



**Innovation  
Funding  
Programme**

addressing industry innovation areas in  
the UK supply chain

## Scope & Guidance January 2026

With Industry Champions



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# 1 Offshore Wind Growth Partnership

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The Offshore Wind Growth Partnership (OWGP) is the UK's flagship supply chain growth funding and business support organisation dedicated to offshore wind.

OWGP was established by the Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC) as part of the 2019 Offshore Wind Sector Deal to support the growth of the offshore wind supply chain and operates as a not-for-profit organisation, funded by developers represented through OWIC.

In December 2024, OWIC appointed OWGP to take on the role of Industrial Growth Plan (IGP) Delivery Body: “an independent organisation with the core responsibility and mission to support the growth of the UK's offshore wind supply chain.”

As the IGP Delivery Body, OWGP will seek to facilitate alignment of efforts across industry, government, and other stakeholders and oversee the implementation of the Industrial Growth Plan, ensuring investments are impactful.

OWGP's core mission is to accelerate the development of the UK's offshore wind supply chain through targeted programmes, aligned with IGP priorities, that provide support for companies aspiring to grow within the sector.

Companies from all sectors and locations are encouraged to participate.

## 2 Grant Funding Programmes

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The OWGP funding programme consists of three initiatives:



### Development Funding Programme

Scale-up funding for transformative Projects that will increase capacity, capability and improve competitiveness.

Grants of £50k to £500k



### Innovation Funding Programme

Funding for technology-focused Projects that will deliver new innovations to the offshore wind market.

Grants of £25k to £200k



### Manufacturing Facility Support Programme

support for early-stage, pre-investment activities that pave the way for significant capital investment in UK manufacturing facilities.

Grants of £150k to £500k

## 3 Aim

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The purpose of the Innovation Grant is to fund projects focused on targeting **Industrialised Foundations and Substructures; and Substations and Electrical Design** within the UK offshore wind sector and ultimately develop new products and services. The call is open to a wide range of proposals across the existing supply chain and beyond, to fund projects that will overcome challenges associated with the innovation priority areas identified by industry. The call is targeted to address key challenges in the UK offshore wind supply chain, with projects that will:

- a) **Address offshore wind innovation priorities as identified by industry**
- b) **Lead to an increase in UK jobs, turnover, intellectual property, and exports in the offshore wind sector**

See Section 8 for the Scope.

## 4 Target

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This competition is open to UK companies that are currently working in offshore wind but also from adjacent sectors such as:

- Onshore Wind
- Renewables (other)
- Aerospace
- Oil & Gas
- Nuclear
- Automotive
- Marine
- Defence
- Manufacturing

Companies working in other sectors are encouraged to apply providing the proposal demonstrates a credible business case, clear alignment with the competition theme(s), and ambition to grow market share in offshore wind.

Projects must be delivered in the UK, meaning that the project team must be based and significant majority of the economic benefits are expected to be realised in the UK. For the avoidance of doubt, OWGP will consider (and encourages) proposals targeted towards export opportunities. To be eligible to apply, organisations must be a UK-registered business and must be able to contribute **at least 50%** of the total project budget.

Funding is provided to successful companies in accordance with the terms and conditions published together with this Scope & Guidance document.

## 5 Call Summary

Funding Call	Innovation Grant
Objectives	To bring new products, services, and solutions to the offshore wind sector to address innovation priority areas.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must be a UK-registered company.</li> <li>• Applicants cannot submit a funding application for a project that does not have a distinct scope that would be unlikely to materialise without external funding support.</li> <li>• The Project scope cannot be described as “business as usual”.</li> <li>• Applicants must demonstrate clear alignment with the priority focus area (identified in the Industrial Growth Plan).</li> <li>• Applicants must NOT be in receipt of current OWGP funding through a funding competition launched within the last 12 months.</li> <li>• Applicants must NOT have already received 3 or more OWGP funding awards (this excludes any Business Transformation Programmes).</li> <li>• Applicants that are resubmitting a proposal from a previous OWGP funding competition may only resubmit ONCE.</li> <li>• Applicants must demonstrate that the product or service has an application in offshore wind.</li> <li>• Applicants must be able to demonstrate a clear business need and or market opportunity for their development activity.</li> <li>• Applicants must demonstrate ability to contribute cash or in-kind investment of at least 50% of the total project budget. (For example: a £400k project could be made up of £200k OWGP funding, £100k investment from company and £100k in-kind from the company).</li> </ul>
Scope	<p>Projects must directly align with one of the project scope areas: <b>‘Industrialised Foundations and Substructures’</b> and <b>‘Substations and Electrical Design’</b>. See Section 8 for more detail on supply chain areas.</p> <p>Projects <b>must</b> focus on one or more of the following areas that facilitate company growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investing in new equipment or facilities to increase manufacturing or service delivery capacity or capability.</li> <li>• Developing and implementing new operational processes that will increase competitiveness in the UK and global markets.</li> <li>• Investing in new technologies, products and/or services to improve operational performance, reliability and/or efficiency. <b>Please note that any technology development should be near-to-market, ready for commercialisation. This includes floating technology.</b></li> <li>• Other activity that will grow the company and lead to increased jobs, turnover intellectual property and/or exports.</li> </ul>

Activity Type	<p>Projects should unlock growth in offshore wind and can include capital and operational expenditure.</p> <p>Projects will be based on a long-term business plan that covers operational costs, forecast market share, revenue, profitability, employment and exports.</p> <p>Projects should deliver increased jobs, exports, turnover and IP for the Lead Organisation, all within the offshore wind sector.</p>
Project Duration	Projects can be between 8 months and 18 months duration.
Eligible Costs	Your project's total eligible OWGP funded costs <b>must be</b> between £25,000 and £200,000. <b>This is the range of funding that can be awarded.</b> Applicants may receive funding for eligible project costs of up to 50% of the total project budget. The minimum OWGP Funding is £25,000, the maximum OWGP Funding is £200,000.
Funding Type	Funding will be provided in the form of a grant.
Call Opens	<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>
Application deadline	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March at 5pm
Applicants Notified	On or before 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Project Start Date	All projects must be ready to start on or before 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026, with agreed match funding in place and a deliverable project plan.

## 6 Definitions

The following terms shall have the meaning as described in the Definitions shown below:

Term	Definition
Applicant	A UK-based supply chain company that makes an application to the OWGP for an Innovation Grant under the terms of this Scope and Guidance Document.
Assessor	An OWGP-appointed assessor that reviews the Innovation Grant applications to determine eligibility and alignment with OWGP KPIs. Assessors may be OWGP personnel or acting on behalf of OWGP.
Deliverables	The agreed set of specific outputs from the project.
Delivery Partner	A service provider who provides specialist knowledge/expertise to the Applicant during the project. These would be classed as “sub-contracting” costs for the project.
Eligible Project Costs	Costs that will be funded by OWGP, e.g. equipment, materials, sub-contracting, labour, travel & subsistence.
Funding Agreement	An agreement which will be signed between the successful applicant and OWGP. Under this agreement, the Applicant will agree to implement the project described in the application. OWGP will agree to make available the funds to the Applicant to deliver the project in arrears, upon evidence of deliverables and expenditure.
Lead Organisation	Where the application is made by a consortium of organisations, Lead Organisation is the organisation who is named as the Applicant. Lead Organisation is expected to be the counterparty to OWGP in any Funding Agreements, all other consortium partners being Delivery Partners to the Lead Organisation.
Match Funding	Company contribution to the project that can be in-kind and/or financial.
Total Project Budget	The <b>total budget for the project</b> including Eligible Costs and company contributions.



## 7 Eligibility

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The Applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a UK-registered company.
- Applicants must submit a funding application for a project with a distinct scope which would not otherwise materialise without external funding support.
- The Project scope cannot be described as “business as usual”.
- Show a clear intent to develop their business in offshore wind.
- Have not received OWGP funding through a funding competition launched in the last 12 months, i.e., the May 2023 Development Grants.
- Have not received 3 or more OWGP funding awards previously (this excludes any Business Transformation Programmes).
- If resubmitting a proposal from a previous OWGP funding competition that was unsuccessful, this is the first and only resubmission.
- If a company has been supported multiple times (either through grant funding or business transformation) OWGP will be evaluate the company’s previous KPI metrics to ensure added value. An applicant can provide justification for KPI figures against this application within Section 8.
- Show a clear intent to improve competitiveness and/or increase capability in offshore wind.
- Demonstrate existing capability in offshore wind or have a firm plan for working in offshore wind.
- Show a clear intent to grow the business in terms of turnover, UK jobs, UK exports and UK-based IP with justification and evidence provided.
- Provide monetary and/or in-kind contribution to the total project costs.
- Make only one submission to this funding call per company.
- Explain how this project would not take place without OWGP support and why this funding is additional to business-as-usual activity.

In addition to the Applicant, we encourage the inclusion of other organisations as part of the wider Project Team. These could be:

- Other UK-based business, academic institution, public sector organisation, charity or Research and Technology Organisation (RTO).
- Potential clients for the Deliverables.

**If an applicant does not make a substantial effort to exploit the award in line with the Funding Agreement, OWGP reserves the right to terminate the Agreement.**

## 8 Scope

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The aim of this competition is to target the acceleration of products or services that will develop **‘Industrial Foundations and Substructures’** and **‘Substations and Electrical Design’** within the offshore wind sector. OWGP are looking to fund projects that will bring innovative technologies, products and services to the market quickly to support industry priority areas within offshore wind. Companies are invited to submit applications for projects that demonstrate high growth potential and will enable growth in sales turnover (within UK and/or exports), intellectual property and jobs.

The scope of the 2025 Innovation Grant has been selected to align with the high priority areas of the [Offshore Wind Industrial Growth Plan](#).

The scope areas this Innovation Grant will encompass are:

### **Industrial Foundations & Substructures**

Project focus areas within the scope include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Industrial Foundations & Substructures
  - Foundations (including deepwater, floating, lightweight and low cost)
  - Moorings and anchors
  - Advanced materials for floating substructures
  - Fatigue prevention and life extension
  - Foundation installation, inspection and repair
- Substations and Electrical Design
  - Offshore and onshore substations (including foundations)
  - Fit out and installation
  - HV Equipment
  - Electrical systems design and SCADA

Project activity can include the following:

- Investing in new equipment or facilities to address innovation priority areas.
- Developing new technologies, products and/or services to accelerate the development of industry innovation priority areas.

- Investing in new technologies, products and/or services to improve operational performance, reliability and/or efficiency. **Please note that any technology development should be near-to-market, ready for commercialisation (this includes floating technology).**
- Other activity that will grow the company and lead to increased jobs, turnover, exports and/or IP.

OWGP will monitor successful projects and track progress in line with forecasted outputs and key performance indicators for the programme. Projects must be transformative, additional to business-as-usual activity and be able to deliver long-term impact.

Within your application, you should clearly demonstrate:

- The main motivation for the project, detailing the expected path to growth in offshore wind and how it addresses an industry priority challenge area(s).
- How the project will generate growth in a high value UK supply chain area (in line with the industry priority areas).
- What improvements the project will deliver to the business to support growth.
- How the project fits with your current business plan, product range or service offerings.
- How it will make you more competitive.
- The Deliverables you expect from the project and how these will help you address the challenge(s) identified.
- The impact of the project on UK jobs, turnover, UK exports and UK-based IP.
- The expertise of the project team in relation to your approach to the project, highlighting any gaps.
- The structure and features of your target market(s).
- The main work packages of the project, milestones and deliverables as part of a project plan.
- Your approach to project management, identifying any major tools and mechanisms you will use to succeed.
- The main risks and uncertainties of the project and how you will mitigate these.
- If your project could go ahead in any form without OWGP funding and if so, the difference that OWGP funding would make.

## 8.1 Project Type

We will fund projects that align with the scope areas and will enable growth for the UK offshore wind supply chain. This can be a combination of capital and operational expenditure.

## 8.2 Projects we will not fund

We are not funding projects:

- That do not focus on company growth in offshore wind.
- That do not clearly align with the competition theme areas.
- That are not led by a UK company.
- That do not align with this Scope and Guidance document.
- Which would materialise without OWGP funding.
- Projects that would be considered “business as usual” activity.
- From companies that cannot clearly demonstrate a business case or market opportunity.
- From companies that cannot demonstrate Match Funding.
- From companies that cannot demonstrate readiness for commercialisation.
- From companies that have received OWGP funding from a funding competition dated within the last 12 months.
- From companies that have already received 3 or more previous OWGP funding awards.
- That have already been resubmitted to OWGP following an initial unsuccessful application.
- That are early-stage research and unable to demonstrate short-term impact on company growth (between now and 2030).
- That will not be ready to start by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

## 9 Industry Champion

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The OWGP 2026 Innovation Grant competition will be supported by Offshore Wind Industry Champions who have expressed an interest in the innovation themes outlined in the competition scope. Champions will have exclusive access to successful project summaries and provide an industry steer on solutions that are of most interest. Industry champions provide meaningful recognition of the OWGP Innovation Programme to ensure supported projects are aligned with the innovation priority areas of the offshore wind industry.

Industry champions will participate in the Innovation Grant briefing webinar, highlighting challenges within the innovation priority areas aligned to the scope. Industry Champions will be invited to project kick off and close out meetings to gain ‘first-sighting’ of the innovative solutions developed as part of OWGP support.

OWGP is delighted to welcome **Equinor** and **SSE Renewables** as Industry Champions for the 2026 Innovation Grant.

Please note that industry champions will participate in an advisory capacity only and have no financial or contractual obligation to OWGP or successful applications as part of their champion role.



## 10 Application Process

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The Innovation Grant funding call is a single stage application process.

### 10.1 Application

The initial checklist will assess the eligibility of the intended application against OWGP requirements and the call criteria (Section 8). This will include (but not limited to) the following checks:

- Applicant is registered in the UK and has an operational presence in the UK.
- Applicants must show they are not in financial distress, meet OWGP's creditworthiness requirements, and can evidence more than one year of commercial trading activity.
- Funding requested is within the stated threshold (£25,000 - £200,000).
- The matched contribution committed is appropriate.

If the applicant does not pass one or more of the initial eligibility checks it will not proceed to the full application form and will be deemed ineligible to secure funding from the Innovation Grant. OWGP's decision is final and cannot be appealed.

Applicants will have until **20th March 2026 at 5pm** to submit the full application via **the online Submittable form**. You can access the Application Form [here](#) You will be required to create a Submittable account if you do not already have one.

The Application consists of **9 Sections with up to 41 questions** that will enable the OWGP to determine the company and project eligibility. This includes the completion of **an excel workbook** capturing project information. The workbook can be downloaded from our website using [THIS LINK](#).

A confirmation email will inform the sender that the submission has been received, and you will be able to access a copy of your submission on the Submittable system.

All questions are detailed in **Annex 2** of this document.

## 11 Evaluation

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Applications will be reviewed by the Assessors to ensure the project is within scope and meets eligibility criteria.

If deemed to pass eligibility criteria, Applications will be scored against the following assessment criteria:

Criteria	Weighting	Guidance
Company background and relevance to this call	5%	An Applicant must have relevant experience or be well suited to delivery in the offshore wind sector.

Ambition for growth in offshore wind	10%	An Applicant must demonstrate clear ambition for growth in the sector and articulate the strengths they have that will enable them to be successful.
Clear challenge/market opportunity	15%	An Applicant must show a clear understanding of the market opportunity/challenge it is aiming to address with use of the OWGP funding.
Alignment with identified scope area(s)	10%	An applicant must demonstrate clear alignment with at least one of Innovation priority areas such that it will address challenges to the UK offshore wind sector.
Project suitability and approach to delivery	20%	The proposed project must be clearly defined, address the challenges identified and ensure effective delivery of outputs.
Value for Money and Additionality	20%	An applicant must clearly outline the project costs and explain why the proposed Project is the most cost-effective method of solving the identified opportunity/challenge. The Applicant must explain why the project would not materialise or be less effective without OWGP funding.
Impact and Growth Potential	20%	An Applicant must indicate what the impact will be on company growth KPIs: Jobs, turnover, IP, exports, and identify additional benefits/impacts. For applicants that have previously been awarded support through OWGP, they must justify the additionality of this current request in the context of the submitted KPI forecasts in section 8.

OWGP reserves the right to interview Applicants requesting the maximum available grant value of £200k.

## 12 Dates

The following table provides a list of key dates for this Call:

Key Date	Date
Call Opens	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Online Briefing Webinar	Early February 2026
Application deadline	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 5pm
Award Decision	On or before 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Project Start Date	All projects must be ready to start on or before 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 with agreed match funding and a project plan.

## 13 Delivery

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### 13.1 Applicant Responsibilities

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Provide an internal champion or Project Manager to own the relationship with the OWGP and manage the agreed Programme of Activity devised by the Applicant.
- Use the OWGP Project Management Plan template provided to manage and report on their project progress.
- Commit internal resource to deliver the project, as agreed by the Applicant and the OWGP.
- Take responsibility for the management and delivery of their project, ensuring that evidence of deliverables and expenditure is provided to the OWGP in advance of funding payments.
- Manage any sub-contracting agreement with project partners (if applicable). OWGP will contract directly with only the Applicant.
- Report to OWGP for a minimum of five years on all outputs and specifically on increases in turnover, jobs, exports and IP. This includes major business milestones following engagement with OWGP.
- Provide feedback to the OWGP Programme Team on this funding call.
- Cooperate with OWGP on publicity regarding the Project.

### 13.2 Funding

Funding will be allocated to successful applicants in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement. Payments will be made to the Lead Organisation subject to successful completion of Deliverables and evidence of expenditure at agreed milestone dates. Funding will be paid on all Eligible Costs **net of VAT**.

## 14 Confidential Information and Intellectual Property

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OWGP will use the information you provide in your Application solely for the purpose of this call.

Any Intellectual Property (IP) included in your Application will remain property of the provider.

For IP developed during the Project, please refer to the Funding Agreement terms and conditions.



## 15 Annex 1: Terms and Conditions

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Unless stated otherwise, defined terms in the Offer Letter have the same meanings within these Terms and Conditions.

### 1. General

- a) OWGP reserves the right to change these Terms and Conditions unilaterally and at any time by giving the Recipient a minimum of 3 months' written notice.
- b) The Recipient shall not assign, transfer or sub-contract any of its rights or obligations under these Terms and Conditions to any third party, without the prior written consent of OWGP, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
- c) Rights and/or remedies under these Terms and Conditions, whether exercised or not, remain available throughout the duration of the Funding and the Project.
- d) The award of Funding does not operate to create any partnership or joint venture between the Parties in law.
- e) OWGP accepts no liability for any consequences, whether direct or indirect, that may arise from the Recipient undertaking the Project, using the Funding, or termination of the Funding in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.
- f) The provision of the Funding and these Terms and Conditions are subject to the laws of England and Wales.
- g) The Funding must be used solely for the carrying out of the Project and not for any other purpose.
- h) The Funding cannot be used for or in connection with any political or lobbying activity or purpose.
- i) The Funding must not be used in connection with a purpose for which the Recipient is benefitting from other grant funding from a third party.

### 2. Duration

These Terms and Conditions shall come into effect on the start date provided in the Offer Letter and shall remain in place until completion of the Project or until the award of the Funding has ended, whichever falls later, subject to any rights and remedies which, by implication, survive termination.

### 3. Your obligations

- a) The Recipient shall comply with these Terms and Conditions.
- b) The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is managed in accordance with the Project Management Plan as reviewed and approved by OWGP ("**PMP**") (a template of which shall be provided to the Recipient prior to Project kick-off) and these Terms and Conditions.
- c) The Recipient shall meet all its obligations and responsibilities set out in the PMP and acknowledges and agrees that the PMP will be used by OWGP to monitor, amongst other things, progress of the Project. The Recipient shall promptly notify OWGP in writing ("**PMP Change Notice**") of any material changes required to the PMP and provide sufficient explanation around such changes including details of reasonable alternatives and justification for recommended course of action. OWGP may accept or reject a PMP Change Notice, but where it is rejected, the parties shall use reasonable endeavours to work in good faith to agree acceptable changes to the PMP. If no agreement can be reached, paragraph 6 shall apply in relation to suspension or withdrawal.
- d) The Recipient shall inform OWGP promptly of any issue or material change that may affect the progress, delivery or exploitation of the Project.

- e) The Recipient shall notify OWGP promptly if it is experiencing or expects to experience financial difficulties, including but not limited to those set out in clause 6b) iii and iv of these Terms and Conditions.
- f) The Recipient shall provide an internal champion or project manager, known as Recipient Representative to own the relationship with OWGP, to manage the agreed communications and activities aligned to the Project.
- g) The Recipient shall during the Project and for a period of 5 years thereafter, report on results and major business milestones to OWGP to allow OWGP to monitor and evaluate the impact of the Funding.
- h) The Recipient shall during the Project and for a period of 5 years thereafter, provide feedback to OWGP on the impact of Funding against turnover, jobs, exports and intellectual property.
- i) The Recipient shall during the Project and for a period of 5 years thereafter, be open to publicity about participation in the OWGP Funding Programme and where reasonably requested to do so, the Recipient shall participate in case studies to promote OWGP and its impact.
- j) The Funding is subject to the Project starting on or around [insert date]. OWGP reserves the right to withdraw the offer of the Funding if the Recipient does not sign the agreement within 30 days of notification.

#### **4. Payment of Funding**

- a) OWGP will make Funding payments at agreed milestone delivery dates, in accordance with the payment milestones in the PMP.
- b) Payments will be made against the Recipient's net eligible costs incurred over the duration of the Project.
- c) Claims must be supported with updates to the PMP.
- d) OWGP will normally pay the Funding within 30 days of receiving the claim, unless further information is required from the Recipient to support the claim.
- e) OWGP is not obliged to pay any claim received more than 30 days after the end of the quarter to which it relates. OWGP may not pay any claims received later than 3 months after completion of the Project.
- f) OWGP will not pay more than 85% of the Funding until all outstanding claims and supporting information have been received.
- g) The Recipient is responsible for maintaining detailed records and documentation relating to the Funding. These should provide evidence that eligible Project costs comply with the Funding agreement and the approved PMP as communicated by OWGP to the Recipient or as otherwise agreed in writing between the Parties. These records must be kept for 6 years following the award of the Funding. OWGP reserves the right to view records on reasonable notice.
- h) OWGP may appoint an auditor to ensure that the Recipient is complying with these Terms and Conditions. The Recipient shall give the auditor access to Project records within 2 weeks of notice of an auditor's appointment. If the auditor determines that the Recipient should repay the Funding to OWGP, OWGP may recover the cost of the auditor's work from the Recipient

#### **5. Monitoring**

- a) OWGP will appoint a single representative to monitor the Project "OWGP Representative".
- b) The Recipient shall meet with the assigned OWGP Representative as often as is specified by OWGP at the start of the Project.

#### **6. Suspension, withdrawal or clawback of Funding.**

- a) "Default" means:

- i. a material breach of the Recipient's obligations under these Terms and Conditions or the Offer Letter;
  - ii. a breach of applicable laws;
  - iii. negligent or fraudulent misstatement, or misappropriation of the Funding.
- b) OWGP shall act reasonably and fairly at all times in relation to provision of the Funding. However, OWGP shall be entitled to re-assess, vary, reduce, suspend or withhold, or clawback the Funding or any part of it, in the event of the following:
  - i. The Recipient commits a Default and, if that Default is capable of being remedied, the Recipient fails to remedy that Default within a period of 30 days after being notified in writing to do so;
  - ii. The Funding or any part of it is not used for the purposes of the Project;
  - iii. the Recipient passes a resolution for winding up, or a court makes an order for winding up, in either case otherwise than for the purposes of solvent reconstruction or amalgamation, or circumstances arise which would enable a court to make such an order;
  - iv. the Recipient suspends, or threatens to suspend, payment of debts or are unable to pay debts as they fall due or admit inability to pay debts or is deemed unable to pay debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver is appointed, or over all or any part of the Recipient's property, or circumstances arise which would entitle a court or a creditor to appoint such a receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver;
  - v. there is a material change to the Recipient's business, meaning it no longer meets the eligibility criteria for the funding programme, which may include, but is not limited to, moving its principal place of business or business activities outside of the UK or where the Recipient undergoes a change of control.
  - vi. OWGP reasonably considers that any change in the Project warrants an alteration in the amount of the Funding;
  - vii. The Recipient fails to carry out the Project in accordance with the PMP or otherwise in accordance with milestones and/or timescales agreed between the Parties in writing;
  - viii. The Funder terminates the funding, in which case OWGP shall be entitled to withdraw funding without any liability to make any more Funding available or to pay any Funding to the Recipient.
- c) Where OWGP intends to enforce any of the rights above, it shall use reasonable endeavours, where appropriate, to give the Recipient proportionate notice in writing.
- d) In the event that the Recipient becomes bound to pay any sum to OWGP in terms of clause 6, the Recipient shall pay OWGP the required sum within 14 days of written demand from OWGP. If the Recipient fails to pay the sum within this period, OWGP shall be entitled to charge interest on the amount due, at the rate of 4 per cent per annum above the Bank of England base rate prevailing at the time of the written demand, from the date of the written demand until payment in full of both the sum and interest.

## 7. Confidentiality and information management

- a) **"Confidential Information"** means: information about the business, affairs, customers, clients, suppliers, plans, intentions, or market opportunities of each party or each party's affiliates, the operations, processes, product information, know-how, intellectual property, technical information, designs, trade secrets or software, or any other information which would be considered as confidential by a reasonable person.

**“Group”** means: in relation to a company, that company, each and any subsidiary and holding company from time to time of that company, and each and any subsidiary from time to time of a holding company of that company.

**“Representative”** means: employees, directors, officers, agents, advisers, consultants and other representatives of a party and/or that party’s Group.

- b) Each party shall, for a period of 5 years, keep in strict confidence all Confidential Information which has been received or disclosed between the Parties under these Terms and Conditions.
- c) Each party shall only use Confidential Information for the purposes of exercising or performing any rights and obligations under or in connection with these Terms and Conditions in relation to the Project.
- d) Neither party shall disclose Confidential Information in whole or in part to any third party, except as expressly permitted by this clause or with the prior written agreement of the other party in writing.
- e) Each party may disclose Confidential Information to those of its Representatives who need to know such Confidential Information for the Project, provided that it informs such Representatives of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information before disclosure and at all times, it is responsible for such Representative’s compliance with the confidentiality obligations set out in this clause.
- f) Each party may disclose Confidential Information as is required to be disclosed by law, any governmental or regulatory authority or by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- g) Confidential Information does not include information which was publicly available (or available on a non-confidential basis), or is or becomes so, other than by breach of these Terms and Conditions.

## **8. Intellectual property**

- a) **“Intellectual Property Rights”** means all intellectual property rights of any kind whatsoever including patents, supplementary protection certificates, rights in know-how, registered trademarks, registered designs, models, unregistered design rights, unregistered trademarks, rights to prevent passing off or unfair competition and copyright, database rights, topography rights, any rights in any invention, discovery or process, and applications for and rights to apply for any of the foregoing, in each case in the United Kingdom and all other countries in the world and together with all renewals, extensions, continuations, divisions, reissues, re-examinations and substitutions
- b) Nothing in these Terms and Conditions operates to transfer, assign or licence any Intellectual Property Rights unless expressly set out in herein.
- c) The Recipient warrants and undertakes that it has all the necessary rights to use or access any Intellectual Property Rights that it uses during or in the connection with the Project. OWGP shall not be liable for any claims by a third party that there has been a breach of third-party Intellectual Property Rights as a result of information the Recipient has either used in the Project or shared with OWGP in connection with the Project.

## **9. Exploitation of Project results**

Funding has been made available to OWGP by the Funder to support the growth of the UK

offshore wind supply chain through the increase in UK jobs, revenue, exports and IP. As such, for a period of 5 years from the end of the Project, the Recipient shall use all reasonable endeavours to exploit the results of the Project within the UK. OWGP may evaluate the impact of the Funding in this respect and the Recipient shall provide reasonable assistance as requested by OWGP in respect of such evaluation.

## **10. Legislation and Regulation**

The Parties shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes and regulations from time to time in force applicable to them in the carrying out of the Project, in particular but not limited to data protection legislation, the Bribery Act 2010, the Fraud Act 2006 and the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

## **11. Publication of information**

- a) Subject to clause 7, OWGP encourages the Recipient to publicise its involvement in the Project. Any publication shall not bring, or seek to bring, OWGP into disrepute. Where publications discuss OWGP's involvement in detail, the Recipient shall seek approval of the publication from OWGP in advance.
- b) Subject always to clause 7, OWGP may publish information about the Project for the purposes of case studies and demonstrating the impact of OWGP's activities to stakeholders and funders.

## **12. Dispute resolution**

Where a dispute arises between the Parties, a senior member of each party shall meet to discuss the matter in good faith in an attempt to find a resolution. If a mutually acceptable resolution cannot be found following those discussions, the Parties may attempt to settle the dispute by mediation in accordance with the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) Model Mediation Procedure. Unless otherwise agreed between the Parties, the mediator will be nominated by CEDR. To initiate the mediation a Party must give notice in writing (ADR notice) to the other Party to the dispute requesting a mediation. A copy of the request should be sent to CEDR. The mediation will start not later than ten (10) days after the date of the ADR notice.

## **13. Notices**

Any notice under these Terms and Conditions shall be sent by first class tracked mail to the registered office address of the party and shall be deemed to have been served on the second Business Day after posting unless evidence can be shown to the contrary. Any notice sent by post shall also be sent by email, in the case of the Recipient to [legal@ore.catapult.org.uk](mailto:legal@ore.catapult.org.uk) and in the case of the Recipient to [insert address].

## **14. Fair Work First**

- a) The Recipient shall comply with the following fair work first criteria:
  - i. Equal pay; take action to tackle the gender pay gap and create a more diverse and inclusive workplace
  - ii. Payment of the real Living Wage; pay the real living wage or higher to all employees involved in the Project.
  - iii. Fair contracts; employ staff without the inappropriate use of zero hours contracts and will oppose the use of fire and rehire practice.
  - iv. Flexible working: will offer flexible and family friendly working practices for all workers from day one of their employment
  - v. Workforce Development: will invest in workforce development opportunities.

## 16 Annex 2: Application Questions

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### Eligibility Questions:

These screening questions require answers to confirm that the applicant is eligible for the Innovation Grant programme. Once eligibility is confirmed, access to the application form is granted within the Submittable System.

1. Is the company registered in the UK with a UK company number?
2. Does your project align with the Innovation Priority areas? (as summarised in the call scope and guidance document page 10).
3. Is your company covering at least 50% of the project costs through its own cash or in-kind contributions?
4. Is the grant you are requesting between £25,000 and £200,000
5. Do you have at least 1 years of financial history, as an operating UK-registered business, uploaded to companies house?

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### Main Application Form:

#### Section 1: Company Information

1. Company Name
2. UK Company Registration Number
3. Number of Employees
4. What size is your company? *We will base this definition on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff headcount*
  - ☐ Micro (<10 FTE)
  - ☐ Small (<50 FTE)
  - ☐ Medium (<250 FTE)
  - ☐ Large (>=250 FTE)
5. What is the ownership structure of the company?
6. Company Turnover
7. Company address and postcode
8. Company website
9. Which market sector / industry would you describe as your primary sector / industry? *Please select one option or provide a text response*
  - ☐ Aerospace
  - ☐ Agriculture
  - ☐ Automotive
  - ☐ Chemical Industries
  - ☐ Construction
  - ☐ Defence
  - ☐ Education
  - ☐ Financial / Professional Services
  - ☐ Offshore Wind
  - ☐ Oil & Gas
  - ☐ Onshore Wind
  - ☐ Other Renewables
  - ☐ Nuclear

- ☐ Rail
- ☐ Shipping, Port
- ☐ Other

10. Which offshore wind sub-sector is your primary focus? *Please select one option or provide a text response*

- ☐ Development (e.g. engineering and environmental surveys)
- ☐ Engineering Services
- ☐ Manufacture/Fabrication (turbines and balance of plant)
- ☐ Installation and Commissioning
- ☐ Operations and Maintenance (including inspection)
- ☐ Decommissioning
- ☐ Other

11. Have you or other(s) in your organisation applied to OWGP programmes in the past?

- ☐ Yes - we made an application and we received support from OWGP \*(additional KPI)
- ☐ Yes - we made an application and we were unsuccessful
- ☐ No - we have never made an application to OWGP for support

12. To which programmes have you previously applied? *Please list all applications made, even if these were unsuccessful (Including any application to the Industrial Growth Fund (IGF))*

13. Is this application a resubmission from a previous OWGP Funding Competition?

- ☐ Yes - we made an OWGP funding application for this project previously and it was unsuccessful
- ☐ No - we have never made a funding application to OWGP for this project

14. Do you have any current funding applications or are you in receipt of funding from other sources for any products and services that are related to the Project? (if yes, please explain)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

15. If Yes, please list any current funding applications or receipt of funding from other sources for any products and services that are related to the Project?

16. Do you have any loan or funding agreements that may restrict your ability to receive OWGP funding or deliver the Project? (if yes, please explain)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

17. If Yes, please list any loan or funding agreements that may restrict your ability to receive OWGP funding or deliver the Project?

18. Which of the four main scope areas does your project align with? (select one or more).

- ☐ Foundations
- ☐ Substructures
- ☐ Substations
- ☐ Electrical Design

## Section 2: Project Summary



19. Project Title
20. Project Summary (max 100 words and suitable for the public domain should the project be awarded)
21. Total Project Costs £
22. Total Grant Requested £
23. Total Matched Contribution £

### **Section 3: Tell us about the background to your business and relevant experience**

Applicant Hint: We are looking for applicants to demonstrate relevant experience or be well-suited to delivery in offshore wind. The answers should demonstrate a clear intention to develop in the offshore wind sector.

24. What is the background to your business?
25. What product/service/technology are you developing for delivery in offshore wind?
26. What is the leadership structure in your organisation and how will this project be managed effectively?

### **Section 4: Tell us about your ambition for growth in offshore wind**

Applicant Hint: We are looking for applicants to demonstrate a clear intention to grow and develop in the offshore wind sector. The applicant should clearly describe the ambition for growth in the sector and strengths they have that will enable them to be successful. Answers should include:

27. How do you plan to grow your business in the offshore wind sector? (Please indicate the % of your business revenue attributed to offshore wind)
28. How will this project accelerate the ambition to grow in the offshore wind sector?

### **Section 5: Project Planning**

29. Please complete and upload the EXCEL workbook (template downloadable from [THIS LINK](#) and on the submittable application portal) with details about your project

- Project on a page
- Operational Breakdown Structure (OBS)
- Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)
- Project Schedule
- Risk Register
- Project Finances

### **Section 6: Tell us about the market opportunity/challenge(s) that your project addresses**

Applicant Hint: An applicant must show a clear understanding of the offshore wind challenges they are trying to solve with use of the OWGP funding. The applicant must clearly demonstrate the motivation for the project in line with the market opportunity/challenge(s) identified. The applicant should consider how the market is developing and ensure that the project is a sustainable solution to underpin future growth.



30. What is the motivation behind the project and the problem statement it is addressing?

31. Provide an outline of the market size, market dynamics and competitor landscape

32. What is the route to market for the product/service/solution you are developing?

**Section 7: How does your project align with the Future Cables, Electrical Systems, and Installation and O&M Technologies innovation priority area(s) in this scope?**

Applicant Hint: OWGP is targeting industry supply chain priority areas in the UK offshore wind sector as highlighted in the competition Scope & Guidance document. An applicant must demonstrate clear alignment with at least one of these priority areas such that it will address an industry challenge area and maximise benefit to the UK offshore wind sector. Answers should include:

33. Explain how the project aligns with the innovation priority areas of “Industrialised Foundations and Substructures” and “Substations and Electrical Design”.

34. How will it address the challenge and unlock growth in this area?

35. Describe your core capabilities/products/solutions that fit the industry demand.

**Section 8: Impact and Additionality**

OWGP activities are monitored against four key performance indicators that measure the value the offshore wind supply chain brings to the UK economy: jobs, turnover, exports and intellectual property.

Please provide a baseline figure against each measurable area in relation to your activities today **in the Offshore Wind Sector ONLY**

Then provide forecasts for each measurable area at:

- 1 year after support
- 3 years after support
- 5 years after support
- 10 years after support

If you are new to the offshore wind sector and do not have current baseline figures for jobs, turnover, exports or IP, zero values can be accepted.

The applicant should also include any additional benefits or impacts expected as a result of this project and OWGP's support.

36. Please complete the attached KPI Reporting Table

	Baseline in OSW Sector (Current Value)	Forecast 1 year after completion	Forecast 3 years after completion	Forecast 5 years after completion	Forecast 10 years after completion
Jobs (FTE)					
Turnover (£)					
Exports (£)					
IP					

37. Please use this section to provide additional narrative for the forecast values provided above and highlight additional impact(s) expected from your project (Max 300 words).
38. If you have previously received OWGP support, please justify the additionality of this current funding request in the context of the above KPI forecast
39. Please outline any additional benefits/impacts as a result of this project. E.g. sustainable and low carbon manufacturing, carbon footprint reduction measures, recyclable and environmentally friendly materials, energy efficient measures, other environmental, social-economic benefits etc

#### **Section 9: Confidentiality & declaration**

40. OWGP, by default, will reserve the right to share the information provided in this application with the OWGP Board and our external assessors. Please let us know if there is any information we cannot share out with OWGP
41. I/the applicant declare that all information in the application is truthful and agree to all call terms & conditions.

**- End of Application Form -**

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The OWGP will review all Applications and notify applicants **by 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026** of the decision



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