

## Overview of Major Funding Competitions

- NIHR Invention for innovation (i4i): As a translational funding scheme, i4i advances healthcare technologies, devices and interventions for increased patient benefit in areas of existing or emerging clinical need. They fund collaborative R&D projects in medtech SMEs, universities and the NHS that demonstrate proof-of-principle and have a clear pathway towards adoption and commercialisation. The aim is to de-risk projects, making them attractive to follow-on funders and investors.
  - <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-research-studies/funding-programmes/invention-for-innovation/>
- NIHR EME: The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) programme funds ambitious studies evaluating interventions with potential to make a step-change in the promotion of health, treatment of disease and improvement of rehabilitation or long-term care. Within these studies, EME supports research in the mechanisms of diseases and treatments. EME is a partnership between the MRC and NIHR.
  - <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-research-studies/funding-programmes/efficacy-and-mechanism-evaluation/>
- NIHR HTA: The HTA Programme funds research about the clinical and cost effectiveness and broader impact of healthcare treatments and tests for those who plan, provide or receive care in the NHS. HTA research is undertaken where some evidence already exists to show that a technology can be effective and this needs to be compared to the current standard NHS intervention to see which works best.
  - <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-research-studies/funding-programmes/health-technology-assessment/>
- Innovate UK: If you're a UK-based business or research organisation, you may be able to compete for government-backed funding to:
  - research and develop a process, product or service
  - test your innovation ideas
  - collaborate with other organisations
  - <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/search>
- The Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI): The Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) is a well established process to connect public sector challenges with innovative ideas from industry, supporting companies to generate economic growth and enabling improvement in achieving government objectives. SBRI provides innovative solutions to challenges faced by the public sector, leading to better public services and improved efficiency and effectiveness. It generates new business opportunities for companies, provides small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) a route to market for their ideas and bridges the seed funding gap experienced by many early stage companies. It supports economic growth and enables the development of innovative products and services through the public procurement of research and development (R&D). <https://sbri.innovateuk.org/>