

# Linking you to UK Life Sciences

A new UK Life Sciences web portal has been launched to provide a single access point to the UK Life Sciences landscape. It provides an online platform to allow UK and international companies, associations, academia and R&D organisations to connect.

The initiative is led by UKTI's Life Sciences Organisation (LSO) and the Office for Life Sciences (OLS) – in collaboration with data partners, stakeholders and industry.

One of the key features of the site is access to a database of nearly 5,000 UK life science companies that are developing, producing and marketing products and services in the pharmaceutical, medical technology and medical biotechnology markets. The data partners who have been instrumental in providing this company information are:

ABHI	Healthtech and
ABPI	Medicines KTN
AXrEM	Invest NI
BHTA	Medilink
BIA	Medi-Wales
Bionow	ONE Nucleus
Bioscience KTN	Scottish Enterprise
BIVDA	SEHTA
	Welsh Government

Another key feature is the access to funding tool that highlights Government funding for science, engineering and manufacturing activities available to the health life sciences sector.



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## The features of the company search

For the first time the capabilities of UK life science companies have been made available to facilitate identification of potential collaborations, suppliers and customers.

You can search for UK companies in one of two ways.

- 1 Selection of drop-down menu options
- 2 Drawing a search

### Each search will provide you with:

- Company information by sector, specialism, business activity and location
- Company descriptive with contact details
- Detail on company employee and turnover ranges
- Option to view the company detail in a list or map format
- Connections to companies through their social media channels
- Facility to save your company searches for future reference

## The drop-down menu options

There are four drop-down options to select from. To begin a search you need to select a 'Sector' option followed by a 'Segment' option. You can filter this further by selecting a 'Business Activity' option and a 'Location' option or you can just run the search by 'Sector' and 'Segment'.

The selection options for 'Sector' are:

Medical Biotechnology | Medical Technology | Pharmaceutical

**Start your search now**

Choose a Sector and Segment before performing your search.

- 1 Choose Sector \*
- 2 Choose Segment \*
- 3 Choose Business Activity
- 4 Choose Location

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## The selection options for each 'Segment' are:

### Medical Biotechnology

Analytical Services; Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs); Antibodies; Assay Developer; Blood & Tissue Products; Clinical Research Organisation; Contract Design; Contract Manufacturing Research Organisation; Contract Formulation Manufacturing; Formulation/Drug Delivery Specialist; Healthcare Service Provider; Information System Specialists; Investment Companies; Logistics and Packaging; Market Analysis/Information Consultants / Communications/Specialist Consultants; Patent and Legal Specialist; Reagent, Equipment and Consumables Supplier; Recruitment; Regulatory Expertise; Small Molecules; Tissue and Biomass; Training; Vaccines

### Medical Technology

Anaesthetic and Respiratory Technology; Assistive Technology; Analytical Services; Assay Developer; Cardiovascular and Vascular Devices; Clinical Research Organisation; Contract Design; Contract Manufacturing/Research Organisation; Contract Formulation Manufacturing; Dental and Maxillofacial Technology; Drug Delivery; Education and Training; Formulation/Drug Delivery Specialist; Healthcare Service Provider; Hospital Hardware Including Ambulatory; ICT + E-Health; Infection Control; Information Systems Specialists; Investment Companies; In Vitro Diagnostic Technology; Implantable Devices Nec; Logistics and Packaging; Market Analysis/Information Consultants / Communications/Specialist Consultants; Medical Imaging/Ultrasound; Mobility Access; Neurology; Ophthalmic Devices/Equipment; Orthopaedic Devices; Patent and Legal Specialist

### Pharmaceutical

Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs); Analytical Services; Antibodies; Assay Developer; Blood & Tissue Products; Clinical Research Organisation; Contract Design; Contract Manufacturing/Research Organisation; Contract Formulation Manufacturing; Formulation/Drug Delivery Specialist; Healthcare Service Provider; Information Systems Specialists; Investment Companies; Logistics and Packaging; Market Analysis/Information Consultants / Communications/Specialist Consultants; Patent and Legal Specialist; Reagent, Equipment and Consumables Supplier; Recruitment; Regulatory Expertise; Small Molecules; Tissue and Biomass; Training; Therapeutic Proteins; Vaccines

## The selection options for 'Business Activity' are:

Select all; Manufacturing; R&D (including design); Service & Supply Chain; Sales & Distribution

## The selection options for 'Location' are:

Select all; East of England; East Midlands; North East; North West; Northern Ireland; London; Scotland; South East; South West; Yorkshire and the Humber; Wales; West Midlands

## Mapping tool - drawing a search

You can draw a map search by clicking on the 'Draw a search' button. Then click and drag 3-10 points on the map and when the points are joined up click the 'Run Search' button. You can then view your findings in a list format or as icons plotted on the map.

## Save your searches

You have the option to name and then save each search. Your saved searches will be stored in your Profile/Saved Searches page and can be reviewed at any time.

## Top tip: use the free text search

You can search by a company name or by a key word e.g. 'digital' to access related company details.



# The features of the access to funding search

For the first time you can access and search for Government funding for science, engineering and manufacturing activities available to the health life sciences sector.

The highlighted funding opportunities cover UK-wide and national programmes in addition to funding initiatives that may also be available indirectly through collaboration with academic or other industry partners. Links to wider business support are also provided.

You can search under the following types of funding support:

- **Research & Design (R&D)** - funding for companies for specific projects focused on research and development, clinical trials and/or commercialisation of a product or process
- **Knowledge Transfer & Skills** - funding for companies to enable transfer of expertise and knowledge from academics to companies or to increase workforce skills
- **Investment Funding** - loans or grants to start-up a company or to support investment in new assets
- **Business Development** - funding schemes to support growth of businesses in areas such as export or growth of existing products or services
- **Academic-Industry Collaboration** - funding to academics to support work in partnership with industry.



## Narrow your search further

Subject to which funding support category you have selected, you may be presented with the option to narrow your search further. For example, if you choose 'R&D Funding' you can select from:

- **Research & Design** - funding to support research into new concepts and products often in collaboration with academics
- **Preclinical & Prototyping** - funding to support early development activities such as pre-clinical of new medicines or prototyping of medical devices
- **Late Development & Clinical** - funding to support first trial in humans, technical testing of medical devices and process development.



## Top tip: use the free text search

You can search by funding body e.g. BBSRC; Innovate UK

Or by key word e.g. 'research', 'manufacturing', 'export', 'dementia'



## Your results and print options

You can select and print all of your search results, or only select those that you are interested in.



# Additional funding signposts

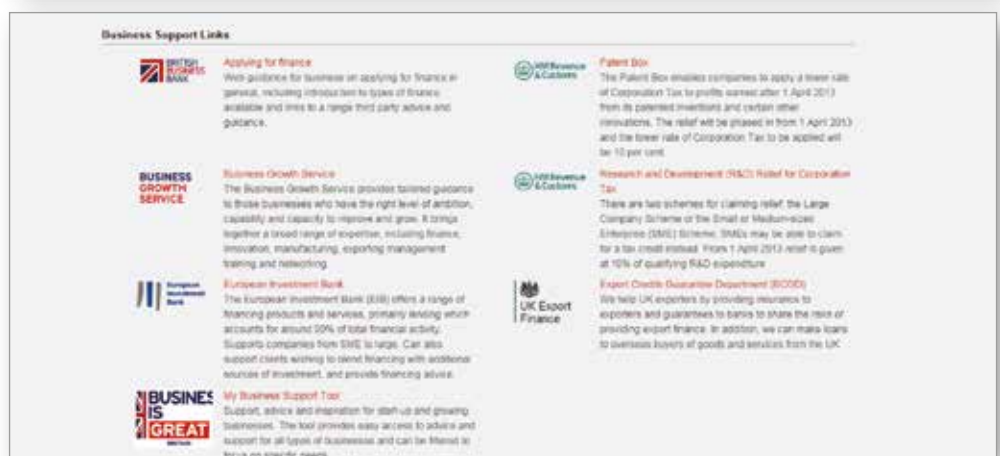
## Local funding

This link provides a list of growth hubs established by Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) to provide key information on business support in their areas.



## Business support links

This section links you to organisations and wider business advice and support outside of Government grant schemes.



## Filter your results

There are three options to select from which allow you to filter your results by:

- Eligibility
- Maximum Project Value
- Region



### Eligibility:

You can choose from all companies, SME only and academic led.

### Maximum Project Value:

Maximum total value of the project – this includes the grant available plus any company contribution where applicable.

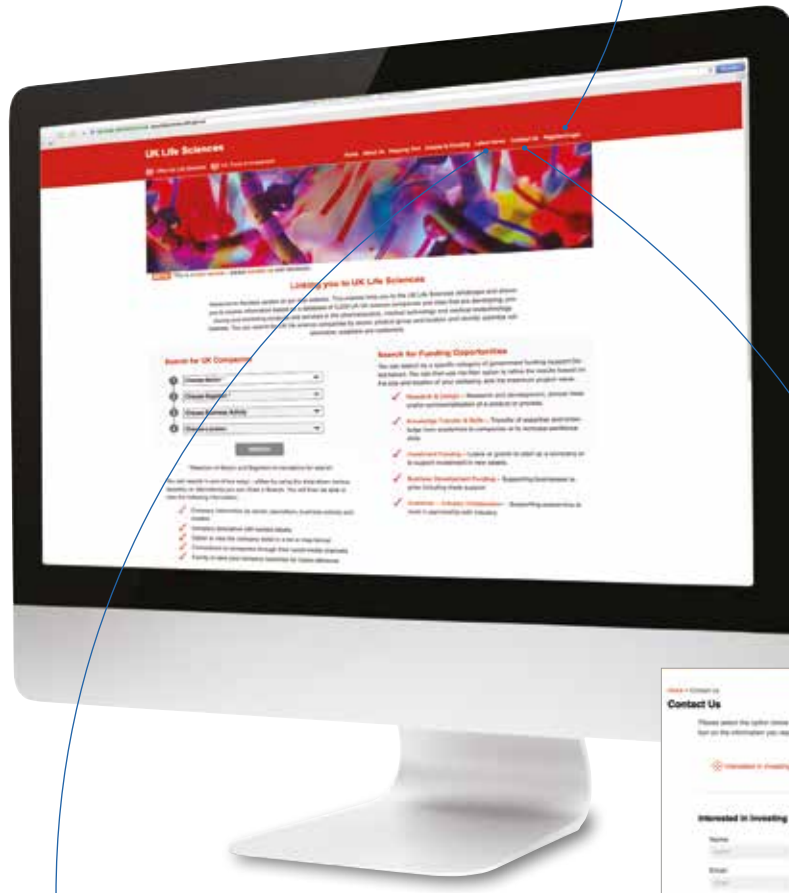
### Regions:

By selecting a country you will be shown UK-wide funding, as well as the national funding programmes available for that country.

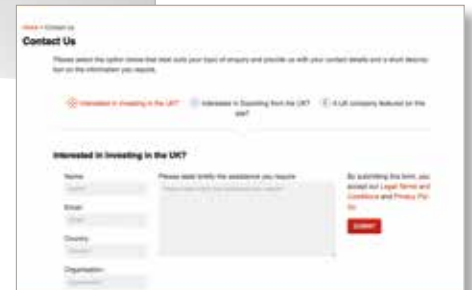


# More features and functions

You will be able to perform one search before being asked to register on the site. Registration allows you continued access to all of the benefits of the site and is simple to complete. Registration = first and last name, email address, company name and country.



The latest news and success stories will be posted on the web portal to provide a collective news forum for UK life sciences. A monthly e-newsletter will be published with all of the main stories circulated to registered users of the site. You can sign-up for the e-newsletter on the home page.



Through the 'Contact us' option there is the opportunity to request more information if you are interested in investing in the UK or exporting from the UK.

UK companies featured on the site have the facility to provide updates to their profiles.

## UK Life Sciences route map

Coming soon to the website - a route map supporting access to the UK life sciences ecosystem and including contact points for market intelligence, service and product information, partners and organisations.

## Link now

You can link now to the new UK Life Sciences web portal by visiting [www.lifesciences.ukti.gov.uk](http://www.lifesciences.ukti.gov.uk) and registering to be kept up-to-date with the latest in UK Life Sciences.