

Innovate Now FAQ

1. If I own the IP instead of my NHS Trust employer am I still eligible to apply?

The IP must be owned by a HEE member Trust and applicants must abide by their Trust's IP policy. If you are unsure who owns the IP we suggest reaching out to your employer in first instance. If the IP is jointly held but the NHS trust holds some IP then you are eligible to apply.

2. How do I know if my NHS Trust is a HEE member?

All of HEE's member Trusts are listed on the website and can be found [here](#). In order to be eligible the lead must be employed by a HEE member Trust.

3. If I have been working with a company can I still apply?

Yes, so long as the main applicant is an NHS employee and the IP is owned by the NHS Trust.

4. Are NHS bank staff eligible to apply?

If at the time of your application you are employed as bank staff by a HEE member NHS Trust then you are eligible to apply.

5. How will you assess the applications?

Staff at HEE will assess all of the applications received by the deadline. A scoring system will be used to rank applications, factors considered will include: benefit to the NHS, benefit to patients, feasibility of proposed work, IP situation and market size.

6. How much is each voucher worth?

Each voucher will be worth roughly £3000. Where sponsor businesses have pledged time instead of a monetary contribution we have estimated the amount of work that could be completed under the time allocated.

7. How can I spend the funds?

Funds can be spent on work packages intended to further develop the idea/product. If you already have a set piece of work you intend to do, please describe this in the application form along with details of the partner who will provide this including cost estimates. HEE can help you decide on work packages that might be suitable if you are unsure, HEE can also suggest partners you may like to work with. Example work packages are:

- Regulatory roadmap
- Product development/ideation workshop with drawings
- Review of intellectual property and freedom to operate position
- Competitor Analysis
- Health Economic Analysis
- Aligning digital solutions and tools to NHS guidelines
- Review of Healthcare Apps

If you are still unsure, we will be running 2 webinars to further explain the process. Details are here:

[Wednesday 21st April 2021 – 10:00am](#)

[Wednesday 5th May 2021 – 10:00am](#)

8. Who else is supporting the competition?

The following organisations have pledged time and money to help support the NHS recovery:

Venner Shipley LLP

Mathys & Squire

Medovate Ltd

JEB Technologies Ltd

9. Can I speak to someone about my application before I submit it?

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Alternatively, you can also *book 30 minute sessions with a member of the HEE team [here](#)*.

10. What is the process if I am successful in winning an award?

A basic due diligence process will be undertaken. If you are choosing your own sub-contractor we will request quotes of the proposed work.

11. My question is not answered here, how do I get in touch?

If you have any questions concerning the Innovate Now Competition call 01223 928050 or email alice.green@hee.co.uk