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Industrial Collaboration Programme 6

Briefing session and Q&A

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Today's session

- A short briefing on ICP6
- An opportunity to ask questions through a dedicated chat function
- Will be recorded and made available on the Royce website

Today's session will cover...

- Background to ICP
- Participation
- Eligibility criteria
- Scope
- Funding model
- Eligible costs
- Application process
- Timeline

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Background to ICP

- Funds sprint projects that respond to major national materials challenges
- Catalyses impactful collaboration between industry, academia, and RTOs
- £18.8 million awarded to date
- Up to £4 million will be awarded under ICP6
- Competitive process and not all projects can be funded

Who can participate?

- Higher Educational Institutes (HEIs)
- Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs)
- Charities and not-for-profit organisations
- Companies of any size (only UK companies are eligible to claim funding)

Eligibility

Projects must:

- Have a total project cost of between £50,000-£130,000
- Include at least one company
- Include at least one university, RTO, not-for-profit organisation, or charity
- Comprise no more than 3 partners in total (including the lead organisation)
- Start on 01 July 2026 and finish by 30 November 2026 (5 months)

Eligibility

Projects must also:

- Carry out their project work and exploit the results from or in the UK
- Incur all Royce-funded costs within the project's duration
- Be a new project or activity that has not already started (previously submitted application can be used to re-apply)
- Be within the scope of ICP6
- Led by an appropriate Project Lead

ICP6 scope

1	Energy Solutions: *Rising to the net zero challenge*
2	Future Healthcare: *Delivering beyond biocompatibility for active medical solutions*
3	Structural Innovations: *Strengthening our infrastructure, built environment and transport*
4	Advanced Surface Technologies and Materials Durability: *Enhancing product safety, performance and lifetime*

ICP6 scope

5	Next-Generation Electronics, Telecommunications & Sensors: *Driving the future of high-performance connectivity and computing*
6	Consumer Products, Packaging & Specialist Polymers: *Paving the way for a greener tomorrow*

We encourage proposals which incorporate or lead with the following cross-cutting themes:

- Sustainability and sustainable by design principles
- Materials 4.0

Funding model

Funding covers a proportion of total project costs and is determined by the type of recipient:

- HEIs - 80%
- RTOs, charities and not-for-profit organisations - 100%
- Companies - 25-70%

Note that any Royce facilities are awarded at 100%

Eligible costs

Eligible costs differ by organisation type:

HEIs	RTOs, charities, not-for-profits	Companies
• Staffing • Consumables • Travel and subsistence • Royce facilities • Royce Application Scientists • Non-Royce facilities • Sub-contractors • Indirect	• Staffing • Overheads • Consumables • Travel and subsistence • Royce facilities • Royce Application Scientists • Capital usage/equipment usage • Subcontractors	• Staffing • Overheads • Consumables • Travel and subsistence • Capital usage/equipment usage • Subcontractors

Costs must be eligible and must be justified.

Ineligible costs will be removed from applications.

Eligible costs

Royce Facilities and Application Scientists

- Can be used and costed into ICP6 projects by HEIs and RTOs
- Use of Application Scientist expertise is encouraged where there is overlap
- Costings must be obtained through the relevant contact prior to application

Subcontractors

- Eligible when essential to the success of your project and involves expertise that does not exist within the project team.
- Costs cannot exceed 20% of total project costs
- May be based overseas but must be justified
- Must be pre-approved by Royce

Useful resources

ICP6 Guidance Document

Full details of this grant scheme e.g. eligibility, funding models and costs, and the application process

Please read it carefully when preparing for your application.

Royce website

- Link to Flexigrant website
- Gantt chart template
- Webinar video and slides
- Award letter conditions
- Claims guidance

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Application form

1. Project overview and lead organisation
2. Collaborators
3. Project proposal

- Question 1 *The idea* - What is the problem you wish to solve and why is your proposed approach an innovative solution?
- Question 2 *Workplan* - What will you do with the grant funding? How will you manage the project and risks effectively?

Application form

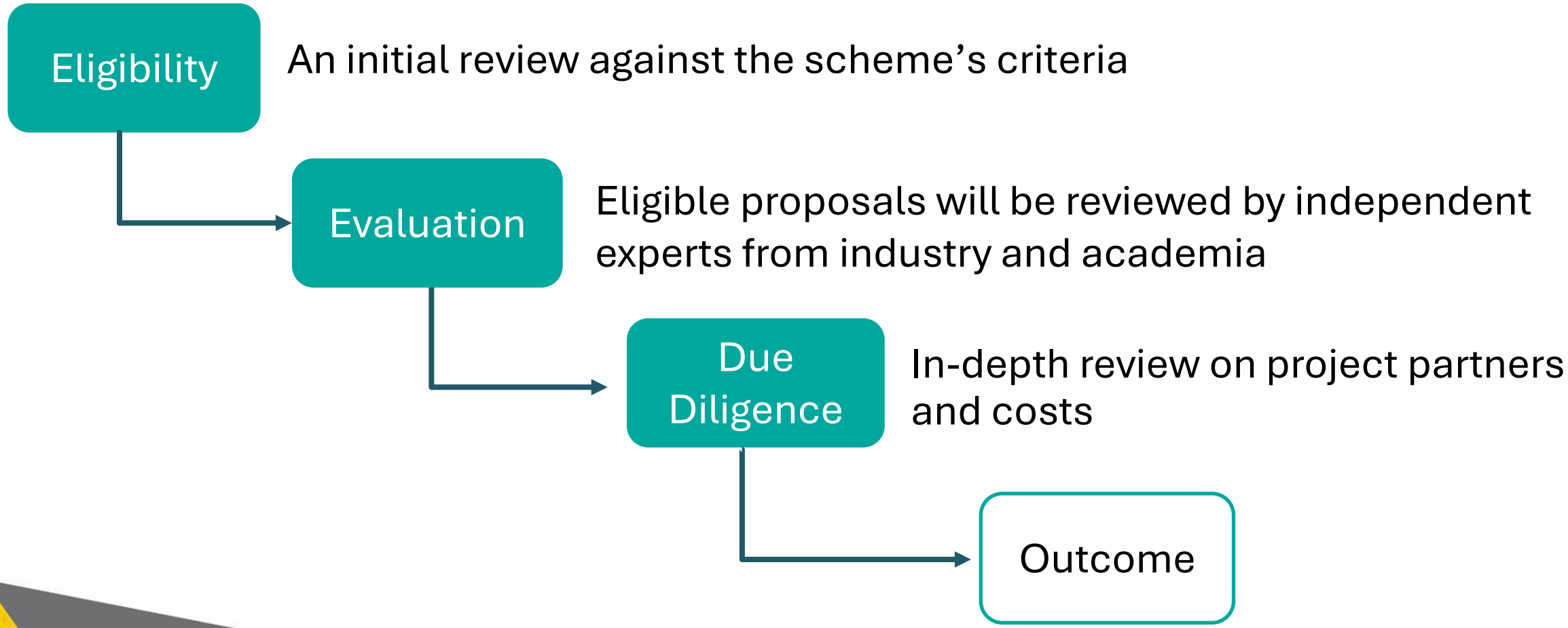
- Question 3 *Project resources and capabilities* - Explain why you and your partners are capable of delivering this project.
- Question 4 *Impact and added value* - What will be the impact of receiving the grant funding?

4. Costs
5. Declaration

Submitting your application

- Ensure all required questions have been answered
- Ensure all required supporting documentation is uploaded
- Ensure the budget tables have been completed as per instructions
- Ensure any co-applicants have reviewed the application
- Complete the eligibility checklist
- Review the declaration and confirm acceptance

Review process



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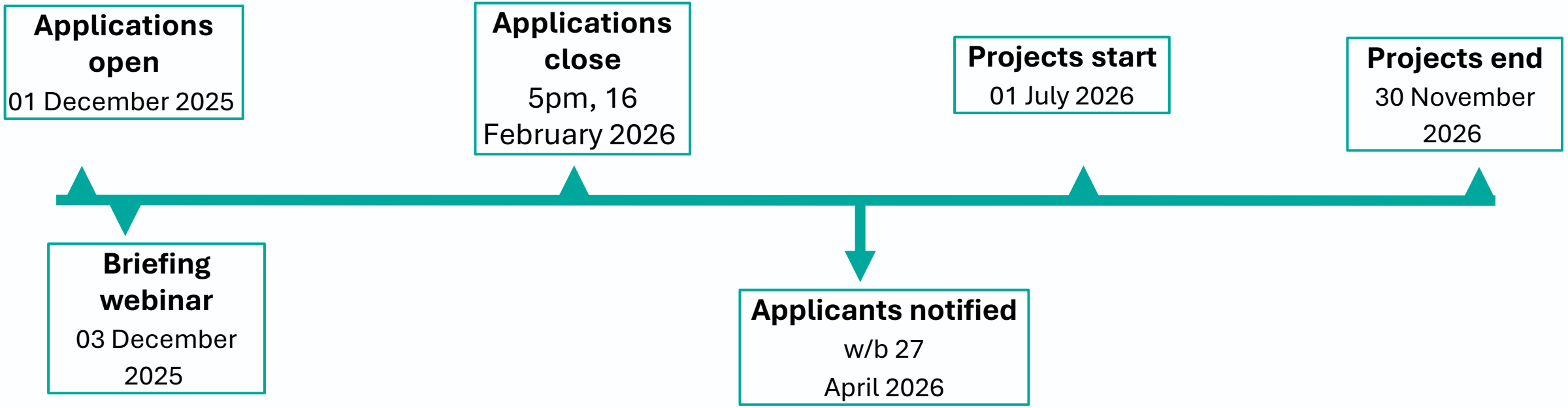
Timeline



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Q&A and further enquiries

- Always refer to ICP6 Guidance for details of the programme
- Please email any queries to grants@royce.ac.uk

Q&A:

Please type any questions you may have in the chat. A Royce team member will respond shortly.

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