Royal Academy of Engineering | Leaders in Innovation Fellowships

LIF Global 2024

Application Guidance Notes

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About the Academy

The Royal Academy of Engineering is harnessing the power of engineering to build a sustainable society and an inclusive economy that works for everyone. In collaboration with our Fellows and partners, we're growing talent and developing skills for the future, driving innovation and building global partnerships, and influencing policy and engaging the public. Together we're working to tackle the greatest challenges of our age. This will be achieved through:

Talent & Diversity

We'll grow talent by training, supporting, mentoring and funding the most talented and creative researchers, innovators and leaders from across the engineering profession –with an aim to help over 7,500 professionals to enhance their leadership skills.

We'll develop skills for the future by identifying the challenges of an ever-changing world and developing the skills and ideas we need to build a resilient and diverse engineering profession. We've set ourselves a target to work with over 500 engineering businesses and organisations to champion diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Innovation

We'll drive innovation by investing in some of the UK's most creative and exciting engineering ideas and businesses. In partnership with industry, entrepreneurs and academia, we're on course to support the growth of more than 500 companies through our Enterprise Hub.

We'll build global partnerships that bring the world's best engineers from industry, entrepreneurship, and academia together to address the greatest global challenges of our age. As a leading voice in engineering and technology, we're working to build networks and partnerships in over 40 countries, across six continents.

Policy & Engagement

We'll influence policy through the National Engineering Policy Centre, providing independent and expert guidance to government, drawing on the expertise and creativity of over 450,000 engineers. In our 2020-25 strategy we've committed to working with over 1,000 policymakers in the UK and internationally to improve people's lives.

We'll engage the public by opening their eyes to the wonders of engineering and inspiring young people to become the next generation of engineers. Through campaigns like This is Engineering, we're changing perceptions of the profession and by 2025, we'll have helped a million young people from every background in the UK to explore a career in engineering.

Introduction to LIF Global

Leaders in Innovation Fellowships (LIF) Global is a bespoke, individual programme of relationship-building and business growth activities open to innovators who are in the process of developing a business proposition for their innovation.

The LIF Global programme brings together a cohort of innovators within emerging economies across the world and provides them with bespoke training, mentoring and networking opportunities, both internationally and in the UK.

Objectives

1. Increased business starts, survival and performance
2. New and high value jobs created
3. Greater adoption of engineering innovation which addresses social, environmental, and economic challenges
4. Improved local ecosystems to support entrepreneurship and innovation
5. Increased local and international collaboration between businesses and research institutions which will promote engineering innovation and support commercialisation
6. Enhanced connection of the most promising global science, research and innovation talent to the UK and stronger relationships between the UK and participants' countries

Programme Structure

LIF Global has three pillars:

Individual needs analysis and goal setting

LIF Global is bespoke to each participant's needs, with the goal of supporting each individual to identify pathways to commercial growth and development. Participants will work closely with their peers, mentors, and trainers to define short- and medium-term goals, and action plans to achieve them.

Ecosystem integration

LIF Global will expand and diversify participants' networks within the academic and private sectors, creating deeper connections to their local economy. Building new local and

international collaboration between firms and research institutions will also improve the ecosystem's ability to support entrepreneurship and innovation in the longer term.

Cohort formation and streaming

The emphasis in LIF Global is on the formation of a strong cohort. While all participants receive bespoke, individualised support, they will also benefit from relationships and shared experiences with their LIF peers. Depending on the size of the cohort, participants may be further streamed into smaller groups each focused on a particular challenge common to members of the group.

Connecting to the UK ecosystem

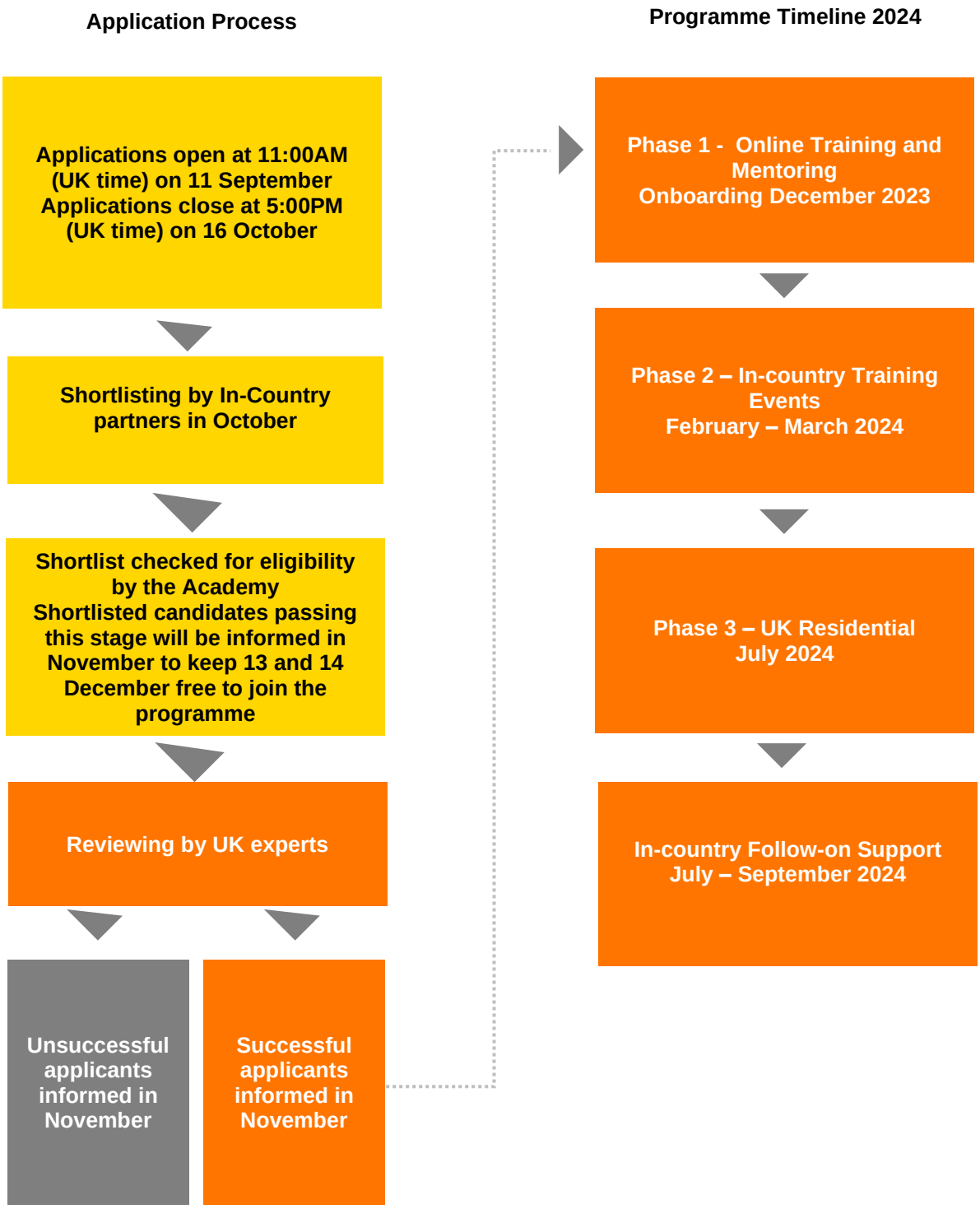
As part of LIF Global 2023, entrepreneurs travelled to the UK for individual business meetings, commercialisation training, and network-building events. Entrepreneurs visited multiple innovation hubs depending of their sector of innovation: Stevenage Bioscience Catalyst (med tech), Cambridge Cleantech (climate tech) and Bruntwood SciTech. Innovators heard from a range of panellists including investors, incubators, entrepreneurs, social enterprises and sustainable innovation specialists.

On the final day of the programme, innovators pitched in sector-specific rooms to a judging panel chosen for their expertise.

LIF Global 2024 will follow a similar model, though changes may occur in visit locations and pitch day organisation.

Application and Programme Timelines

LIF Global applications will be processed from 12 September. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.



LIF Global 2024

Up to 60 applicants will be selected to join the LIF Global 2024 cohort, and receive a bespoke package of training, mentoring, and networking support. The programme will run between **December 2023** and **July 2024.** The programme is broken down into four phases:

Phase	Main Goals
Phase 1: Online Training and Mentoring December 2023 onwards	Welcome to the programme Thinking like an entrepreneur Cohort building Customer understanding
Phase 2: In-country events January – March 2024 (exact dates will vary by country)	Create connections with other LIFers and in country ecosystems. Support knowledge of growth and scaling.
Phase 3: UK Residential July 2024	Travel to the UK for an in-person residential (COVID-19 restrictions permitting) Participate in a group and individualised stream of meetings, training, and network-building events
Post-programme support July – September 2024	Connect with your eco-system for increased opportunities at home Access a series of mentoring and networking options delivered by the Academy's In-country partner Join the LIF online community

Eligibility Criteria

Specific eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Applicants must be a citizen or resident of Colombia, Malaysia, Thailand, South Africa, the Philippines, Turkiye, India or Jordan.
- The innovation must be at technology readiness level 4 (TRL 4) or above. Evidence of a prototype must be provided in the application. To learn more about technology readiness levels, please see the link below: https://drive.google.com/file/d/18EDZfgc8-vitBY7LAwfhBUwop-A_XunB/view
- The applicant's innovation can be any new product, technology or service, based on research in engineering defined in its broadest sense to encompass a wide range of fields, including –but not limited to –
    - agricultural technology
    - biotechnology
    - chemical engineering
    - civil engineering
    - computer science
    - design engineering
    - electrical and electronic engineering
    - materials science
    - mechanical engineering
    - medical engineering.
- **Candidates must be the original innovator and own shares in the company created**
- The innovation should have the potential to benefit the applicant's country, and/or other countries, in terms of improving social welfare and driving economic development, and they should contribute one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- The primary application of the innovation must NOT be in the defence, military, or fossil fuel-based energy sectors.
- **LIF alumni can't apply to LIF Global 2024.** They can, however, apply to LIF Advance.
- **Candidates can't apply with an innovation/business that has been supported by LIF before** (LIF 1 to 7, LIF Global 2022 or LIF Global 2023). LIF Global supports businesses only once.
- **Co-founders can't both apply to LIF Global 2024 with the same business or technology**
- **Applicants must be able to commit to LIF Global for a minimum of 4 hours during onboarding (13 and 14 December), and at least 20 days for training and mentoring between January and July, including 4 days of in-person training in their country (travel excluded) and 14 days for the UK Residential in July. This implies being able to secure permission from all relevant employers to attend the programme if selected.** The Academy will provide documentation on LIF counting as training or continuous personal development if required once you have joined the cohort.

Applicants must be able to commit to travel internationally. All costs associated with the LIF Global programme will be paid for by the Royal Academy of Engineering, with the exception of visas and travel insurance[1]. Participants will be asked to purchase a travel insurance covering COVID-19 testing and quarantine costs. The Academy will consider covering the costs of any caring needs related to travel on a case-by-case basis.

- Applicants will not need to cover any costs associated with the training programme in the UK.
- **Candidates will need to demonstrate fluency in English** to participate. This will be a key assessment metric. Make sure to write your application and upload materials fully in English to avoid being penalized: most UK reviewers are native English speakers. Please note that the residential programme will be conducted entirely in English.
- **Applicants must be committed to Academy goals around sustainable development and responsible innovation.**
- Applicants must have a strong interest in commercialisation. Though previous experience of commercialisation or involvement with technology transfer is not required, this criterion is essential to successfully completing the programme, and will be a key assessment metric.

[1] Please contact the LIF team at the Academy if assuming the cost of visas and travel insurance would prevent you from taking part in LIF Global.

Diversity Statement

The Royal Academy of Engineering is committed to diversity and inclusion and welcomes applications from all under-represented groups across engineering.
It is the Academy's policy to ensure that no applicant is disadvantaged or receives less favourable treatment because of:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Gender and sexual orientation

LIF Global welcomes applications from everyone who meets the eligibility criteria, and particularly encourages women to apply.

Use of generative AI in the grant application process

1. Applicants are fully responsible for all the content presented in their grant applications. The grant process does not penalise the use of generative AI tools, but it is imperative to ensure that the application reflects the applicant's own voice[2] and ideas.
2. Applicants should exercise caution when using generative AI tools to avoid the inclusion of factual errors. These often become more common when up to date content on a very specific topic is required, which is typical for most of our application areas. Such inaccuracies will be perceived as indications of a lack of rigor and will negatively impact the assessment of the application.
3. It is not acceptable to solely rely on generative AI tools to write the entire application from start to finish. While these tools may be used to assist in various aspects, the application must primarily represent the applicant's own work.
4. Applicants should be aware that the output generated by some AI tools may utilize ideas from other human authors without proper referencing. As this is considered a form of plagiarism, it is essential to ensure that all sources are appropriately attributed.

[2] For applicants whose first language is not English, machine translation may be used, but care should still be taken to ensure the accuracy of this translation, especially for technical vocabulary.

How to Apply

All applications must be submitted via the online Grant Management System (GMS), available here: https://grants.raeng.org.uk/

You must register through the system before you can apply. If you have applied to an Academy programme before, you may already have a GMS account. Please use your existing GMS account if possible or follow the instructions on the Login Page if you cannot remember your username or password.

The application form has seven sections and will take approximately 1.5 hours to complete on GMS. More time will be required to gather relevant supporting documentation and prepare answers offline.

After logging in to GMS, please select **LIF Global 2024.** This will take you to the 'Instructions' screen.

On the Instructions screen, you will see some general instructions on how to use the system as well as the seven sections of the application form.

1. Applicant details
2. Career, Achievements and Motivation
3. Your Innovation
4. Your Business Plan
5. Entrepreneurship skills and UK interest
6. Declaration
7. Marketing

Don't forget to save your work!

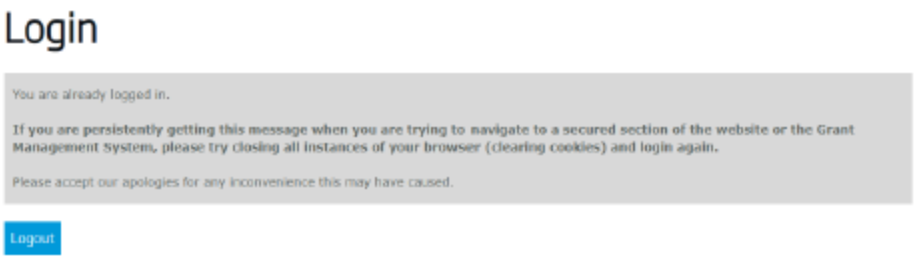
At any stage in the process you can save your work and return to it later. The system will automatically save your work when you change pages, but we recommend that you also save your work manually to avoid loss of data.

You can answer the questions in any order, so you may skip sections and return to them later if you wish. You may prefer to compose your answers offline and copy and paste them into the form.

To submit your application, all sections and all required questions must be completed. Once you have completed all sections and required questions, a ‘Submit Application’ button will become available at the bottom of the summary page.

Troubleshooting

If you try logging in and the GMS displays the below message, please try clearing your cookies and browser history, closing the window, and opening the page again in a new window.



Alternatively, you can try using a different browser or opening your application in an incognito window.

If you are still having issues after trying the above steps to resolve the problem, please contact the LIF team.

Application Questions

1. Applicant details

	Question	Information
1.1	Preferred Name	Please give your preferred first name(s) and surname(s). This is how your name will appear in the welcome pack, on your name badge, and your certificate of participation. Please include any titles you want to appear and ensure it is spelt correctly. *For Example: Dr Michaela Jones*
1.2	Please select your Country	Please select your Country. Please note that applicants must be citizens of, or have full residential status in, one of the countries listed below. If you are not a citizen or resident of one of the following countries, your application can not be considered for LIF Global: Colombia, Jordan, Malaysia, Turkiye, the Philippines, India, South Africa and Thailand.
1.3	Have you been on the LIF programme before? (Yes/No)	Please state whether you have been selected to be part of any of the LIF cohorts in the past: LIF 1 to 7, LIF Global 2022 or LIF Global 2023. Please note that LIF alumni can't apply for LIF Global 2024.
1.4.a.	Has your innovation/business been on the LIF programme before? (Yes/No)	Please indicate whether the innovation/business you are applying with has been supported through LIF 1 to 7, LIF Global 2022 or LIF Global 2023. Please note that LIF Global supports businesses only once.
1.4.b.	Is anyone else applying to LIF Global 2024 with the same technology? (Yes/No)	Please note that a business or technology can only be represented by one person on the programme and co-founders can't both apply.
1.4.c.	Have you had previous entrepreneurship training?	If so, please detail.

1.5	English language skills	Please indicate for each skill what your level is: beginner, intermediate, advanced or fluent/proficient. Click on the following link for some guidance on language levels: https://bit.ly/3L5s1CF. It is important that you answer these language questions as honestly and openly as possible because the whole programme will be conducted in English including application, training and follow-on support. You will be required to interact with others in English and present in English
1.6	Do you have a valid international passport for travelling abroad with one year validity remaining? (Yes/No)	Please note that you will need at least one year validity on your passport to enter the UK in July 2024.
1.7	Would you require any special assistance during in-person or remote training due to a health condition or disability? (100 words maximum)	This question will not impact the outcome of your application; its purpose is to allow the LIF team to make adjustments when needed. Please detail the nature of your condition or disability if applicable. If not applicable, please leave this field empty.

2. Career, Achievements and Motivation- to be filled in English

	Question	Information
2.1	Your photograph	Please upload a photograph. If your application is successful, we will use this photo in the introductory pack for participating fellows and in materials for wider publicity of LIF Global. Please ensure it is suitable and professional. We will not be able to use blurry, low-resolution, or dark photographs.
2.2	Your CV	Please upload your CV. The format and content of your CV is left to your discretion. Your CV should not exceed two pages, and should be uploaded electronically as a PDF.
2.3	Your short biography (100 words maximum)	Please give a brief narrative summary of your career and achievements to date, to give us some context about your background and experience.
2.4	Why do you want to become an entrepreneur?	Why are you interested in entrepreneurship training, and how is it relevant to your work? Please explain why you have chosen to work on entrepreneurship and the

	(200 word maximum)	commercialisation of your innovation rather than further academic research.
2.5	What do you want to gain from the programme? (200 word maximum)	Describe which aspects of LIF Global will be particularly valuable in commercialising your innovation, and explain why. In which areas, topics and activities do you expect LIF Global to support you? In which areas, topics and activities do you expect to be supported by your own country partner organisation?
2.6	Challenge Areas (200 words maximum)	Thinking about some of the challenges you are facing or have faced with your innovation, where do you think you need most support and/or training?
2.7	Please upload a 2-minute video of yourself presenting the following in English: -What your solution is, and who it is for -What are your reasons for wanting to participate in LIF Global	Please provide a link to a YouTube (or similar) video produced in support of your application. Please make sure to record the video in English yourself (no voice over). We would recommend that this be a link to an unlisted video, which is hidden unless you have the specific link. Please ensure it is accessible using the link you provide here. Do not submit overly long videos or they will be rejected, it should be short and concise. The use of visual aids and displaying your product is encouraged. Remember, video is a visual medium. You may use any type of recording equipment available, such as mobile phones, webcams etc.

3. Your innovation – to be filled in English

	Question	Information
3.1	Innovation title/business name	Please enter the business name and -if different from the business name -your product or innovation name e.g. Apple -iPhone
3.2	Ownership (Yes/No)	Are you the original innovator? Candidates must be the originator/owner of the technology.
3.3	Is your innovation related to your country's technology transfer office? Please provide a detailed answer. (150 words maximum)	Please note that candidates applying on behalf of a tech transfer office are not eligible. However, original innovators supported by a tech transfer office in their effort to commercialise are eligible. Please write "Yes" if your innovation is related to a tech transfer office and detail the nature of the relationship. Otherwise, please write "No".

3.4	Due diligence	Please provide names and contact details of all originators/collaborators who have been involved in the development of the innovation. Failure to do so could lead to immediate removal from the programme. You are responsible for ensuring the details provided for each team member are correct, including the email address, to ensure that we are able to reach them for any corroboration.
3.5	One-line pitch (50 words max)	Please provide a one-line pitch for your business. Use the following questions as a prompt: -what is it, who is it for and how will it change the world?
3.6	Technological sector or research area	Please select the major technological sector or research area that your innovation derives from. If it fits into more than one area, please choose the one that is most relevant.
3.7	Material about your innovation	Please upload or link to any documents that further describe your innovation or demonstrates how it works. • Technical videos, schematics, and diagrams that show how your innovation works. • Short videos or pictures that show your innovation in action.
3.8	Technology Readiness Level	Please enter the technology readiness level (TRL) number that best describes your innovation at your current stage. Guidance on TRL levels is available here. The innovation must be at TRL 4 or above.
3.9	Does your innovation promote social welfare development and/ or economic development in your country/internationally? (200 words maximum)	Please provide a detailed answer and write "Yes" if the primary purpose/outcome of your innovation is to enhance your country's economic development and/or social welfare development and internationally, and detail how in this field. Otherwise, please write "No".
3.10	Primary SDG	Please select from the drop-down list the main UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) your innovation is contributing towards achieving.
3.11	Secondary SDG	If applicable, please select a second SDG that your innovation is contributing to.
3.12	Website, social media, LinkedIn	If you have a website and/or social media page for your business and/or innovation, please provide the link(s). Please only provide links to active, business accounts. Do not provide links to personal accounts or inactive pages.

4. Your Business plan – to be filled in English with all amounts in GBP

	Question	Information
4.1	Organisation type	From the drop-down list, please select the type of organisation that best fits your business.
4.2	Your role in the company	E.g., CEO, CTO, COO, Managing director.
4.3	Current team details	Please give details of yourself and any other key team members who are currently working with you on your innovation. Please ensure that the different percentages of equity entered in the table adds up to 100%. Guidance on equity is available here.
4.4	Employees	Please tell us how many **full-time** and **paid** employees are currently working for your business. If none, put 0.
4.5	Other employees	Please tell us how many others, including **part-time staff, volunteers, or consultants**, are working in your business. If none, please put 0.
4.6	How much funding have you raised for your business/innovation to date? (All amounts in GBP)	Please enter the amount of funding raised in each of following categories to date in GBP. If none, put 0. ***Converter:*** https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/ • Personal savings/Family & friends • Academic grants • Other grants or awards (from governments, corporates, foundations, etc.) • Angel investors • Business incubators and accelerators • Crowdfunding • Venture Capital funds • Bank loans • Other
4.7	Do you intend to raise business capital in the near term? (Yes/No)	Please tell us if you aim to raise funding for your business/innovation to achieve your goals in the next two years. If yes, please specify the amount in GBP. (https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/). Guidance on business capital is available here.
4.8	Investors	Please list the name and type (such as Angel investor etc.) of any current investors.
4.9	Intellectual property	Please tick all those that you have been granted or completed for your innovation.

		• National patent • International patent • Licensing • Copyright • Know-how • No intellectual property protection in place
4.10	Intellectual property (continued)	Please tick all those that you have applied for but not yet been granted. • National patent • International patent • Licensing • Copyright • Know-how
4.11	Profit margin	If relevant to your stage, please provide your profit margin in %. Guidance on how to calculate your profit margin is available here.
4.12	Business valuation	If you have an established business, please give an estimation of the business value before external investment in GBP. If not applicable, please put 0. (https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/) Guidance on determining the current worth of your business is available here.
4.13	What is your business model? (200 words max)	Please outline your business model, providing details on the following aspects: • Your value proposition • Main revenues • Cost structures • Why you think it will succeed.
4.14	Current market, market opportunity, competitors, and competitive advantage	Please describe: • The market size for your innovation • What is already available (competitors) • Why your solution is better Any opportunities to scale.
4.15	Who are your customers? (200 words max)	Please describe: • Who your customers are • Your preferred route to market What channels you will use to reach your customers Any details on customer research you have done (if applicable).
4.16	Major risks (200 words max)	Please identify any major risks or challenges you are likely to face within the next 2 – 5 years, and any steps you will take to mitigate or overcome these.

5. Entrepreneurship skills and UK interest – to be filled in English

Please note that any answers you provide in this section **will not** impact your application.

	Question	Information
	Please indicate your level of confidence with each of the subject listed.	**This question will not impact your application**; it is designed to help us group participants for the training, and tailor the curriculum to the groups attending. • Business model canvas • Sales and marketing • Market Research • Financial Forecasting • Valuation • Presentation and Communication • Negotiation • Pitching • Intellectual Property
	What connections are you hoping to make with the UK's tech ecosystem, and how will they help your business? (500 words maximum)	**This question will not impact your application.** If known, you may list specific individuals or organisations you wish to connect with. If you do not yet have specific connections in mind, don't worry! Please describe any general opportunities you would like to explore in the UK. Please also describe how these connections will help your business.

6. Declarations

Question	Information
Applicant declaration - General	I confirm here and by submitting this application that: • All information is accurate at the time of submission, and I will update the Academy of any material changes which may affect the project • The ideas presented are my own and not plagiarised or containing IP that is not owned by myself, except for that IP that I have express permission to utilise in this way • All contributions have been appropriately referenced or credited including the use of any online tools such as AI generative tools used in developing my application

	• I understand that failure to cite and declare references or sources for material information will result in my application being removed from the process, or the uncorroborated information disregarded • I understand that my application and any content including any commercially sensitive information such as IP, business plan, and financial performance that is included within will be shared with reviewers as part of our application process • I have the express permission of any individuals whose contact details I have shared as part of this application process, to share these details with the Royal Academy of Engineering for the purposes of administering the application
Applicant declaration - LIF	Please declare that: • The information you have provided is accurate. • You understand that COVID-19 remains a sanitary risk, and that applicants must be able to commit to travel internationally. • You understand that if you participate in the programme, it is entirely at your own risk. It is the responsibility of all participants and/or their employers to arrange suitable travel insurance before participants travel to the UK for the residential programme. • You understand that it is your responsibility to obtain the necessary visa to travel to the UK. • That you will allow the Royal Academy of Engineering to share this material with its Fellows, Funder and subcontractors for the purposes of preparing the training for the Leaders in Innovation Fellowships Programme and reporting. • Confirm that you have permission from all relevant employers to attend the programme if selected to participate and that completion of the programme will depend on satisfactory attendance and participation in sessions and activities. If selected, you will set aside **a minimum of 4 hours for onboarding on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 December), and at least 20 days for training and mentoring between January and July, including a minimum**

	of 4 days (excluding travel) for in-person training in your country and 14 days for the UK Residential in July. The Academy will provide documentation on LIF counting as training or continuous personal development if required once you have joined the cohort. • You have read, understood and agree to the Royal Academy of Engineering's Privacy Notice • You have the permission of any person or persons that you have included contact details for, to share their details with the Royal Academy of Engineering for the purposes of administering this application. All participants in the programme will join a global network of innovators and technology entrepreneurs. As part of this network, we will endeavour to maintain contact with all participants in the programme and may periodically offer further opportunities for international networking and mentoring. We may also contact you for further updates about the progress of your business.

7. Marketing

The answers you provide in this section will help the LIF team market the programme in the future.

Please note that any answers you provide in this section **will not** impact your application.

	Question	Information
7.1	Have you applied to the LIF programme before?	Please select 'Yes' or 'No' from the drop-down list. **This is for information only and will not affect your current application.**
7.2	Have you applied or participated in any other Academy programmes (excluding LIF)? (100 words max)	Please list any other Royal Academy of Engineering programmes you have applied to or participated in, or any other previous involvement you've had with the Academy. There is no need to include your involvement with LIF. **This is for information only and will not affect your current application.**

FAQs

Q: What is the review process for LIF Global applications?
A: All applications to LIF Global are first shortlisted by a team of experts selected by the in-country partner in the applicant's country. Shortlisted applications are then checked for eligibility by Academy staff. Eligible applications will go to a Selection panel, who will perform an in-depth review into the application, including reviewing the innovation, business and reasons for wanting to participate in LIF Global. Sometimes, some candidates may be contacted for further information that is required by the Selection Panel before they can make their decision.

The Selection Panel will consider:

- Adherence to all entry and eligibility requirements
- The potential socio-economic benefit of the innovation
- The benefit that LIF Global could provide for the applicant, their business and/or their team.

Q: If I am accepted on to LIF Global, will I need to travel?
A: Phase 2 and 3 if of LIF Global may require regional or national travel to attend some in-person training, and follow-on in-country events.
Phase 3 of the programme is the UK residential programme, which will take place in the UK, *COVID-19 restrictions permitting.*
The Academy will consider covering the costs of any caring needs related to travel on a case-by-case basis.

The LIF Team appreciates the importance of meeting in-person, and the benefits that come with in-person networking and relationship-building opportunities. Our primary goal is to find a way to provide an in-person experience for all participants on the LIF Global programme.

Ideally, our residential programme would take place in the UK so that participants can take advantage of proximity to the UK tech ecosystem to build connections and develop networks. However, depending on the COVID situation in the UK and internationally, these plans may need to be adjusted.

If we cannot run the residential in the UK, we will look to run an in-person event or series of events outside of the UK, bringing together smaller sections of the cohort depending on the cohort's geographical locations.

If no in-person events can take place, we will deliver the residential online.

Q: What is the cost to participate in LIF Global?
A: There is no fee or tuition for the LIF Global programme.

All travel costs related to the programme will be covered by the Academy, **with the exception** of visas and travel insurance which participants must organise and cover independently.

If the cost of obtaining a visa and arranging travel insurance would prevent you from taking part in the programme, please contact the LIF Team on info-lif@raeng.org.uk.

Q: What is the Academy's policy around COVID-secure travelling?
A: The health and safety of participants in any Academy programme is of the utmost importance. All of our events adhere to current UK government regulations and guidance around COVID-19. Guests at the Academy's head office, Prince Philip House may be asked to wear face coverings and stay physically distanced in order to ensure the safety and comfort of everyone on the programme.

Depending on the travel regulations and requirements at the time of the UK Residential, financial support may be available for pre- and post-travel testing. Selected participants on LIF Global programme will receive further information closer to their travel dates.

Q: What is the Academy's policy around sustainable travel?
A: The Academy acknowledges its responsibility and commitment to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment as an intrinsic part of its ambition to harness the power of engineering to build a sustainable society and inclusive economy that works for everyone.

All participant flights will be carbon-offset at no cost to the participant.

Q: My internet is sometimes unstable. Can I still participate in the LIF Global programme if it is delivered virtually?
A: The LIF team will support applicants where possible to ensure an unstable internet connection does not become a barrier to application to the programme. If you think you will have a problem connecting to the online training programme, please let us know by contacting info-lif@raeng.org.uk.

Q: I was unsuccessful last year. Can I apply again?
A: You may submit a new application every year, provided your innovation meets the general eligibility criteria for LIF Global.

Q: I have multiple products or innovations. Can I apply more than once?
A: No. Applicants may only submit one application per LIF round.

Terms and Conditions

This section sets out the terms and conditions under which the LIF Global programme is being offered. Please ensure you fully understand the eligibility criteria and have read this document in full before applying.

General

The LIF Global programme is run by the Royal Academy of Engineering. The Academy is not-for-profit entity and takes no stake in any business or innovation accepted onto the programme.

The Selection Panel has been convened by the Academy solely for the purpose of selecting participants for the LIF Global programme and will make the final decision.

Applications

By applying for the programme, applicants will be deemed to have accepted and agreed to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.

Any applications that are incomplete, late, do not adhere to the guidelines or contain false information will be rejected.

By applying to be considered for selection on to the programme, applicants warrant that all information submitted is true, current, and complete. The Selection Panel reserves the right to verify the eligibility of all entrants and the veracity of all statements made.

Publicity and further activities

All LIF Global participants will be expected to participate in promotional activities where appropriate.

Liability

Protection of any intellectual property rights in any content submitted is the sole responsibility of the owner of such rights. The Academy recommends that no application is made before the protection of any such rights has been considered. All applications are made at the applicant's own risk and the applicant agrees to release the Selection Panel, the Academy, its employees, and all other connected persons from any liability relating to infringement (whether actual or threatened) of any such rights by a third party anywhere in the world.

The applicant is solely responsible for the content of their application.

In submitting an application to be considered for the LIF Global programme, applicants agree to fully indemnify the Selection Panel, the Academy, its employees and all other connected persons in respect of all actions, claims, costs, damages, demands, expenses, fines, liabilities, losses, penalties, sanctions, amounts paid in settlement, out of pocket expenses, interest, penalties, and all legal and other professional costs and expenses that may be incurred by any of them in respect of any claims that the nomination and the content that it contains infringes the proprietary rights of a third party.

Data protection

The Academy will hold all personal data in confidence and will not release it to any third parties without consent, except to those involved in the delivery, audit, review, and evaluation of the LIF and LIF Global programmes.