

LIF Global 2025

Application Guidance Notes

Stage 1: Eligibility Check

Applications open 13 August, 2024, 2PM BST
Applications close 10 September, 2024, 2PM BST

Stage 2: Application Form

Applications open 17 September, 2024, 2PM BST
Applications close 15 October, 2024, 2PM BST

All questions to be sent to
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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 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 mentors, and trainers to define short- and medium-term goals, and create action plans to achieve them.

Ecosystem integration

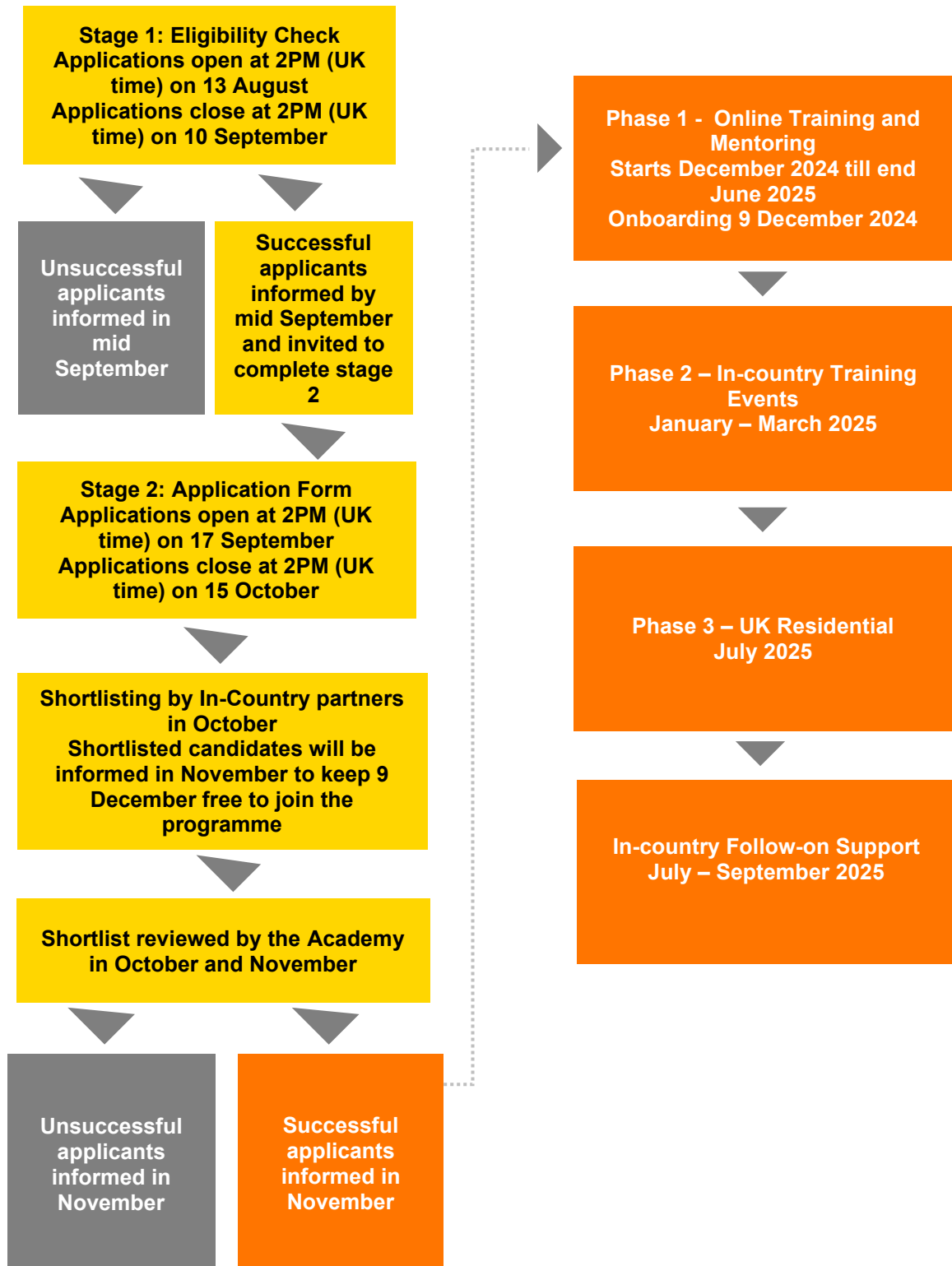
LIF Global will expand and diversify participants' networks within the academic and private sectors, creating deeper connections to their local economy. Participants will build new local and international collaborations and will also contribute to their ecosystem.

Cohort formation and streaming

The emphasis in LIF Global is on the formation of a strong cohort. Participants will receive bespoke, individualised support and 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.

Application and Programme Timelines

LIF Global 2025 applications will be processed from 13 August 2024. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applicants who successfully pass the Stage 1 Eligibility Check at an earlier date will be invited to complete the Stage 2 Application Form sooner.



LIF Global 2025

Up to 75 applicants will be selected to join the LIF Global 2025 cohort, and receive a package of training, mentoring, and networking to support their growth as tech entrepreneurs. The programme will run between **December 2024** and **July 2025**. The programme is broken down into four phases:

Phase	Main Goals
Phase 1: Online Training and Mentoring December 2024 to end June 2025	Welcome to the programme Thinking like an entrepreneur Cohort building Customer understanding
Phase 2: In-country events January – March 2025 (exact dates will vary by country)	Create connections with other LIFers and in country ecosystems Increase knowledge of growth and scaling Improve pitching and communication
Phase 3: UK Residential July 2025	Travel to the UK for an in-person residential Participate in a group and individualised stream of meetings, training, and network-building events
Post-programme support July – September 2025	Connect with in-country eco-systems for increased opportunities at home Access a series of mentoring and networking options delivered by the Academy's In-country partners Join the LIF Innovators community

Eligibility Criteria

Specific eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Applicants must be a citizen or resident of Brazil, Colombia, India, Malaysia, Mexico, South Africa, Thailand, the Philippines, or Vietnam.
- 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 low and middle income 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 and Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation alumni can't apply to LIF Global 2025.** They can, however, apply to [Advance](#).
- **Candidates can't apply with an innovation/business that has been supported by LIF before** (LIF 1 to 7, LIF Global 2022, LIF Global 2023, LIF Global 2024) or the Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation.
- **Applicants must be able to commit to LIF Global for a minimum of 4 hours during the 'welcome week' of the onboarding and beginning of the remote training (the week of 9 December), and at least 20 days for training and mentoring between January and July, including a minimum of 14 days for the UK Residential in July 2025. 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 participants join the cohort.

- **Applicants must be able to commit to travel internationally.** All costs associated with the LIF Global programme will be paid by the Royal Academy of Engineering, with the exception of visas and travel insurance¹. 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 necessary costs associated with the training programme in the UK.
- **Candidates will need to demonstrate fluency/proficiency in English** to participate. This will be a key assessment metric. Make sure to write applications and upload materials fully in English to avoid being penalised: 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 commercialising the innovation they are working on. 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.

Before you commence your application, you will be asked a few diversity monitoring questions to help the Academy monitor and assess our [diversity and inclusion policy](#). It will only be used for statistical purposes with access restricted to staff involved in processing and monitoring the data. No information will be published or used in any way that identifies individuals. The Academy will retain personal information as per our [Data Retention Policy](#) in line with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018.

The information will be treated as strictly confidential, nonattributable and will not be seen by anyone involved in any selection processes. You will need to complete the diversity monitoring section before you can see the grant application form, but can choose “prefer not to say” as responses.

Use of Generative AI Tools in the Application Process

The Academy has aligned with other UK funders around the use of generative AI tools in funding applications through the Research Funders Policy Group [joint statement](#).

Regarding the use of AI, 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 and ideas. It is not acceptable to solely rely on generative AI tools to write the entire grant 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.

Applicants must provide clear acknowledgement if they have used generative AI tools in the process of writing their grant applications. This includes disclosing the name of the tool used and describing how it was utilised.

The following style should be employed for referencing:

I acknowledge the use of [*insert AI system(s), version number and link*] to generate materials for background research, styling, proofreading, etc.

Or,

I acknowledge the use of [*insert AI system(s), version number and link*] to generate materials that were included within my final assessment in modified form.

How to Apply

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

Applicants must register through the system before applying. 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.

After logging in to GMS, please select **LIF Global 2025 Stage 1**. **If you have successfully passed the first stage, you will be invited to complete LIF Global 2025 Stage 2.**

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.

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 message below, 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](#).

Stage 1: Eligibility Check

1. Applicant Details

	Question	Information
1.1	How did you hear about the LIF Global programme?	<p>Please choose the source of your information from the following options: Royal Academy of Engineering, In-country partner, Alumni, or Other. If you select "Other," please provide additional details. (50 words max)</p> <p>This is for information only and will not affect your current application.</p>
1.2	Please select your country	<p>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 2025: Brazil, Colombia, India, Malaysia, Mexico, South Africa, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam.</p> <p>Thai candidates follow a separate selection process with the Programme Management Unit for Competitiveness (PMUC). If you have not been invited by PMUC to apply to Stage 1 and 2, please do not proceed with your application.</p> <p>For more information on Thai candidates' selection process, please access https://pmuc.or.th/บพข-ขอเชิญเข้าร่วมรับฟัง/.</p>
1.3	Are you able to commit to the programme for the required amount of time? (Yes/ No)	<p>Check this box if you are able to commit to the required time period and can commit to travel internationally.</p> <p>Applicants must be able to commit to LIF Global for a minimum of 4 hours during onboarding (9 December 2024), and at least 20 days for training and mentoring between January and July 2025, including 4 days (travel excluded) of in-person training in their country and 14 days for the UK Residential in July 2025. This implies being able to secure permission from all relevant employers to attend the programme if</p>

		selected. The Academy will provide documentation on LIF counting as training or continuous personal development if required once you have joined the cohort.
1.4	Have you been on the LIF or Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation (APEI) programmes before? (Yes/No)	Please state whether you have been selected to be part of any of the LIF or APEI cohorts in the past. Please note that LIF or APEI alumni can't apply for LIF Global 2025. They can, however, apply to Advance .
1.5	Has your innovation/business been on the LIF or APEI programmes before? (Yes/No)	Please indicate whether the innovation/business you are applying with has been supported through LIF or APEI. Please note that LIF Global supports businesses only once; but you may be eligible for Advance .
1.6	Is anyone else applying to LIF Global 2025 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.
1.7	English language skills	<p>Please indicate what your English language skill level is: beginner, intermediate, advanced or fluent/proficient. Lick on the following link for some guidance on language levels: The-six-English-language-proficiency-levels-and-their-general-description-Council-of.png - Google Drive .</p> <p>It is important that you answer 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.</p> <p>If you have selected Beginner or Intermediate you are ineligible for this programme.</p>

2. Your Innovation- to be filled in English

2.1	One-line pitch (50 words max)	<p>Please provide a one-line pitch for your business. Use the following questions as a prompt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What is it? -Who is it for? -How will it change the world?
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2.2	Are you the author of the innovation? (Yes/No)	Are you the author of the innovation? Candidates must be the originator/owner of the technology.
2.3	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.
2.4	Does your innovation promote social welfare development and/ or economic development in your country/internationally? Please provide a detailed answer (150 words max)	Please note that innovations that do not promote social welfare development and/ or economic development are ineligible.
2.5	Primary SDG	Please select from the drop-down list the main UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) your innovation is contributing towards achieving.

Stage 2: Full Application

1. Applicant Details- to be filled in English

	Question	Information
1.1	Innovation summary (300 words maximum)	Please give an overview of the product or service you have developed. This is the description we will use to feature your project in the welcome pack or in any social media publicity, so please ensure that it represents your innovation clearly to a non-technical audience.
1.2	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. <i>For Example: Dr Michaela Jones</i>
1.3	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 2025: Brazil, Colombia, India, Malaysia Mexico, South Africa, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam.
1.4	Have you had previous entrepreneurship training? (Yes/No)	Please tell us your past entrepreneurship training experience. If you select Yes, please specify the programme.
1.5	Are you currently onboarded on an entrepreneurship programme or planning to join one other than LIF Global 2025 in the next 6 months? (Yes/No)	Please share your current experience with or your future plans in entrepreneurship training. If you select Yes, please specify the name and duration of the programme, as well as its required time commitment.

1.6	English language skills	If you have previously taken any English exam, such as IELTS, TOEFL, PTE, or an equivalent test, please upload your results using the link below. This is not a mandatory requirement and candidates who haven't taken the exam will not be penalised.
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2. Career, Achievements and Motivation- to be filled in English

	Question	Information
2.1	Your photograph	<p>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.</p> <p>Your photograph will only be viewed and utilised if your application is successful.</p>
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 are you/do you want to become an entrepreneur? (200 word maximum)	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 commercialisation of your innovation rather than further academic research.
2.5	Challenge Areas (200 words maximum)	What are some of the challenges you are facing or have faced with your innovation, and how do you solve them?
2.6	What do you want to gain from the programme? (200 word maximum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In which areas, topics and activities do you expect LIF Global to support you in commercialising your innovation? - In which areas, topics and activities do you expect to be supported by your own country partner organisation in your commercialisation process?

2.7	<p>Please upload a 2-minute video of yourself presenting the following in English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What your solution is, and who it is for, -What is the unique value proposition, -And what is the potential commercial value and social impact for this technology 	<p>Please upload a 2-minute video (or provide a document containing 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.</p> <p>Do not submit overly long videos or they will be rejected, it should be short and concise.</p> <p>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.</p>
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3. Innovation – to be filled in English

	Question	Information
3.1	Due diligence	<p>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.</p>
3.2	Technological sector or research area	<p>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.</p>
3.3	Material about your innovation	<p>Please upload or link to any documents that further describe your innovation or demonstrate how it works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical videos, schematics, and diagrams that show how your innovation works. • Short videos or pictures that show your innovation in action.
3.4	Website, social media, LinkedIn	<p>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.</p>

		Do not provide links to personal accounts or inactive pages.
3.5	How have you considered gender equality in the project or activity design? (400 words maximum)	<p>In line with the UK Government's Gender Equality in Research and Innovation Policy, all successful applications to this scheme must demonstrate consideration of the activities on gender. All funded activities will, and at a minimum, ensure that no harm is done to gender equity.</p> <p>To this end, please outline any specific gender considerations and implications for your proposed project. This could include any measures you have put in place to ensure equal opportunities, any expected impacts on people of different genders, or any outcomes or outputs that you will measure disaggregated by gender.</p>

4. 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	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/

	business/innovation to date? (All amounts in GBP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)	<p>Please tell us if you aim to raise funding for your business/innovation to achieve your goals in the next two years.</p> <p>If yes, please specify the amount in GBP.</p> <p>Converter: https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/.</p> <p>Guidance on business capital is available here.</p>
4.8	Intellectual property	<p>Please tick all those that you have been granted or completed for your innovation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National patent • International patent • Licensing • Copyright • Know-how • No intellectual property protection in place
4.9	Intellectual property (continued)	<p>Please tick all those that you have applied for but not yet been granted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National patent • International patent • Licensing • Copyright • Know-how
4.10	What is your business model? (200 words max)	<p>Please outline your business model, addressing each of the aspects below if you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your value proposition • Main revenues • Cost structures • Why you think it will succeed.
4.11	Current market, market opportunity, competitors, and competitive advantage (200 words max)	<p>Please describe each of the items below, as overlooking them may penalize your application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The market size for your innovation • What is already available (competitors) • Why your solution is better • Any opportunities to scale.

4.12	Who are your customers? (200 words max)	Please describe each of the items below, as overlooking them may penalize your application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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).
4.13	Major risks (100 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. Declaration

Question	Information
Applicant declaration	<p>Please declare that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information you have provided is accurate. • 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. • 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 during the ‘welcome week’ of the onboarding and beginning of the remote training (the week of 9 December 2024), and at least 20 days for training and mentoring between January and July 2025, including a

	<p>minimum of 10 days for the UK Residential in July 2025. 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>
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6. 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
6.1	Have you applied to the LIF programme before? (Yes/No)	Please select 'Yes' or 'No' from the following checkbox list. This is for information only and will not affect your current application.
6.2	Have you applied to or participated in any other Academy programmes (excluding LIF)? (100 words max)	<p>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.</p> <p>There is no need to include your involvement with LIF. This is for information only and will not affect your current application.</p>

FAQs

Q: What is the review process for LIF Global applications?

A: Applicants must first fill a short eligibility checks form; if they are eligible, they will be invited to fill the full application form. Applicants are then shortlisted by a team of experts selected by the in-country partner in the applicant's country. Shortlisted 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.

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 of the 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. 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.

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.

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@lif.raeng.org.uk.

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 participation in the programme. If you think you will have a problem connecting to the online training programme, please let us know by contacting info-lif@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.

Key Information

This section sets out the key information and guidelines 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 a 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 reviewed and agreed to the present information. Successful applicants will need to sign a code of conduct to accept their place; non-abiding innovators will be removed from the programme. An example of code of conduct can be found on the LIF Global [application page](#).

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.