

Innovator Advance Programme™

Programme Summary

The Innovator Advance Programme™ is an opportunity for international entrepreneurs to gain UK Permanent Residence, start a business and build a fulfilling career in the United Kingdom.

The UK is one of the world's most innovative countries, ranking 5th in the Global Innovation Index 2019. It is one of the best countries in the world in which to start a business, with 65 million potential customers, the lowest corporation tax in the G20, low barriers to starting a company, R&D tax relief and a government committed to supporting entrepreneurship.

The Innovator visa is one of the lowest-cost schemes of its kind in Europe, with a legal minimum investment requirement of £50,000.

Visa holders are eligible to secure Permanent Residence (known in the UK as 'Indefinite Leave to Remain' or 'ILR') through this visa route after just 3 years, and family members are eligible after 5 years.

Applicants may apply as an individual or as a team with another innovator, either starting a company on their own or under a partnership with an existing UK company.

Programme Specifications

Suitability	Experienced businesspeople of any sector background willing to start, invest in and grow an exciting new enterprise in the UK
Investment Amount	Legal minimum investment of £50,000 (although we recommend a minimum budget of £200,000)
Visa Criteria	Applicants for the Innovator visa must first obtain endorsement from a Government-approved 'Endorsing Body'
Endorsement Criteria	To receive endorsement, the business idea must be innovative, viable and scalable
Other Requirements	Level B2 English language requirement, minimum maintenance funds of £945 held for at least 90 days, UK residency required (185 days per year until ILR is granted)

£200k

— Investment Size —

How InvestUK Help

InvestUK is a highly experienced manager that specialises in helping clients to invest and achieve their UK residency goals.

Some applicants hold specific skills and experience but need help developing a viable business idea. In these cases, InvestUK assists by matching clients with a UK company that is looking to innovate or enter foreign markets and would benefit from the applicant's skills and investments. These companies are pre-screened and selected from our unique database of over 200 potential partner across all sectors.

We have a 5-step process to give you peace of mind.

1. Assess

- ✓ Review your needs and objectives
- ✓ Assess your business ideas against the required criteria

3. Optimise & Select

- ✓ Optimise your ideas for the endorsement application, localise them to the UK market, establish the financial requirements and any additional resources required
- ✓ Match you with a choice of existing UK companies to form a local partnership, help you with due diligence and negotiate investment terms
- ✓ Select the 3 most suitable Endorsing Bodies for your business idea against the specific selection criteria of each Body

2. Plan & Prepare

- ✓ Plan market research, assist with the creation of your business plan including help to create your go-to market strategies, recruitment and financial models
- ✓ Train you for submitting your application for endorsement, including pitch and interview
- ✓ Liaise with the Endorsing Body and Immigration Lawyers, carry out KYC & AML checks and movement of funds to ensure a smooth and stress-free visa application process leading to grant of Entry Clearance

4. Confirm

- ✓ Receive Entry Clearance
- ✓ Facilitate bank account formation and bank account opening
- ✓ Assistance with Investment Transaction

5. Support

- ✓ Non-executive support and mentoring following Entry Clearance until ILR is achieved after 3 years provided by Innovative Britain (optional)
- ✓ Introduction to business relationships and additional capital
- ✓ Access to full wealth, tax management and education consultancy for UK schools and universities via our trusted partners

Application Process

The application starts with an individual consultation with InvestUK so that we can create a bespoke proposal for you. This will include:



Applicants should allow a minimum of 3 months for the application process.

- 1 The application process
- 2 The fee structure
- 3 A tailored investment strategy

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