

OWGP programmes

Funding and business support for the UK offshore wind supply chain

Programme guide



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Who we are

The Offshore Wind Growth Partnership (OWGP) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation working closely with industry to strengthen the UK's offshore wind supply chain and boost its global competitiveness.

Established in 2019 by the Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC), OWGP plays a central role in delivering the sector's Industrial Growth Plan - turning ambition into practical action that supports long-term growth.

Through a combination of targeted funding, industry expertise and hands-on business support, we help companies move forward with confidence and at pace. Our programmes are designed to build a supply chain that is resilient, capable and ready to compete on the global stage.

Our vision is of a world-leading UK offshore wind supply chain that secures investment, skills and value at home, while exporting UK technology and expertise to global markets. Working in partnership with industry, we align our support with strategic priorities to maximise impact for both the UK economy and the offshore wind sector.

Our programmes



Business support programmes
These programmes help organisations move forward with confidence, focusing on needs such as sector knowledge, business strategy and increased competitiveness.



Funding programmes
These programmes increase capability, capacity, innovation and technology commercialisation so that businesses can thrive and grow.

What we do



Shaping strategic direction
We drive the future of offshore wind and shape its strategic direction through the Industrial Growth Plan.



Aligning the sector for growth
We bring the organisations together around a shared strategy for growth.



Investing in the supply chain
We help supply chain companies innovate, grow, and compete on a global stage.

Our progress so far...

We play two vital roles in strengthening the UK offshore wind sector. We deliver direct support to supply-chain companies through targeted programmes and shape strategy to secure the future of offshore wind.



26.8m

awarded to UK companies through grant funding and business transformation programmes



1,713

new jobs in offshore wind



400

projects supported



241

new marketable products



£353m

of increased turnover reported by supported companies

The Offshore Wind Industry Council

Built by industry. Focused on growth.

Since 2013, the Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC) has brought industry and government together to accelerate the UK offshore wind sector. That partnership continues to create real momentum - unlocking investment, driving innovation and strengthening the UK supply chain.

In 2019, the Offshore Wind Sector Deal established the Offshore Wind Growth Partnership as an independent organisation dedicated to growing the UK offshore wind supply chain. That purpose still drives everything we do today. We help turn ambition into action. Supporting businesses to grow faster, compete globally and build the future of offshore wind from the UK.

Industry-funded. Independently delivered.

OWGP is funded directly by private offshore wind developers through OWIC.

Developer contributions are brought together into a single industry fund, which we manage and invest back into the UK supply chain through targeted funding and business support programmes.

While funding comes from industry, all investment decisions are made independently by OWGP - ensuring fairness, transparency and objectivity. It's a model built on trust, collaboration and shared ambition.

OWIC brings government and industry together to accelerate offshore wind. We make sure the UK supply chain grows alongside it.

Through funding, expertise and hands-on support, we help hundreds of UK companies strengthen capability, unlock innovation and compete on a global stage.

Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient offshore wind sector - securing investment, creating jobs and positioning the UK as a global leader in offshore wind.



Our programmes



Funding programmes

Our funding programmes focus on projects with the potential to deliver real, measurable impact for the sector. We award funding on a strategic and competitive basis to encourage innovation and increase capacity in the offshore wind supply chain.

We're always happy to receive applications from existing supply chain companies, as well as businesses making the move into offshore wind from similar industries.

Innovation Funding Programme

Targeted at projects that deliver the next wave of breakthrough technologies, products and services to move our industry forward.

£25K to £200K

Industrial Growth Fund

Capital funding to support the development, expansion, and commercial readiness of UK-based facilities that produce the critical components our sector relies on.

£300K to £25M

Development Funding Programme

Designed for projects delivering company growth, whether they unlock brand new capabilities or expand existing ones.

£50K to £500K

Manufacturing Facility Support Programme

Created to support the essential groundwork that's needed before a company commits to investing in new or expanded manufacturing facilities.

£150K to £500K



Business support programmes

We believe in the capability, drive and talent that exists across the UK, and we are here to unlock that full potential. Our business support programmes help companies grow faster, work smarter, and compete with confidence.

These programmes provide access to a range of high-quality support services for companies of different levels of maturity, whether they are already operating in offshore wind, or taking their first steps into the sector.

WEST

Wind Expert Support Toolkit (WEST) provides needs-focused support for businesses entering into or growing their existing presence in Offshore Wind. WEST provides market intelligence and tailored sector insights to support companies to build a clear and effective strategy.

- Specialist advice and market intelligence
- Short-term engagement that's scalable depending on company needs
- Tailored support and specific next-steps report for each participant

SmartStart Manufacturing

Provides bespoke advisory support to help develop and scale up manufacturing facilities serving the UK offshore wind industry. This includes specialist manufacturing support informing feasibility studies and business cases, helping ensure new facilities are globally competitive and investment-ready.

Strategic business support

We proactively identify and engage with high-growth companies, particularly those already in receipt of OWGP funding to deliver targeted, needs-led support. Through an account managed approach, we help de-risk and strengthen supply chain investments by connecting businesses with specialists from our trusted network of delivery partners. Support is tailored to align with their growth ambitions and operational needs to enable the successful execution of funding projects.



Funded by the Offshore Wind Industry Council.



Expanding understanding in offshore wind

The Wind Expert Support Toolkit (WEST) helps UK businesses enter, grow and compete in offshore wind.

This short-term support programme gives companies access to specialist advice, market intelligence and strategic insight from industry experts – helping you overcome challenges, strengthen your offer and grow with confidence.

Whether you're new to offshore wind or looking to accelerate your growth in the sector, WEST provides tailored, practical support built around your business needs.

Delivered through a network of carefully selected expert consultants, the programme equips businesses with the knowledge, tools and insight needed to thrive in a fast-moving global industry.

Why WEST?

Offshore wind is growing fast – and so is the opportunity for UK businesses. WEST helps companies better understand how the sector works, where opportunities exist and how to position products and services for long-term success.

The programme provides focused strategic support to sharpen competitiveness, unlock growth opportunities and strengthen market positioning.

Flexible and scalable, WEST is designed to support businesses of all sizes and experience levels. The programme typically runs over four months and includes:

- A tailored business assessment
- Specialist advice and market insight
- Strategic recommendations
- Access to expert support and networks

Everything is designed around the challenges and opportunities most relevant to your growth.

Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if you're:

- A UK-based company with at least 12 months of financial information available on Companies House
- An established business from another sector looking to transition into offshore wind
- A UK offshore wind company seeking targeted support to strengthen future growth and strategic direction

Real impact



200 companies supported



I would rate my overall experience on the WEST Programme as 5-star. The programme provided exceptional support and guidance, facilitated valuable networking opportunities, and effectively addressed barriers to entry into the offshore wind supply chain.



Lucinda Craig
Business Development Director | J+S Subsea Wind Expert Support

Get involved

Join the growing number of UK businesses transforming their future through WEST.

Apply now →





SmartStart Manufacturing

Specialist advisory support for offshore wind manufacturing

SmartStart supports the development of pre-FID proposals for new, or upgraded, manufacturing facilities.

Whether you're developing a new facility or scaling existing operations, the programme helps businesses build stronger, investment-ready manufacturing plans that are sustainable, technically robust and globally competitive.

Typically delivered over 3-4 months, SmartStart combines technical, commercial and manufacturing expertise to help businesses move from concept to construction with greater confidence.

Support can include:

- Technical feasibility and production validation
- Optimisation of factory design, manufacturing processes and operational efficiency
- Commercial and technical risk assessment
- Business case development

The programme also drives the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and optimised manufacturing processes, supporting sustainable production methods and the growth of connected UK supply chain clusters.

Why SmartStart?

The UK offshore wind sector needs stronger domestic manufacturing capability to meet future demand. SmartStart was created to help businesses build more robust, competitive and investable manufacturing plans aligned with the Industrial Growth Plan.

The programme supports projects that strengthen UK supply chains, improve manufacturing resilience and unlock long-term industrial growth.

By combining specialist expertise with targeted support, SmartStart helps businesses develop future-ready facilities that can compete on a global stage.

Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if you're:

- A UK-based company with at least 12 months of financial information available on Companies House
- Developing a project beyond business-as-usual activity
- Looking to increase offshore wind capability or competitiveness
- Developing a facility with a clear route into offshore wind markets
- Planning a project with investment above £5m
- Forecasting long-term growth in jobs, turnover and exports
- Able to demonstrate a pathway towards Final Investment Decision (FID)
- Aligned with Industrial Growth Plan priorities

How the programme works

SmartStart is delivered through three focused stages:

Requirements capture

Assessing capability, manufacturing needs and future growth potential.

Technical feasibility

Setting a clear direction and reducing risk through technical analysis, viability assessments, and identification of opportunities.

Optimising the business case

Creating a stronger, investment-ready proposal for future capital decisions.

Successful applicants will be introduced to our delivery partners at the High Value Manufacturing Catapult (HVMC). Your OWGP project manager will provide ongoing support and quality assurance from start to finish.

Real impact



The programme strengthened our understanding of manufacturing strategy, cost drivers and scalability, helping move us towards a more investment-ready position.



Stewart Swan

Sales and Marketing Consultant | Slipform Engineering

Get involved

Transform your ambition into actionable plans for future-ready facilities.

Check your eligibility →





Innovation Funding Programme

Funding the next wave of offshore wind innovation

Our Innovation Funding Programme helps accelerate the development of new products, services and technologies for offshore wind.

Through targeted funding competitions, we support cutting-edge solutions tackling some of the sector's biggest challenges - helping businesses bring innovation to market faster.

Grants from **£25,000 to £200,000** are available for UK companies developing near-to-market solutions with clear potential to strengthen the offshore wind sector. The programme supports companies that can demonstrate proof of concept and an intent to reach commercialisation by the end of the OWGP supported project.

The programme is open to businesses already operating in offshore wind, as well as companies bringing transferable expertise from adjacent industries.

Funding covers up to **50%** of total project costs, with projects typically running between 12 and 18 months.

Why Innovation Funding?

Offshore wind needs smarter, faster and more efficient solutions to keep pace with sector demand.

Our Innovation Funding programme is a key part of delivering OWGP's long-term strategy for UK supply chain growth. It is designed to address the offshore wind sector's most pressing challenges to ensure the UK supply chain remains competitive and at the forefront of global offshore wind development.

Our funding is targeted towards priority areas identified through the Industrial Growth Plan, helping accelerate innovative solutions with the potential to unlock future global market opportunities and position the UK as a world leader in offshore wind.

We're looking for ambitious ideas with clear commercial potential and the ability to deliver meaningful impact across the sector.

Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if you're:

- A UK-registered company of any size
- Developing a project with a clearly defined scope that would not happen without external funding support
- Delivering innovation beyond business-as-usual activity
- Able to demonstrate existing offshore wind capability, or a clear plan to enter the sector
- Providing a financial and/or in-kind contribution towards project costs
- Not in receipt of OWGP competition funding within the last 12 months

Real impact



33 companies supported



This played a pivotal role in the development of our Crack Map™ technology. We were able to significantly accelerate our research and development efforts, leading to a groundbreaking solution for blade health monitoring. The collaboration and encouragement we received were truly invaluable to our success.



Dr Saber Khayatzaheh
CEO & Founder | Ilosta



The extensive support we've received through OWGP has been a key enabler in moving our product from a vision into the pilot phase.



James Thomas
CEO | Jet Connectivity



Turning ideas into action

Helping you launch to market quicker.

[Check your eligibility →](#)





Development Funding Programme

Developing greater capability in offshore wind

Our Development Funding Programme supports transformative projects that elevate your business and help build a stronger, more competitive offshore wind industry in the UK.

Providing grants from £50,000 to £500,000, it helps companies unlock real gains in capacity, capability and competitiveness.

The programme has a flexible scope. It's a great fit if you're looking to build your in-house capabilities, whether that's investing in new machinery, adapting an existing product, or developing something entirely new.

Your project can include things like:

- Investing in equipment or facilities to grow capacity
- Improving operational capabilities
- Developing or adopting new technologies
- Other activity that will lead to increased jobs, turnover, exports and/or IP

Projects must align with offshore wind priorities identified through the Supply Chain Capability Analysis and the Industrial Growth Plan, while demonstrating clear potential for transformational growth.

Applicants are expected to provide at least 50% match contribution through cash or in-kind investment.

Why Development Funding?

Offshore wind growth depends on stronger, more capable UK supply chains.

This programme helps businesses scale faster, strengthen operations and develop the capability needed to compete globally.

By aligning funding with industry priorities, we focus support where it can deliver the greatest impact for the sector and the UK economy.

Successful projects receive tailored support over 12 to 24 months, helping businesses move forward with confidence and clear commercial direction.

Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if you're:

- A UK-registered company of any size with at least 12 months of financial history on Companies House
- Developing a project beyond business-as-usual activity
- Delivering a project that would not happen without external funding support
- Able to demonstrate offshore wind capability, or a clear route into the sector
- Providing a financial and/or in-kind contribution towards project costs
- Able to show how OWGP support will accelerate job creation, turnover, exports or IP
- Not in receipt of OWGP competition funding within the last 12 months

Real impact



49 companies supported



OWGP's grant funding has been critical in moving our business forward. We've been able to test our hypothesis while cushioning the risk, and we're now winning contracts with large-scale operators as a result.



Gaby Amiel
Co-founder and CEO | Sennen



The funding from OWGP has helped us take the next vital step in our development, ensuring we stay relevant and competitive in a rapidly changing sector.



Karl Crockard
Managing Director | CASC Limited

Get involved

Develop your capabilities in offshore wind.

Check your eligibility →





Manufacturing Facility Support Programme

Funding the foundations of future growth

The Manufacturing Facility Support Programme (MFSP) provides funding for pre-investment activities.

Whether you're building a new facility or scaling up an existing one, this programme is designed to unlock investment and turn early plans into scalable projects. Through grants of up to £500,000, MFSP funds the critical pre-investment DEVEX work needed to get projects off the ground and ready for capital investment.

MFSP is designed to help businesses:

- Fund early-stage development and unlock project potential
- Build strong, investment-ready (bankable) projects
- Grow UK manufacturing capacity and capability

Successful projects are expected to secure at least:

- **£5m capital investment within two years**
- **20 new jobs created**
- **£5m annual revenue within five years**

Projects must align with key Industrial Growth Plan priorities and demonstrate a clear long-term growth strategy covering investment, market opportunity, revenue, employment and exports.

Why MFSP?

Offshore wind is driving fierce global competition and the UK can't afford to fall behind. Manufacturing capacity needs to keep pace with demand. MFSP is here to close that gap.

MFSP was set up to strengthen UK manufacturing and cut reliance on overseas supply chains by backing businesses that will shape the future of offshore wind.

We help companies take the next step towards securing large-scale investment – supporting the pre-FID development work needed to de-risk the journey and deliver the facilities the offshore wind sector needs to thrive.

Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if you're:

- A UK-registered company of any size
- Developing a project with a clearly defined scope that would not happen without external funding support
- Able to demonstrate existing offshore wind capability, or a clear plan to enter the sector
- Providing a financial and/or in-kind contribution towards project costs
- Able to show how OWGP support will accelerate delivery and growth
- Applicants must demonstrate how the project will enable immediate FID after completion

Real impact



10 companies supported



The MFSP programme gave us valuable visibility into new opportunities and helped strengthen our commercial positioning in the composites sector. Beyond the technical insights, the connections and exposure generated through the programme created tangible business value for DFS Composites and supported our growth strategy moving forward.



Feras Yosef
Director | DFS Composites

Get involved

Unlock the support needed to move your manufacturing facility forward.

Check your eligibility →





Industrial Growth Fund

Building the future of UK offshore wind

The Industrial Growth Fund (IGF) supports the development and expansion of UK facilities powering offshore wind.

With funding from £300k to £25m available per project, the programme helps businesses move from ambition to delivery – developing and scaling facilities that supply key components, equipment, systems, and services into offshore wind.

Whether you're creating new capability or growing what you already have, the IGF is designed to support your plans, aligned with industrial strategy and focused on strengthening UK capacity.

Focused on long-term industrial growth

The programme supports projects aligned with the Industrial Growth Plan, prioritising opportunities that strengthen UK capability across five key areas:

Advanced turbine technology



Industrialised foundations and substructures



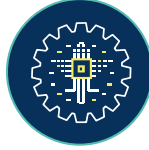
Future electrical systems and cables



Smart environmental services



Next generation installation and O&M



Focusing on these priority areas ensures our support targets the highest-value opportunities and delivers lasting impact for the sector. Doing so will create high-value jobs, open opportunities in regions that need them most and ensure the UK remains globally competitive.

Supporting projects with impact

We support capital investment in UK-based manufacturing facilities that deliver real, measurable impact for the sector.

That includes:

- New manufacturing facilities
- Expansion of existing capability
- Facility upgrades and industrial scale-up
- Projects supporting offshore wind

Projects must strengthen UK supply chain capability, support long-term growth and go beyond business-as-usual activity.

We welcome applications from existing offshore wind suppliers, companies from adjacent sectors and new entrants with transferable capability.

A straightforward process

Applications are managed through our Submittable platform, making it easy to apply, collaborate and track progress throughout the process.

The application process starts with an eligibility check. If approved, there's a full application where you set out your project in detail, covering your business, finances, and delivery plan, including key work packages, milestones, and timelines. Applications are reviewed through a framework, supported by a thorough due diligence process.

Successful projects move into delivery with ongoing support from our team, helping you turn investment into long-term industrial growth.

Together we're building stronger, more capable and future-proof UK supply chains.

Get involved

Shape the future of UK offshore wind manufacturing.

Check your eligibility →



Future vision

Offshore wind is entering its next phase of growth and the opportunity for the UK supply chain has never been greater.

The focus is on building the strong, capable and globally competitive supply chains needed to deliver it.

That's why the Industrial Growth Plan (IGP) is more important than ever. It provides a clear roadmap for strengthening UK capability, accelerating investment and focusing action where it will have the greatest impact for the sector and the economy.

We've aligned our programmes to the priorities set out in the IGP, expanding support where industry needs it most and helping turn long-term ambition into practical delivery.

Our focus remains clear:

- Strengthening UK supply chain capability
- Scaling capacity and industrial growth
- Unlocking investment in manufacturing
- Building globally competitive UK businesses
- Securing long-term value for the UK economy

Together with industry, government and our delivery partners, we're building a stronger, more resilient future for offshore wind.

Together we power change.





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