**Who is eligible to apply for the MarRI-UK Impact Funding?**

This funding only opens to MarRI-UK Academic, Tier3 Industry members and Associate members, and the staff from the below organisations are able to apply.

* Academic members:
  + *Liverpool John Moores University*
  + Newcastle University
  + University College London
  + University of Exeter
  + University of Liverpool
  + University of Plymouth
  + University of Southampton
  + University of Strathclyde
* Tier 3 Industry members:
  + *Abbott Risk Consulting (ARC)*
  + *Clean Marine Shipping*
  + *Ecomar Propulsion*
  + *Newcastle Marine Services*
  + *Oasis Marine*
  + *Walker Subsea*
* Associate *members*
  + *CENEX*
  + *CPC*
  + *Cygnus Astratus*
  + *MSE International*
  + *NOC*
  + *ORE Catapult*

**How much funding is available to each project?**

Up to £15k (project costing) per application.

**What kind of activities/projects will this funding support?**

MarRI-UK Impact Funding aims to support activities/projects with near-commercial outcomes that support the maritime sector. Successful projects must demonstrate clear commercial potential, with preference given to those that are close to market application.

For detailed topics, please discuss with your sponsor to find out if it’s aligned with MarRI-UK priorities.

The TRL level is expected to be above 6.

**Can I submit multiple applications on different topics?**

Yes, you can.

**Can I submit my application in-joint with other MarRI-UK or non-MarRI-UK members?**

The application could be a joint application with other qualified organisations. However, non-MarRI-UK members will not be able to receive the funding.

**Why is a minimum 50% match funding required? Are there any requirements for the match funding sources?**

The MarRI-UK Impact Funding should be served as a support for additional activities of your current activities/projects, to help boosting its delivery and impact.

The matching funding source could be self-fund for SMEs or equivalent in-kind contribution (please check with Innovate UK for salary conversion guidance).

**What if I haven’t secured any match funding yet?**

If you have not secured any match funding yet, but you are preparing for a funding application, you can still apply the MarRI-UK Impact Funding, but the funding will only be granted when the other funding application succeeds.

**What are the eligible and ineligible costs?**

For the eligible and ineligible costs, please follow what applies with the Innovate UK funding rules (<https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/costs-we-fund/>).

**Why do you require the support letter from a MarRI-UK Working Group representative? And who can I contact?**

It is essential that a MarRI-UK member can advocate your proposal, and the purpose is to ensure your proposed activities/projects matches with MarRI-UK value and can help to build up MarRI-UK impact. You can download a support letter template [here](https://marri-uk.org/index.php/project-funded/marri-uk-impact-funding-members-only-call/), and please feel free to amend the content as needed.

For SMEs, you could be a sponsor for yourself.

MarRI-UK Working Group representatives are:

* Evangelos Boulougouris, Ian Whitfield – University of Strathclyde
* Andy Platter, Jonny Higham – University of Liverpool
* Peng Wu, Yuanchang Liu, and Richard Bucknall – University College London
* Kevin Forshaw – University of Plymouth
* Alan Murphy & Steven Turnock – University of Southampton
* Zaili Yang – Liverpool John Moores University
* Ben Wetenhall – Newcastle University
* Jake Rigby, Dan Ridgwell – BMT
* Simon Reid, Jim Sibson – Babcock
* Nabile Hifi – BAE Systems
* Giovanni Tenderini – LR
* Bill Biggs– QinetiQ

Please get in touch via [xue.xu@strath.ac.uk](mailto:xue.xu@strath.ac.uk) if you are unsure about who to contact for the support letter.

**Can the project end beyond 31st of March 2026?**

If your application was successful, it is expected that the activities defined as being the ‘additional’ element that has been made possible with the MarRI-UK award should be completed by 31st March 2026. However, it can be part of a longer project that runs beyond 31st March 2026.

**How will my application be assessed?**

MarRI-UK will conduct an initial down select (depending on the number of applicants) which will be based on impact and value for money, and alignment to MarRI-UK objectives. The eligible applications will then be sent to the Review Panel ahead of the Review Panel meeting for the final assessment and ranking.

The assessment will focus on the impact of the proposed activities.

**How will I receive the fund?**

If your application is successful, the initial instalment payment will be made when all required documents submitted and Award letter is issued by MarRI-UK. The final payment will be made upon completion of agreed milestones.