

FAQ - Responses to tender questions:

Q: What contact details are available for the potential sample (e.g. individual names, email addresses, telephone numbers)

A: names, email addresses

Q: Should items 3 and 4 in the description of work (identification of appropriate counterfactual and approach to economic modelling; methodology for assessing impact of future programmes) also be included in the deliverables? Should they be separate outputs or included in the final report?

A: These should be included in the proposal and will be deliverables for this piece of work.

Q: Does the scope of work in relation to item 3 in the description cover just the development of a methodology for a counterfactual and economic modelling or are you anticipating that a survey with a counterfactual sample and modelling would be carried out as part of the contract?

A: Counterfactual modelling is to be carried out as part of the contract.

Q: What time period does the research relate to in reference to when support would have been received?

A: The programmes have run in several cohorts, from 2016 onwards. For WII competitions for awards were launched in 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2022. For YI competitions were launched in 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Q: Are there any page or word limits for the proposal?

A: No

Q: Are people on the programmes/future survey interviewees, owner/managers of the business – will all the interview subjects have knowledge of the business and in terms of assessing impact is this at both an individual and/or company level?

A: Yes to both.

Q: Are you able to give any indication on the size of the final written report you expect from this?

A: We expect this to form part of your proposal

Q: Is there an opportunity to have a call with you to discuss your requirement in person?

A: No

Q: Is it possible to get a description (e.g. type and coverage) of the Innovate UK data referred to in the following deliverable: "Collate and analyse feedback from respondents, plus existing Innovate UK data, to provide objective insights and recommendations for future programmes to enhance and measure our impact"?

A: The data will be questions we co-design with the winning supplier

Q: Do you hold contact details for applicants for either / both programmes, but who were not successful? If so, would they be contactable by us as part of our development of a counterfactual group?

A: Yes

Q: It would be useful to understand the range of literature available as part of the 'literature synthesis' as well as how it is anticipated this information would be used as part of the project (e.g. to inform the modelling, or bring to life a report)?

A: We are expecting this to form part of your proposal.

Q: Does Innovate UK have an anticipated number of qual interviews they'd like to see undertaken? And how would they want these split between the two audiences?

A: We are expecting your recommendations on this to form part of your proposal.

Q: Similar to the previous question, how would they anticipate the qual depth interviews informing the project e.g. Are they to deep-dive on findings from the quant or bring to life the transformative element of funding for the report?

A: As above

Q: Is the total sample size that could be provided by Innovate UK is 250? Could you also provide an idea of the split within this group of women versus young people?

Q: In terms of the overall impact assessment, is this per programme or in aggregate?

A: Per programme

Q: Can you confirm if you're happy to receive bids in a consortium?

A: Yes

Q: Is there any flexibility around the end of the contract date?

A: No

Q: The brief states that there have been 250 projects/companies across the two programmes that have had support and funding. Do you have a split between the two programmes for these 250? And do you know how many unsuccessful applications there have been across the same period?

A: We plan to release these data to the winning supplier

Q: Are applications scored in order to select those to receive funding/support, e.g. like other Innovate UK programmes where there is a score out of 100? Or are there different criteria to select?

A: The awards are for an individual and have different criteria.

Q: Do beneficiaries have anything written into their support/funding agreement to require taking part in evaluation work?

A: Yes

Q: Were you envisioning an econometric analysis where we had to identify the counterfactual, collect data on them and then econometrically analyse the difference in quantitative outcomes (to be agreed with UKRI) between the programme group and the counterfactual group?

A: We are expecting your recommendations on this to form part of your proposal.

Q: What existing data (qual/quant) relating to Young Innovator and Women in Innovation programmes are available and how do we access them?

A: We plan to release this data to the winning supplier

Q: For the submission, "Evidence of past relevant work, including references" are required. Would it be possible to clarify what those references should entail?

A: Case studies and/or recommendations based on previous work

Q: Could you clarify what exactly is required for "Competency, qualifications, and accreditation certifications"? Would you like to see specific certifications from the company or proposed team, etc.?

A: These are for things such as ISO9001, Cyber Essentials, professional accreditation in relevant fields etc

Q: Appendix 1: Scoring of proposals lists "Satisfactory health & safety" under Mandatory requirements. How would you like us to showcase that we have appropriate/satisfactory health & safety requirements in place?

A: Normally, this will be an insurance certificate/training accreditation

Q: Is there a time stipulation as to the dates of contract examples that can be used within the tender response?

A: No

Q: Please can you clarify whether the commissioner is looking for costed additional services or for these to be included within the cost breakdown provided as part of the tender response. This refers to Part C of Schedule of Rates - "Any additional services you could provide that would enhance the deliverables"?

A: Additional services should be costed additionally beyond the cost for the requested deliverables