



## Awards On A Page

The most suitable funding award for your project will depend on the stage of your innovation. With so many options available, navigating the funding landscape can be overwhelming. To make this easier, we've put together a clear, easy-to-follow guide outlining the most common funding awards, their typical Technology Readiness Level (TRL) ranges, and their key objectives.

While this guide is not exhaustive, and TRLs can be flexible, it's designed to provide a starting point and help you identify the opportunities most relevant to your needs.

| Award Type                                  | Typical TRL Range | Purpose / Use  |
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| Seed Funding                                | TRL 1–2           | Small-scale proof of concept funding to test new ideas, models, or technologies  |
| Springboard Awards                          | TRL 2–4           | Help early-stage researchers or innovations gain momentum  |
| Career Development Awards / Fellowships     | TRL 2–5           | Support researchers in developing skills, expertise, and independence, to advance their careers                          |
| Pilot Grants / Feasibility Funding          | TRL 3–4           | Early-stage support for testing the practicality, methods, or potential impact of a project, generating preliminary data |
| Challenge Prizes / Competitions             | TRL 3–6           | Solve defined health or care problems competitively through SBRI/Contracts for Innovation process'                       |
| Researcher-Led Grants                       | TRL 3–6           | Investigator-driven research or trials   |
| Non-Commissioned Grants                     | TRL 2–6           | Applicants propose their own ideas or areas for research/service development   |
| Commissioned Calls                          | TRL 4–7           | Funding where the scope and research/service topic is set by the funding body  |
| Evaluation Grants                           | TRL 5–7           | Study effectiveness, outcomes, impact  |
| Strategic Partnership Awards                | TRL 5–9           | Joint delivery with multiple sectors or regions  |
| Entrepreneurship / Commercialisation Grants | TRL 6–9           | IP protection, market testing, spin-outs   |
| Implementation & Adoption Funding           | TRL 7–8           | Real-world delivery or NHS roll-out of proven tools / services / products  |
| Service Innovation Awards                   | TRL 5–8           | Test or implement new care delivery models   |
| Scaling / Sustainability Awards             | TRL 8–9           | Supports the expansion and long-term maintenance of proven interventions   |
| Equipment / Capital Grants                  | All TLRs          | Purchase of research tools or clinical equipment   |
| Infrastructure Funding                      | All TRLs          | Fund specialist facilities / research delivery workforces / support services   |
| Training & Capacity-Building                | TRL-independent   | Upskill staff, enhance system readiness  |
| Travel / Mobility Awards                    | TRL-independent   | Support networking, visits, or international collaboration   |
| Conference / Dissemination Grants           | TRL-independent   | Share findings or build influence and reach  |