

# SME INNOVATION VOUCHERS



## Background Information

The City St George's SME Innovation Vouchers are specifically designed to promote collaborative innovation between City St George's University and UK-based Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), enabling SMEs to harness City St George's academic and clinical expertise as well as our specialist facilities to help them innovate, develop and grow.

Vouchers can be used toward the cost of collaborative projects, including access to University and Hospital facilities, researchers and clinicians.

An SME Innovation Voucher will grant the successful enterprise an award between £5000 and £20000 and cover specific University and Hospital project costs.

Successful SME applicants will contribute an equal value in cash or in kind (e.g. staff time, materials or equipment) or a combination of both to any project funded by the award of an SME voucher.

In choosing to work with City St George's, SMEs will gain:

- Access to expert researchers and clinicians, establishing new contacts within the thriving intellectual and medical networks of City St George's University and St George's NHS Trust.
- Access to the latest specialist technology and equipment, as well as novel methodologies and our field-leading research institutes.
- Access to our well-connected South London campus and its facilities.

## Eligibility

To apply for an SME Innovation Voucher the following criteria must be met:

- Industry partner must be a UK based SME<sup>[1]</sup>
- SME must contribute in cash or in kind to the project
- Project idea must lead to SME innovation and growth

- Project must involve specialist facilities or expertise not otherwise available to the SME
- SME partner must demonstrate a desire to build an ongoing relationship with St George's

## Apply

Applications for the SME Innovation Vouchers are now open for projects with an end of date on or before Friday 11th July 2025. If you believe your project does not fit within this timeframe, please contact a member of the Enterprise team.

To ensure the most impact from the projects only applications supported by an academic partner will be accepted for review.

Please note that funding is limited and we reserve the right to close the scheme early if demand is high and all funds have been allocated.

To discuss your business needs and potential areas of collaboration please contact Dr Khalid Shukri [kshukri@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:kshukri@sgul.ac.uk) and we will guide you through the application process.

## Reference

[1] SME (Small and Medium sized Enterprise) – defined as having less than 250 employees and less than £50 million turnover