

# Supply Chain Accelerator Second Funding Round

Webinar 1

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# Agenda

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Objectives and summary of the Supply Chain Accelerator's second funding round
- 3) Types of projects we aim to fund, and application assessment criteria
- 4) How to navigate the guidance, application form, and apply to the Supply Chain Accelerator
- 5) Key milestones and what comes next
- 6) Questions

# What are the objectives of the Supply Chain Accelerator?

- 1 Accelerate and de-risk the early-stage development of projects linked to offshore wind
- 2 Enable projects to become “investment ready” so that they can move from the development phase to the capital investment phase
- 3 Help meet the port, manufacturing, vessel build and component testing facility requirements and accelerate the deployment of fixed and floating offshore wind project around the UK

The Crown Estate’s strategic purpose is to **create lasting and shared prosperity for the nation:**



Being a leader in supporting the UK to a net zero carbon and energy secure future



Responsibly generating value and financial returns



Creating inclusive communities









Taking a leading role in stewarding the UK’s natural environment and biodiversity

# What is the Supply Chain Accelerator second funding round?

Supply Chain Accelerator A £50 million fund to catalyse and grow the offshore wind supply chain capacity and capability in the UK		
First funding round	Second funding round	Future funding rounds
Circa £5 million aimed at UK projects that support floating offshore wind in the Celtic Sea.	£15 million to support UK-wide projects that support fixed and floating offshore wind.	Further funding 2026-2028 £30 million earmarked to support UK offshore wind projects
<b>Funded by The Crown Estate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Competitive application process</li><li>• Not all applicants will receive funding</li></ul>		

# What are we looking to fund?

-  Facilities which can support the deployment of fixed and floating offshore wind
-  New activity or the expansion of existing activity
-  Facilities that can deliver a reasonable return on investment
-  Facilities that need support to help become investment ready
-  Up to 50% of project costs on a match funding basis
-  Projects in any part of the UK

## Considerations:

Funding is an investment by The Crown Estate, entitling a return on its investment

The Crown Estate will be investing between £250k and £1.5 million - no reimbursement of costs already incurred

A clear rationale around the location and a commitment to investing in that place is required

# What are we looking to fund?

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## Factories, manufacturing plants or facilities to support tooling and fabrication:

- Advance Turbine Technology (tower and blades)
- Industrialised foundations and substructures (foundations, mooring and anchors)
- Future electrical systems and cables (array and export cables)
- Next Gen installation, operation and maintenance
- Smart environmental services

*(UK Offshore Wind Industrial Growth Plan priority sub-sectors)*

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## Late-stage component test or demonstration facilities

As outlined in the Industrial Growth Plan recommendation eg facilities associated with WinDDHub or ATTI

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## Provide offshore wind crew transfer vessel (CTV)/ service operation vessel (SOV) fabrication facilities & associated infrastructure

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## Offshore wind fixed and floating suitable ports infrastructure including:

- Ports for construction, assembly, integration/ commissioning, marshalling, operations and maintenance
- Wet storage
- Ports to support manufacturing and import/export activities

### Eligible Activities

Market research and assessment, business planning and investment case development  
Concept design, technical or feasibility studies, detailed design or modelling studies  
Site selection, investigations and surveys  
Planning applications and environmental studies

# What information will applications be assessed on?

		Scored out of 40	Scored out of 10		
	Eligibility checks	Application strength 1	Application strength 2	Application risk	Compliance
What are we going to test?	Registered in UK	Project alignment to the supply chain requirements	Strength of the outline business plan in terms of need for the project and financial viability of the business plan	Regulatory assessment	Does the applicant agree to specific terms and conditions (including health and safety)
	Funding relates to facility in UK	Scale of the impact on offshore wind industry		Financial analysis	
	Agreement to confirmation statements	Competitiveness of facility in national/global market		Commercial analysis	Is the project in line with the subsidy control requirements
	Application for an eligible facility	Choice of geographical location and impact on place		Benchmarks	
	Amount requested within the thresholds	Impact on net zero, the natural environment and biodiversity			
	Application for eligible costs	Applicant experience			
	Applicant has committed appropriate match funding	Outputs from funding			
	Deliverability of the project				
How are we going to test it?	Eligibility pass/fail	Scored narrative response	Benchmarking and scored response	Financial benchmarks	Compliance pass/fail
				External confirmation	
				Key financial ratios	



# How do I navigate the guidance?

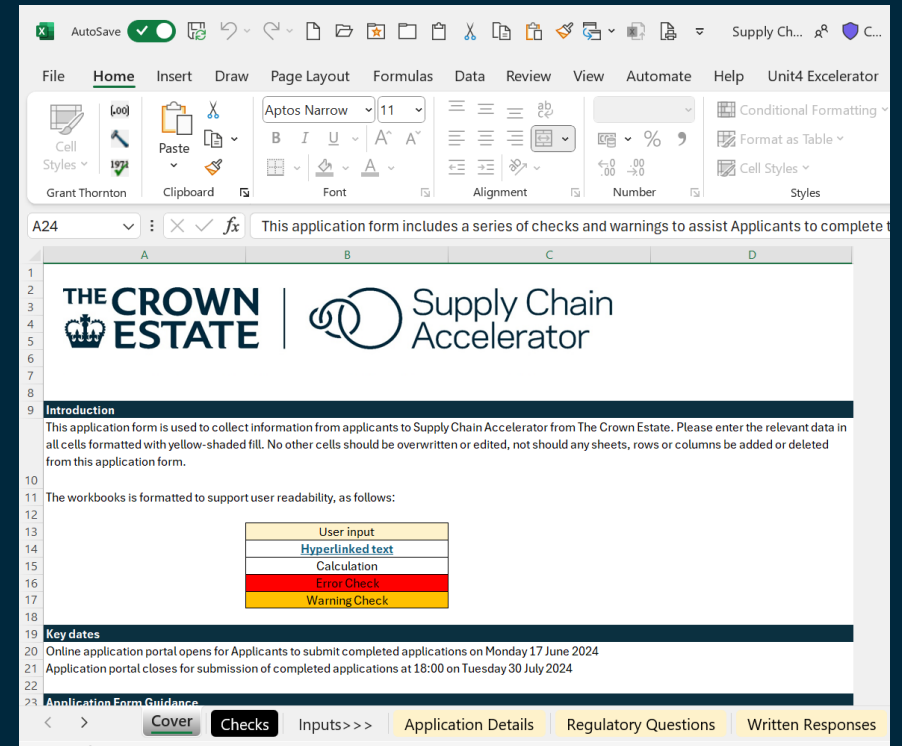
- 1 Key information – a 2-page summary
- 2 Detailed guidance – who and what we will fund and how we will assess applications
- 3 Annex A - Specific information on each question and how to respond
- 4 Annex B (i) and (ii) - Terms of the Funding Agreement and Commitment Agreement





# How do I navigate the application form(s)?

- 1 Application Details
- 2 Regulatory Questions
- 3 Written Responses (separate Word document)
- 4 Outline Business Plan
- 5 Confirmation Statements



# How do I apply to Supply Chain Accelerator? (Overview)

Visit

<https://thecrownestate.co.uk/accelerator>

Express

An interest using the link provided – this will keep you up to date with the latest information about the fund

Register

On the application portal if you are considering applying

Attend

Future webinars which will provide more detail on how to apply

Review

The detailed applicant guidance, application form and Funding and Commitment Agreements

Ask

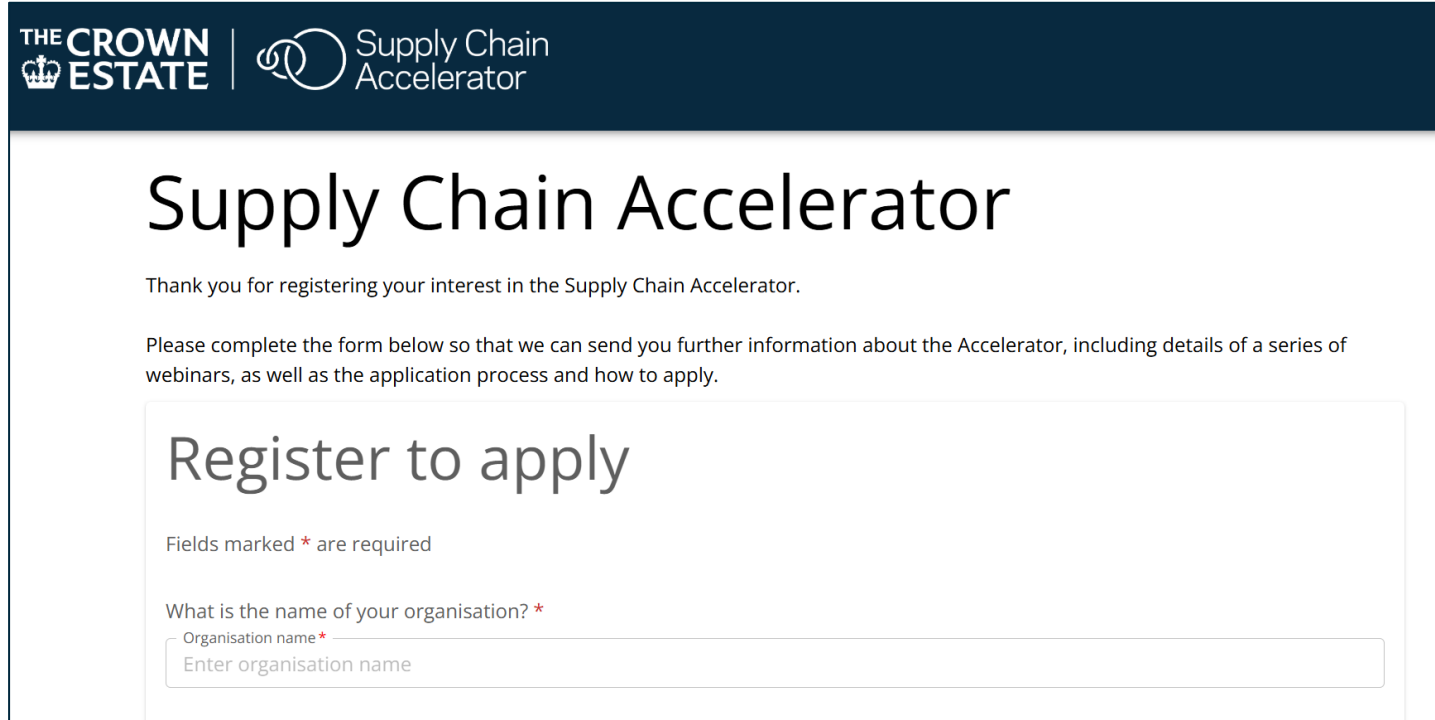
Questions at the webinars or via [accelerator@thecrownestate.co.uk](mailto:accelerator@thecrownestate.co.uk)

Submit

An application by 27 June 2025

# How do I apply to Supply Chain Accelerator? (Registering Interest)

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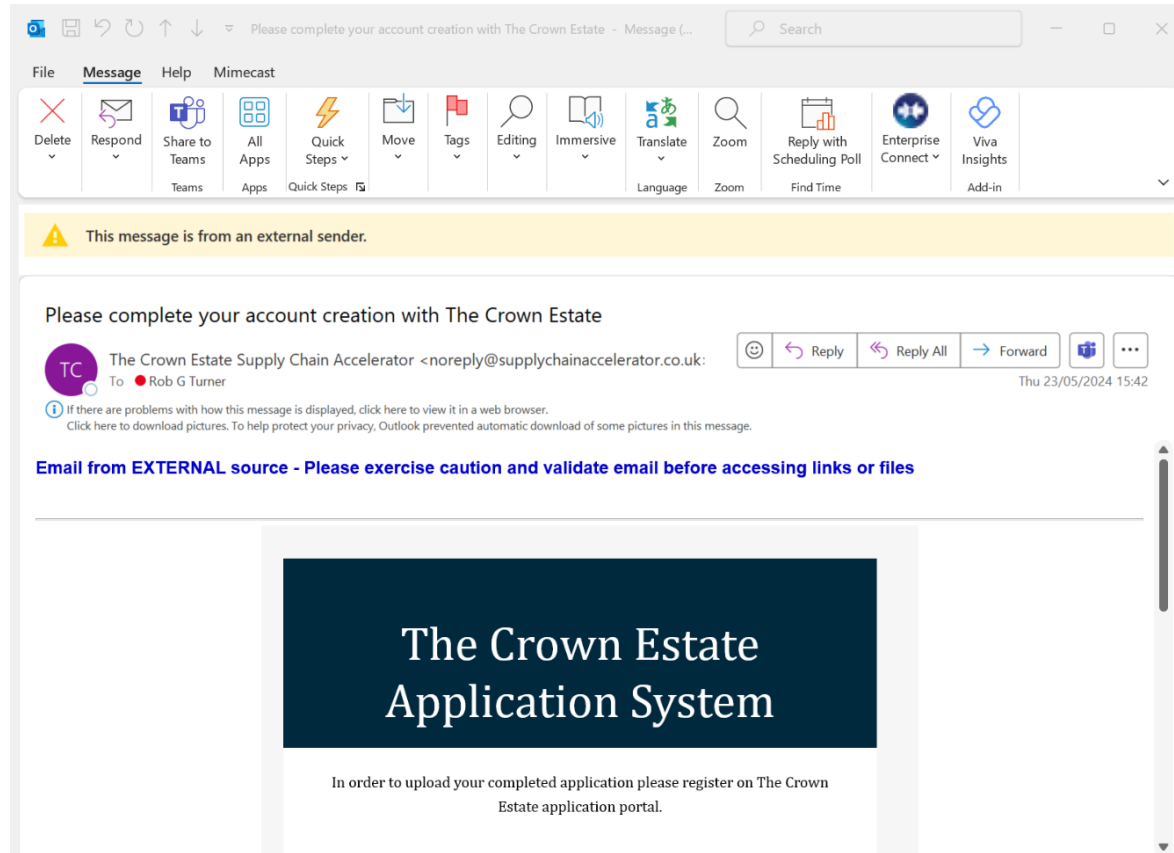
The screenshot shows the top of a web page for 'Supply Chain Accelerator' by 'THE CROWN ESTATE'. The page title is 'Supply Chain Accelerator'. Below the title, it says 'Thank you for registering your interest in the Supply Chain Accelerator.' and 'Please complete the form below so that we can send you further information about the Accelerator, including details of a series of webinars, as well as the application process and how to apply.' The main form area is titled 'Register to apply' and includes a note 'Fields marked \* are required'. The first question is 'What is the name of your organisation? \*' with a text input field containing the placeholder 'Enter organisation name'.

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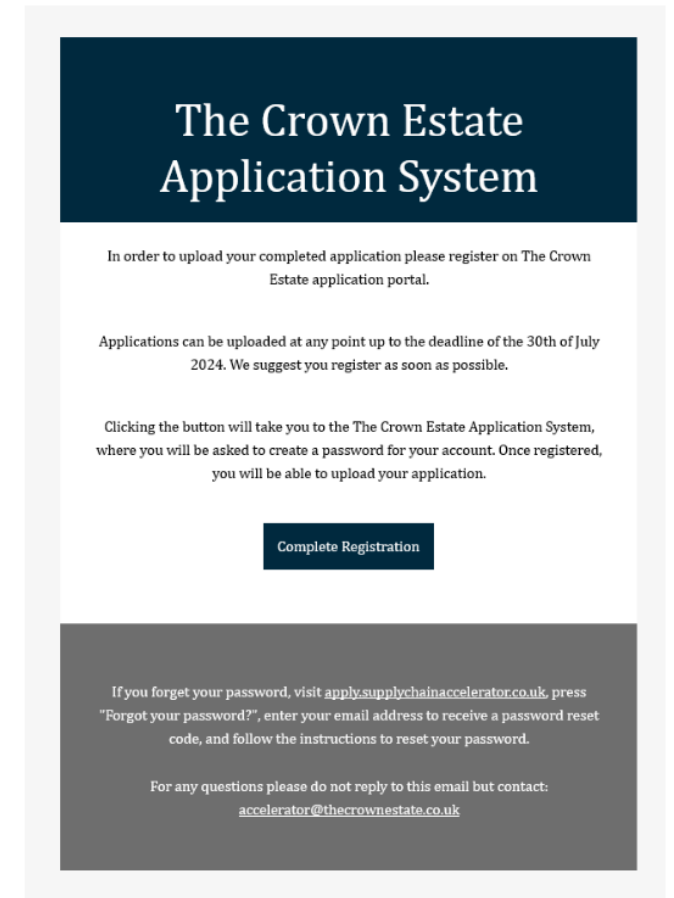
Once you have registered interest, you will receive a copy of the applicant guidance, application form and funding and commitment agreements via email.

# How do I apply to Supply Chain Accelerator? (Registering on the application portal)

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# What are the key milestones?

Date	Milestone
02 April 2025	Application portal opens Detailed applicant guidance, application form and funding and commitment agreements released to registered interested parties
11 & 24 April 2025	1000-1100 Webinars on eligibility criteria and application process
1 & 15 May 2025	1000-1100 Webinars on the funding and commitment agreements
12 June 2025	1000-1100 Webinar providing an opportunity to ask questions about the application process
27 June 2025	1800 Application portal closes
30 June 2025	Review process begins
October 2025	Applicants informed of application outcome
November 2025	Funding and Commitment Agreements executed
December 2025	Public announcement of successful applications

# What next?

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## Visit the website

- Register interest
- Register for the application portal if you are intending to apply

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## Tell businesses across your network about the Supply Chain Accelerator

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## Ask questions