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Future Mobility in Maharashtra

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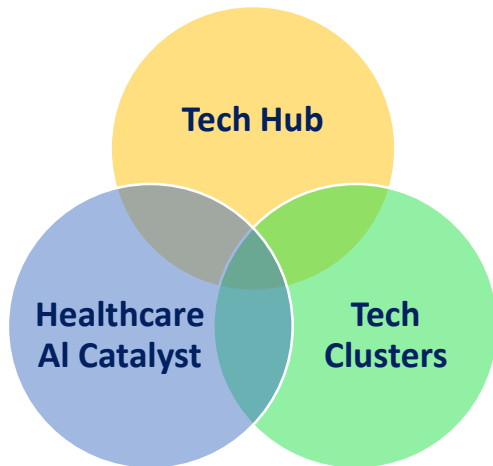
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UK-India Tech Partnership - Background

In April 2018, **Prime Ministers Modi** and **May** announced the formal creation of the UK-India Tech Partnership – a programme between the UK and India to catalyse **innovation** and **technology** that will address India's current socio-economic priorities.

The UK government is unlocking funds to deliver three core strands of the Tech Partnership: the **UK-India Tech Hub**, **Tech Clusters** and a joint **Healthcare Artificial Intelligence Catalyst (HAIC)**.



- **Tech Clusters programme** will support the development of Indian Tech Clusters by breaking down barriers to growth and promoting linkages with centres of excellence, including building international collaborations.
- The **Innovation Challenge Fund** is the central part of the **Tech Clusters**. The Fund comprises two sets of competitive research and development grants:

Future Mobility in Maharashtra

AI/Data Science in Karnataka

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Innovation Challenge Fund – Future Mobility

Future Mobility – Maharashtra Tech Cluster: Innovation Challenge Fund 2020 will support innovative research and development projects in Future Mobility that propose tech-led or tech enabled solutions to social and/or environmental challenges in India.

- *The Challenge Fund is looking for proposals in the following areas:*

Safety and Convenience

(ex. for road users, elderly/disabled mobility and safety, emergency transport and behaviour change)

Technology Leap

(ex. energy storage tech, temperature controlled transport, drone mobility)

Connectivity

(ex. first mile/last mile, multi modal hubs, micro mobility/village to village mobility)

Recycling and upgrading

(ex. waste to road materials, conversion/retrofit)

Smart Mobility

(ex. intelligent transport systems, urban freight, automated parking)

Other

(i.e. we will consider proposals which do not fit into the above categories provided the focus is on Future Mobility)



Innovation Challenge Fund – Future Mobility

The central aim of the Challenge Fund is to support development of Maharashtra Future Mobility Cluster by promoting closer scientific **collaboration between academia, businesses and international counterparts.**

Proposals are invited from consortia made up of researchers and industry from India, and international counterparts, including the UK. Projects must be led by an **Indian not-for-profit** organisation. One member of the consortia must be from Maharashtra.

We expect to make 4-10 awards of between **£200,000 - £500,000** over up to 24 months to fund research and development projects by winning consortia as per the assessment criteria.

At the first stage, applicants must submit a **two-page concept note** summarising their proposal and how it meets the criteria. The deadline for concept note submission is **23 March 2020**. This will be followed by a more detailed application form.

Eligibility

Deadlines

Assessment Criteria

(click on above tabs to learn more)



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Innovation Challenge Fund – Contact us

Please go through the FAQs section in-case you have any queries on the Innovation Challenge Fund – Future Mobility in Maharashtra:

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You can also write to us and search for a potential consortia partner on the LinkedIn forum:

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