



Scale-Up Accelerator 2020 Call for Projects

Overview:

The Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre (IBioIC) supports industry by accelerating and de-risking commercialisation to bring new biotechnology processes and products to the global market.

Our Bioprocessing Scale-Up Centres offer access to a wide range of fermentation technologies and services from small scale culture to pilot scale production, process optimisation, downstream processing and data analysis. Expert advice is readily available from our on-site team to assist with all aspects of your project from development of work programmes to full technical delivery. (www.ibioic-scaleup.com)

This open call for projects gives SMEs the unique opportunity to develop, optimise and scale-up their bioprocesses in partnership with our Scale-Up Team, utilising specialist equipment within our Bioprocessing Scale-Up Centres at Heriot Watt University and the University of Strathclyde.

Criteria for Projects:

To be considered for funding by IBioIC under this call, the following minimum criteria must be met:

1. The project must demonstrate a clear market need / commercial opportunity through the innovative use or application of biotechnology
2. The project must be led by an SME and demonstrate a clear economic, societal or reputational benefit to Scotland.
3. Where an application for funding is successful, companies must become Members of IBioIC prior to the project start date and remain members for the duration of the project. Membership fees are outlined in the table below and are tiered according to company size.

| Company size | Annual Membership Fee |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Large | £1,500 |
| Small/Medium | £1,000 |
| Micro | £500 |

Funding and State Aid:

IBioIC will contribute up to £15k towards the project delivery costs (excluding consumables) and their funding will not exceed 50% of the total delivery costs. Additional project costs must be funded in cash by the Industry Partner.

Aid granted by the Scottish Funding Council funded Innovation Centres constitutes State Aid and is provided under SFC's Innovation Centre Programme 2014-2020 General Block Exemption Regulations Scheme, Reference Number SA. 43342. Further details can be found at:

<http://www.sfc.ac.uk/innovation/innovation-centres/innovation-centres-state-aid.aspx>

Aid granted by IBioIC will be made under Article 25.

How to enter:

SMEs should complete the Scale-Up Accelerator Expression of Interest and submit by email to the IBioIC Facilities Manager Neil.Renault@ibioic.com.

Whilst the intent is to keep entry requirements to a minimum, IBioIC reserves the right to request further information through the review process.

Project Selection Criteria and Timelines

Once submitted applications undergo assessment for funding eligibility. Projects will be selected on their technical and commercial merits.

It is anticipated that successful applicants will be informed within 2 weeks of EOI submission and will then be invited to develop their project work programme with a member of the Scale-Up Team. Once finalised and funding arrangements are agreed, a project start date will be confirmed.

Before commencement of successful projects, IBioIC expects the Industrial Partner to sign an IBioIC Project Offer Letter and an IBioIC Service Agreement, outlining the conditions of the funding and service provided.