

APC 5 Competition Opens

- Competition now open. APC5: Driving UK Productivity through Low Carbon Propulsion Technology.
- £35 million grant funding available (combined project value target to be in excess of £70m)
- Fifth competition round from APC.

13:00 12 January 2016: This week marks the opening for applications to the latest APC funding competition aiming to support in excess of £70 million in collaborative projects. The APC, in association with Innovate UK, will welcome applications from consortia with low carbon propulsion research and development projects that can deliver significant reductions in vehicle CO₂ or other harmful emissions.

Applicants will have until 23 March 2016 to register for the competition and until 30 March 2016 to submit their proposals. The competition will fund innovative low carbon propulsion technologies that will deliver significant reductions in vehicle emissions compared to current best-in-class technologies and have the capability to develop the UK's low carbon vehicle technology supply chain.

Jon Beasley Director Technology & Projects at the Advanced Propulsion Centre said:

“This latest round of APC grant funding illustrates continued Government support to the advancement of low carbon propulsion technologies. It shares the risk of developing technologies through the research phases required to convert promising demonstrators into products that can be manufactured and meet the requirements of the future market place.”

Garry Wilson, Director, Business Development said:

“We urge applicants whose low carbon propulsion research and development projects can make a substantial difference to the future of the UK automotive industry to get in touch with us. Together we can develop the next generation of low carbon propulsion technology and significantly reduce emissions.”

Projects must demonstrate the development of technologies around one or more of the following areas:

- Internal combustion engines

- Lightweight Vehicle and powertrain structures
- Electric machines and power electronics
- Energy storage and energy management
- Alternative propulsion systems

Project submissions are judged on both Technical and Value for Money considerations. Total eligible project costs should be between £5 million and £40 million and projects are expected to have a duration of 18 to 42 months. All projects must be collaborative and business-led, include a vehicle manufacturer or a tier 1 supplier and an SME partner. Project consortia can only request up to 50% of the total project costs as a publically funded grant.

To register & apply <https://interact.innovateuk.org>

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The Advanced Propulsion Centre was formed in 2013 from a commitment between the government and automotive industry through the Automotive Council to position the UK as a global centre of excellence for low carbon powertrain development and production. It is a central pillar of the Industrial Strategy created by the Automotive Council.

The Advanced Propulsion Centre UK Limited (APC) is a private limited company, an industry wide collaboration of innovators and producers of low carbon propulsion systems. It facilitates partnerships between those who have good ideas and those who can bring them to market. The services provided by the APC enable projects which provide profitable growth and sustainable opportunities for the partners involved. Each programme enhances the UK's position as a Propulsion Nation and contributes to the country's economic prosperity.

The government and industry have each committed to provide £500 million to the APC during its 10 year programme. The activity in this £1 billion project will be delivered through a small team working across the UK from a central Hub located at the University of Warwick and regional Spoke locations.