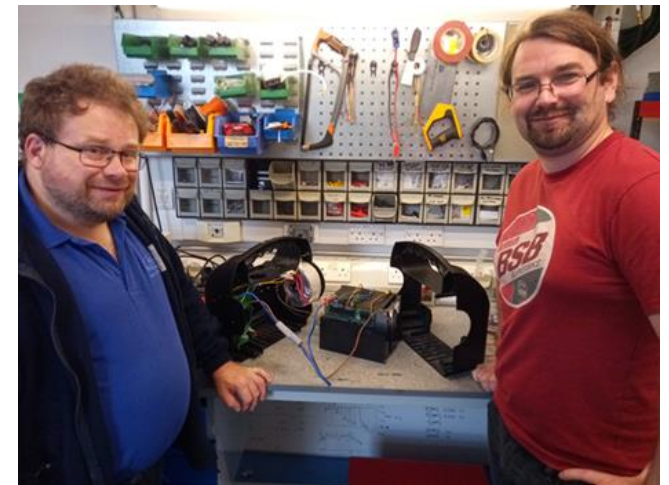
Recommendations

Putting Bids Together

- Create a good network with Universities
- Create a Powerpoint Presentation as a kick-off idea
- Lean on experienced people to help write the bid
- Don't leave to the last day – but we all do !

Experiences

- Faradion – Sodium Ion (2016) - Partner (learned the ropes)
- 1st Quarterly Meeting – I didn't have a clue what to do!
- Accountant needed – Last quarter (1st quarter if over £120,000)
- Won bid for EV bus project as a Partner – October 2020
- Like winning the lottery !!!



Project

Working Live

- Meet every 2 weeks for update
- Submit every quarter claims
- Once a quarter present to an Innovate UK MO (Monitoring Officer)
- Upload claims online – All in one portal

Opportunities

- Developing relationships with other SMEs
- Building partnerships with Universities
- Submitting further Innovate UK bids
- Increase Company Awareness
- Potential Investment



Approved Partner



Energy Storage

Virtual Power Plant

Renewables

Custom Battery Packs

Battery Distribution

Support

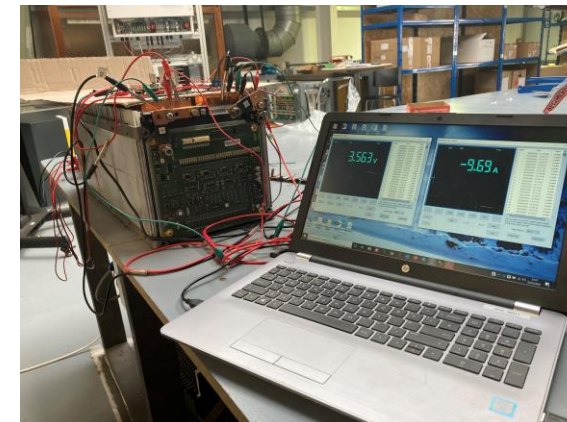


AceOn scoops funding for pioneering battery scheme

Shropshire energy pioneer AceOn has won vital funding to play a key part in a groundbreaking scheme to bring old bus batteries back to life. The Telford-based company has scooped more than £130,000 under the Sustainable Innovation Fund to trial new technology to make use of second hand batteries from electric buses. AceOn has teamed up with Oxford-based specialists in power electronics and battery management systems Brill Power and Cranfield University in Bedfordshire for the project, which has won nearly £350,000...

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