The Global Business Innovation Programme offers small and medium sized UK space businesses the opportunity to make connections for advancing innovation with partners in Singapore and the wider region.

The programme is organised by Innovate UK together with the UK Space Agency and the Science and Technology Facilities Council. It is delivered by Innovate UK EDGE and is coordinated with the Department for International Trade.

The programme comprises:
- preparation phase
- 6-day visit to Singapore
- post visit workshop
- support for approximately 12 months post visit

Focus Areas:
- The Global Space and Technology Convention (GSTC)
- Satellite technology and application innovation for:
  - Smart cities
  - Smart transport hubs

This includes satellite technologies, ground segment and application developments relating to:
- Connectivity and IoT
- Position, navigation and timing
- Remote sensing

Satellite related developments involving quantum technologies or relating to net zero, fintech, cyber security or resilience are in scope.

Why Singapore:
An advanced digital economy with leading developments in smart city and smart transport hub technologies, two important areas for satellite technology development and application. The GSTC is also the West East bridge for the space sector bringing audiences and potential connections from the wider region.

Benefits:
- Explore the opportunities in Singapore for innovation partnerships
- Make wide ranging connections at the GSTC
- Develop your network
- Gain insights into developments in Singapore and the wider region

Innovate UK is committed to ensure that anyone, from any background, has an equal opportunity to be successful.

**KEY DATES:**
- Applications Close: 9 Nov 2021
- Pre-Visit Workshop: 29 Nov 2021
- Innovation Visit: 5 Feb 2022
- Exploitation Workshop: 09 May 2022
WHAT TO EXPECT:

The Global Business Innovation Programme is structured around three main phases and each business will have a designated Innovate UK EDGE Innovation and Growth Specialist to support them for the duration of the offering, including developing an action plan to capitalise on the opportunities identified. The three main phases of the Global Business Innovation Programme are:-

- **Getting ready for the market**: Pre-activity briefing workshop to build knowledge and understanding of the market and potential opportunities, including how to do business, cultural aspects, how to protect your IP and training on how to improve your pitch and articulate your value proposition. (1 day workshop)

- **Visiting the market**: Explore the innovation opportunities first-hand through meeting with key companies and research organisations and potential collaborators and partners through pre-arranged meetings and organised matchmaking. (6 days of market related activity)

- **Exploiting the opportunity**: An exploitation workshop and one-to-one support from a Innovate UK EDGE Innovation and Growth Specialist to follow up and take advantage of the opportunities identified. (1 day workshop and working with an Innovate UK EDGE Innovation and Growth Specialist).

INNOVATION VISIT – EXAMPLE ITINERARY (subject to change):

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TO APPLY FOR THIS INITIATIVE, YOU MUST:

- Be a UK based innovation-led company with ambitions to grow and internationalise.
- Be a company with fewer than 500 employees.
- Be able to attend and complete all activities.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Innovate UK and Innovate UK EDGE will fund and organise flights, accommodation, in-market travel, and conference fees for successful applicants. Innovate UK will also pay for any reasonable adjustments throughout the initiative. Only one representative from each company will be funded. On acceptance to the initiative a commitment fee of £500 will be obtained from each delegate, which will be refunded on completion of the full activities and agreed action plan. Non-completion after formal acceptance may result in forfeiting some or all the commitment fee.

HOW TO APPLY?

The Global Business Innovation Programme has a competitive application process where only the best applications will be successful following an evaluation process. All applications must be made online through the Innovate UK EDGE website and received no later than 5th November 2021.

Innovate UK is committed to improving the diversity of who we support. As such, we welcome applications from under-represented groups.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE:

Please note: Successful applicants will be expected to fully comply with any conditions of travel to Singapore as well as any local regulations on face covering and social distancing. As such, you might be required to provide proof of vaccination, valid travel medical insurance and/or negative COVID-19 test ahead of travelling to Singapore.

The safety of our delegation is our top priority. COVID-19 mitigation measures are still being finalised. If the COVID-19 situation does not allow us to travel to the market, a virtual visit may be considered.

To fill in the online application form please visit the [Innovate UK EDGE website](https://innovateukedge.ukri.org).

For more information with your application or to discuss accessibility needs, please contact John Holmes-Carrington [john.holmes-carrington@innovateukedge.ukri.org](mailto:john.holmes-carrington@innovateukedge.ukri.org) or call +44(0)7561 431 870.