

# International Bilateral Fund (IBF) Call 2

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# Housekeeping



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If you have any questions, please ask them in the Q&A function. These will be visible for others to see so please do not include sensitive information. Please email any project specific questions directly.

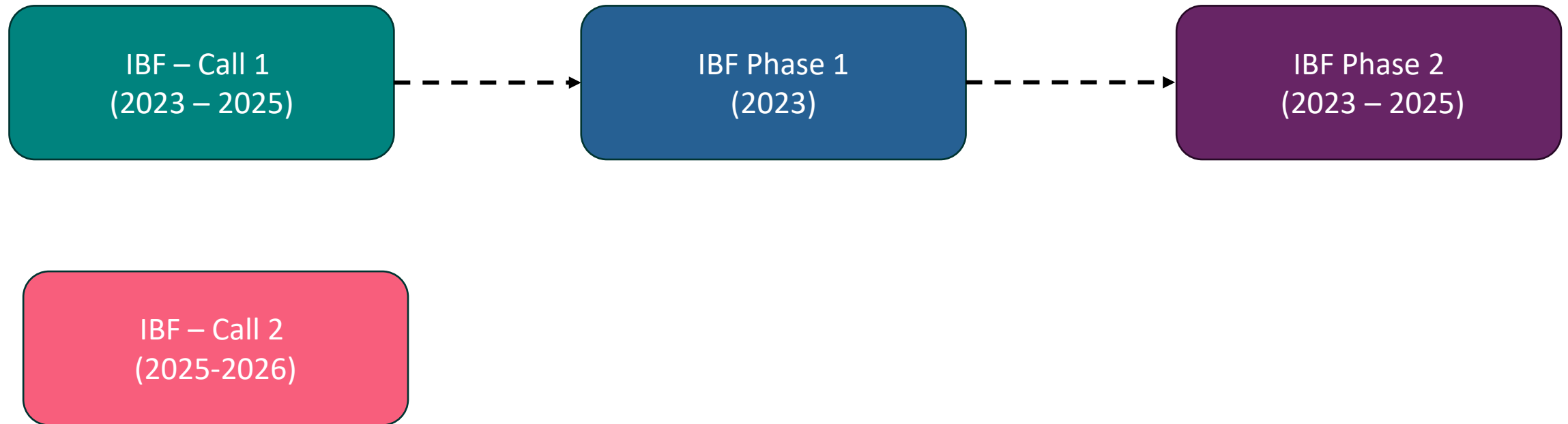


The team has received a lot of questions and will try to get through these and new questions during the briefing, but will respond following the call if this is not possible.



The Q&A will be published after the meeting (with answers to all questions asked – including those not covered in the meeting).

# History of IBF



# Recap: IBF Call 1 – 2023/2024



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News story

## UK Space Agency funding for international space partnerships

The UK Space Agency is launching the £20 million International Bilateral Fund.

From: [UK Space Agency](#)

Published 17 April 2023



## Recap: Previous IBF recipients

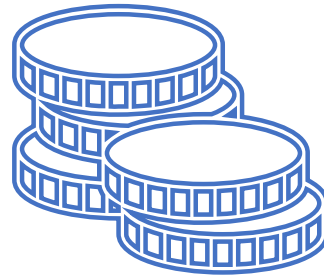


# Core IBF Objectives

## International Partnerships



## Economic growth



## UK Capabilities

- Space Domain Awareness (SDA)
- In-Orbit Servicing, Assembly and Manufacturing (ISAM)
- Space data for Earth applications
- Position, Navigating and Timing (PNT)
- Satellite Communication Technology



# Strategic Goals



**Guided by the National Space Strategy,  
UKSA works to:**

- **Catalyse Investment**
- **Deliver missions and capabilities**
- **Champion space**

# IBF Call-2

## Track 1 – Kickstart

- Aim to kickstart international relationships.
- Standalone deliverables + possibly scoping/de-risking longer term projects.
  - Normally TRL 1-4.

**Grant Values: £50k-£150k**

## Track 2 – Build and Sustain

- Projects with a level of maturity
- Building on established partnerships.
- Require further investment in the international partnership.
  - Normally TRL 5-9

**Grant Values: £150k - £500k**




# Assessment Criteria

Strategic goals	25%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> build stronger relationships with international partnerships, cementing our place as a trusted space partner of choice;</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> leverage international partnerships to develop priority UK capabilities.</li></ul>	
Value for Money	10%
Economic growth	20%
Benefits	15%
Technical feasibility	20%
Project Management	10%

# International Engagement

 Strong proposals will outline how their work responds to **UK and international shared interests**.

 We particularly encourage applications to support partnerships with entities in **Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and the USA** but also **welcome applications for partnerships with other countries, including emerging space nations**, where there are good opportunities to support IBF objectives.

 Anonymised proposals may be **shared with international space agencies** for comment.

# Important information



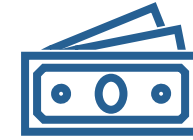
## Key Dates

- Submission deadline: 7 July 2025 (23:59 BST)
- Decisions communicated: August 2025
- Project start: By 1 September 2025
- Project end: By 31 March 2026



## Application Checklist

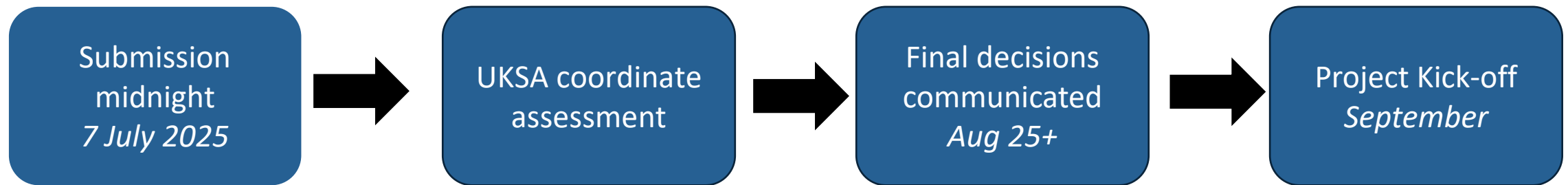
- Max 2 applications per lead organisation (applies to all org types)
- Ensure all required boxes/forms are signed – missing fields = voided application
- Review the Grant Funding Agreement carefully (terms cannot be changed)
- Subsidy control compliance



## Funding Summary

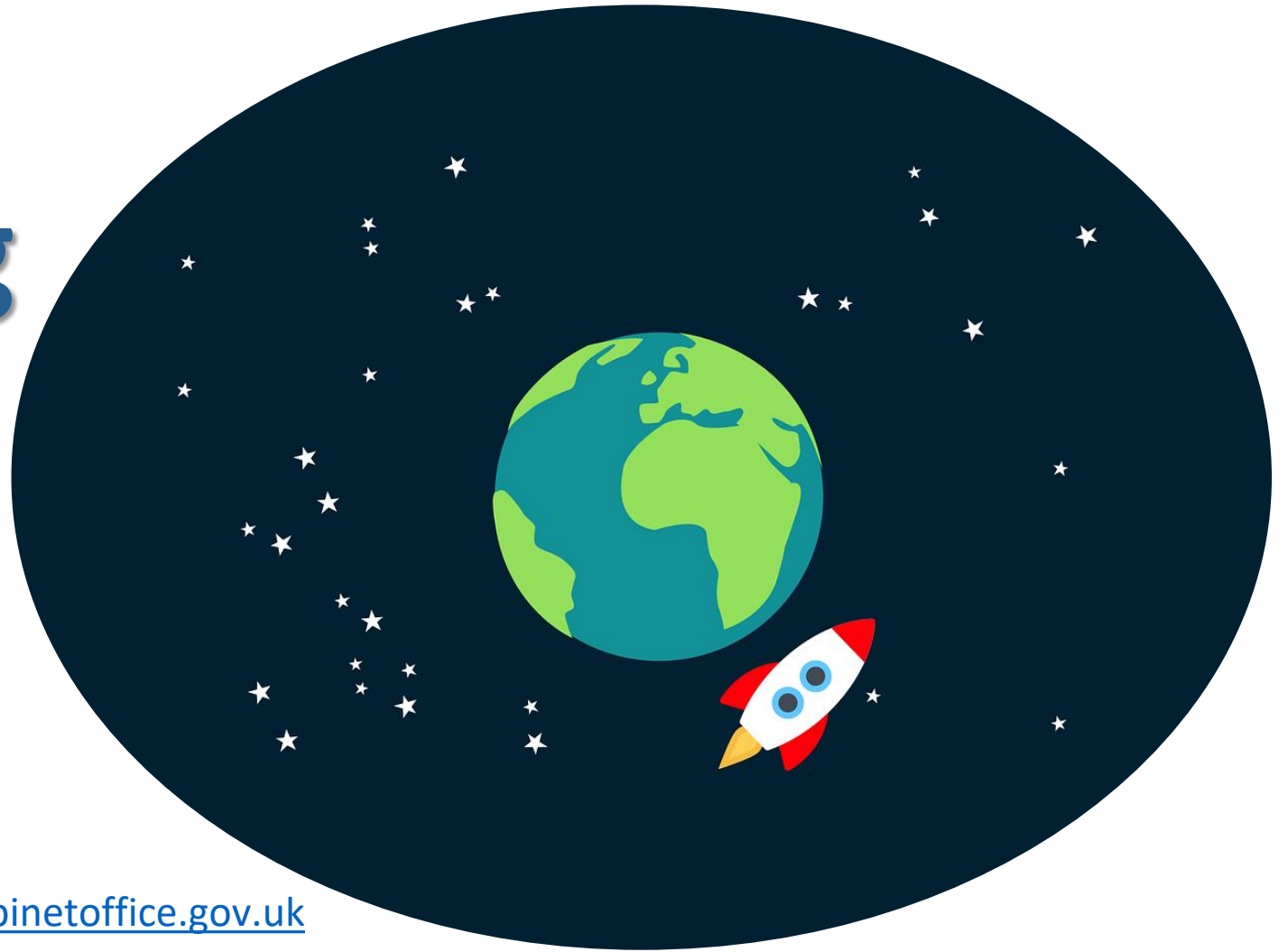
- Up to £5.5 million available in total
- 15–30 projects expected to be funded
- Two tracks:
  - Track 1: £50k–£150k
  - Track 2: £150k–£500k

# Call Process



# Thank you for attending

We look forward to  
receiving your proposals!



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