

ISCF Manufacturing Made Smarter research centres

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[Start application](#)

On behalf of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF) Manufacturing Made Smarter Challenge, EPSRC are offering up to £20 million for up to four to five centres delivering multidisciplinary research in the area of Digital Manufacturing.

Research should cover both technological and societal aspects, and should be driven by industry-identified challenges.

Assessment process

Applicants must have submitted an expression of interest (EOI) in order to apply to this call.

Full proposals will undergo postal peer review. Applicants receiving supportive reviews will be invited to attend an interview panel. Final funding decisions will be made using a portfolio approach, to ensure coverage across the four innovation themes.

Key dates

Activity	Date
Deadline for expressions of interest	23 September 2020
Full call launched	24 September 2020
Deadline for full proposals	17 December 2020 at 16:00
Interview panel	12 to 23 April 2021
Funding decision	May 2021
Earliest grant start date	7 June 2021

To be eligible, applicants must have submitted an EOI.

Grant duration is fixed at 42 months.

Project partners are mandatory and project partner co-funding contributions (cash or in-kind) must equal at least 25% of the EPSRC contribution at the outset of the centre grant, rising to 60% by the end of the centre grant.

Submissions to the full proposal stage will count towards the repeatedly unsuccessful applicants policy.

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For help and advice on costings and writing your proposal please contact your research office in the first instance, allowing sufficient time for your organisation's submission process.

Any queries regarding the submission of proposals through the [Joint Electronic Submission system \(Je-S\)](#) should be directed to: jeshelp@je-s.ukri.org, 01793 444164 (please refer to the [Je-S website](#) for phone line opening hours).

Resources

- [ISCF Manufacturing Made Smarter Research Centres: call guidance \(PDF, 221KB\)](#)
- [ISCF Manufacturing Made Smarter Research Centres: table of expected impacts \(DOCX, 56KB\)](#)
- [ISCF Manufacturing Made Smarter Research Centres: equality impact assessment \(PDF, 215KB\)](#)
- [ISCF Manufacturing Made Smarter Research Centres: summaries of submitted EOIs \(PDF, 382KB\)](#)

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