**The Scottish Inward Investment Catalyst Fund**

**Application Form**

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| **Please complete this application form in full and return it to:** **applications@interface-online.org.uk** **by 5pm on Friday 7th November 2025.** |
| **Partner** | **Project Leads & Contact Details**  |
| Company Name:Website:Country in which HQ is based: | Company Lead: Email:Phone number: |
| Academic Institution: Department: | Academic Lead:Email:Phone number:Commercial / KE Contact: |
| Project Title: |
| 1. **Summary of Project (max. 100 words)**
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| 1. **Purpose / Rationale (max. 400 words)**
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| 1. **How will this catalyst funding lead to inward investment and benefits for a) for the company b) the academic partner (max. 400 words)**

*Include specific details of the inward investment project supported by the funding, how the project will enable or could contribute to developing / supporting the case for setting up operations in Scotland*  |
| **For the company** |
| **For the academic partner**  |
| 1. **How will the outcomes from the project be implemented by the company (max. 300 words)**

*Include details of any timeline or envisaged road map to developing a presence in Scotland* |
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| 1. **How does the company demonstrate alignment with Scotland’s values around a fair, sustainable and inclusive low carbon future (max. 200 words)**

*Link to the values wheel proposition can be found here:* [Inward Investment Values Wheel proposition](https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/strategy-plan/2020/10/shaping-scotlands-economy-scotlands-inward-investment-plan/documents/inward-investment-plan-values-graphic/inward-investment-plan-values-graphic/govscot%3Adocument/Inward%2BInvestment%2BPlan%2Bvalues%2Bgraphic.pdf) |
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| 1. **Highlight which of the listed opportunity areas are relevant and provide a brief explanation i.e. Energy Transition / Decarbonisation of Transport / Software and IT / Digital Financial Services / Digital Business Services / Space / Healthtech / Transformation of Chemical Industries / Food & Drink Innovation (max. 200 words)**
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| 1. **Success criteria for the proposed project – please detail expected outputs and outcomes**
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| **Outputs (200 words)** |
| **Outcomes (200 words)** |
| 1. **Three-year forecast of outcomes following the project and subsequent associated activity – please complete relevant fields providing information on any anticipated economic, societal, or environmental impacts**
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| **Type of Outputs & Outcomes** | **Yes / No** | **Forecast** | **Brief explanation** |
| Number of Jobs Created in Scotland  | Choose an item. |  |  |
| Additional Sales/Turnover | Choose an item. |  |  |
| New or improved product / process / service / improvements in supply chain | Choose an item. |  |  |
| Is there an export element to what will be manufactured in Scotland and what is the potential scale?  | Choose an item. |  |  |
| Other i.e. societal or environmental | Choose an item. |  |  |
| Who do you see yourselves developing partnerships within Scotland? | Choose an item. |  |  |
| 1. **Academic Expertise –- why it is required / brief background / why this work cannot be obtained commercially (max. 200 words)**
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| 1. **Budget & Project Details - please provide details of the project plan with costing information of all relevant work. Please note that projects should be definitive pieces of work with expected timeframes of 3-6 months.**

*Outline how the grant will be spent e.g. the project will be split into 4 main activities: exploring / developing / evaluating / demonstrating etc. Include details of staff resource and additional expenses such as travel, consumables and why these costs are necessary* |
| **Person Responsible** | **Description of Activity / Resources / Consumables etc.**  | **Time (days) (Specify Academic / Company Time)** | **Cost to Company In-Kind** **£** | **Cost to the Academic Partner (grant being claimed) £** |
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| **Total** |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL GRANT REQUESTED: £** |
| 1. **Project Timescales**
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| Proposed work commencement date |  |
| Interim report submitted (Last date permitted 27th February 2026) |  |
| Proposed work completion date |  |
| Final Report submitted (Last date permitted 28th May 2026) |  |
| 1. **IP sharing** The IP clause within the standard Legal Agreement Template is **a non-negotiable condition of the award**. Note: Where academic partners are granted a research licence this should not be confused with a commercial licence, i.e. the academic partner can never have a licence to ‘exploit’ the IP with commercial third parties, but merely use the IP for research purposes. The IP agreement will provide free access to IP for research and teaching purposes for the academic team under conditions which do not in any way compromise commercial application by the company. More information/overview on IP can be found at Gov.uk [here.](https://www.gov.uk/intellectual-property-an-overview)

In addition, further information/explanation on IP is available on Interface’s Website [here](https://interface-online.org.uk/how-we-can-help/guidance-collaborating/intellectual-property-assets). |
| **IP ownership**  |
| **Background IP Ownership** | **Foreground IP Ownership** | **Choose:****Option a, b or c** |
| 1. **University or FE College only**
 | Foreground IP shall be owned by the University or Further Education College.The University or Further Education College hereby grants to the Company a perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide non-exclusive royalty-free licence to use and exploit the Foreground IP for its own purposes, commercial or otherwise. |  |
| 1. **Company only**
 | Foreground IP shall be owned by the Company.The company hereby grants the University a perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide non-exclusive royalty free license to use the Foreground IP for the purposes of the academic research, teaching and collaboration, including any collaboration with third parties provided that such third parties are not granted any rights to exploit the foreground IP. |
| 1. **Both - University or FE College and Company**
 | Foreground IP shall be owned by the Company.The company hereby grants the University a perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide non-exclusive royalty free license to use the Foreground IP for the purposes of the academic research, teaching and collaboration, including any collaboration with third parties provided that such third parties are not granted any rights to exploit the foreground IP. |
| 1. **Background IP Description - describe the background IP the company and lead partner will bring to the project**
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| **Company:** |
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| **Academic Partner**: |
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| **Name**  | **Company Position**  | **Signature**  | **Date**  |
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| **Name**  | **Academic Institution**  | **Signature**  | **Date**  |
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| **By signing this document, you are confirming that the company is solvent, and no distress or execution has been levied against it** |
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