

Expression of Interest & Full Application Form – Pivot into Space Programme

Application Form for Grant Funding Support to Develop a Technology or Innovation

Key dates

- Call Announced – 20 November 2025
- Expression of Interest Applications open – 20 November 2025
- Expression of Interest Applications Close – 15 December 2025 (or earlier if budget is depleted)
- Grant Funding Awarded from 8 December 2025
- Projects must complete by 23 March 2026

Applying to join the programme

Pivot into Space is a programme to help **non-space companies to develop technologies for the space industry**, unlock commercial opportunities, and accelerate cross-industry innovation in supply chains. We especially encourage applications from companies in advanced manufacturing, robotics, life sciences, and other adjacent sectors to apply their technology to the space industry and/or its supply chain. The Scotland-specific Pivot programme, part-funded by the UK Space Agency (UKSA), is based on the successful Midlands Aerospace Alliance (MAA) model.

This form should be used by any company applying for Pivot grant funding. The Expression of Interest (EOI) stage consists of sections 1-3 and requires information about the proposed project to enable the selection of those projects which will be invited to submit a full proposal. Answers should be brief and concise and no more than 2 appendices can be added; these might include helpful diagrams, pictures, charts or plans.

Should you be invited to submit a full proposal, you will be asked to complete sections 4 and 5 which require more details with a programme plan, work breakdown structure and a spend schedule, as well as some 'due diligence' questions. You will be provided with a financial breakdown and Gantt chart template to use. After submitting a full proposal, you may be asked to make a presentation and answer questions at a panel meeting of industry experts there to help you.

Completed forms should be emailed to becky@spacescotland.org.

Projects will be judged against the following criteria:

- Must have an application of the technology or innovation in the space sector.
- Should have a clear path to commercial exploitation.
- Should have clear evidence of demand for the technology or innovation.
- Alignment with the [UK Space Agency's priorities](#): Space Domain Awareness; In-Orbit Service, Assembly and Manufacturing; Launch; Position, Navigation and Timing; Earth Observation; Space Data Architecture; Science; and Exploration.
- Should have a clear plan for the future, looking beyond this grant funding.

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If your application is successful

You will receive a Grant Offer Letter which constitutes a contractual arrangement between your company and the UK Space Agency.

Following this, a Kick Off Meeting will be scheduled with Space Scotland to run through the project review and monitoring process.

Grant funding

Pivot grants will cover 50-70% of eligible spend, dependent on company size – see below for more information. The maximum grant available is £25,000. Eligible spend includes labour, overheads, materials, software, small items of research equipment, consultancy, travel and subsistence.

The grant claim process will be explained fully in your Kick Off Meeting.

Size	Turnover (max)	Balance Sheet Total/Assets (max)	Average Employees (max)	Match Funding Rate	Total Project Budget
Micro	£1 million	£500,000	10	0.7	£36,000
Small	£15 million	£7.5 million	50	0.7	£36,000
Medium	£54 million	£27 million	250	0.6	£42,000
Large	>£54 million	>£27 million	>250	0.5	£50,000

Pivot into Space Funding Application Expression of Interest (Sections 1, 2, and 3)

What name do you wish your project to be known by? (Tip – two to five words is best)

Please note that this title should be suitable for release in the public domain.

Section 1: New Technology / Process Involved

**1.1 What is the new or innovative technology or process to be developed or exploited by the project?
Refer to competitors' approaches where relevant.**

1.2 What is the objective and what are the expected outcomes?

1.3 Why is support needed ? (What additionality will the grant provide and/or what would be done if no grant was offered)?

1.4 If applicable, explain how the project fits into UK Space Agency priorities

Section 2: Commercial Exploitation and Economic Benefits

2.1 What is the business opportunity that this project addresses?

2.2 What will be the benefits to the company applying and any partners?

2.3 Do you envisage this project resulting in increased future investment? This could be investment in your firm, partners or supply networks.

2.4 Do you envisage this project creating any new jobs or safeguarding any existing jobs in your area?

2.5 Please explain the expected route to exploitation and when this is likely to be fulfilled. Do you foresee further technology development or an implementation phase before benefits can be obtained?

Section 3 Management

3.1 Who will lead the project? (Company, contact name, address, telephone and e-mail)

Company	
Company Reg. No.	
Address	
Project Leader's Name	
Position	
Tel.	
E-mail	

3.2 According to the table below, which size is your company?

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3.3 Sign here to show that you understand and understand to the match funding rate and total project budget applicable to your company size.

3.4 What is the approximate cost of the project and what level of grant (£) are you seeking from Pivot?

Total Project Cost Grant sought

3.5 Roughly how do you intend to spend the budget (e.g. £staff, £necessary equipment, £subcontract £research or services, £other)?

3.6 Project duration?

(Must complete by 23 March 2026)

3.7 Minimum Financial Aid (MFA) Subsidy

If your application is successful, the grant will be awarded under MFA rules which means your company cannot receive more than £315 000 of MFA subsidy over a three-year period, as defined in section 36(1) of the Subsidy Control Act 2022. In submitting your application in the section below you are confirming that receipt of the 'Grant Sought' value above will not result



in your company exceeding this threshold. We take this opportunity to remind you that you are required to keep a written record of the amount of MFA you have received and the date/s when it was received. Note that the MFA financial threshold applies at company group level.

Submission

Submitted by (Contact Name)	
Company Name	
Tel. No	
E-mail	
Signature	
Date	

Pivot into Space Funding Application Full Application (Questions 4 and 5)

Section 4: Project Planning

4.1 In a simple way, list the main stages or work packages of the project with start and end dates. Please append a detailed Gantt chart (or similar) listing the key stages and milestones of the project. (This should align with the budget profile.)

4.2 Please confirm the cost of the project and what level of grant (£) are you seeking from Pivot?

Total Project Cost (Funded Partners only)

£

Grant sought

£

Provide a project spend breakdown by category (e.g. materials, consumables, labour, travel, equipment – and please itemise any significant purchases). Please append (e.g. spreadsheet) a detailed breakdown of spend and grant sought against time.

4.3 What are the main risks to the project (technical, financial and managerial) and how will these be mitigated? (Attach a risk register if available)

4.4 Set out any dependencies on, or links to, other projects that may impact on the delivery of this project (if any)?

Section 5: Certification

5.1 Have you currently got or applied for public funding for this project, or any elements of this project, from anywhere else? (Projects can be linked but costs cannot be claimed from more than one source.)

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E-mail	

Please email the completed form to the Pivot team: becky@spacescotland.org