



Funded support for business

Sector specific support for businesses
in the D2N2 area

Chemistry

Food and brewing

Manufacturing



Driving Research and Innovation

The University of Nottingham is now offering **free support through workshops, collaborative research and development (R&D) projects and consultancy services** for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funded 'Driving Research and Innovation' project. We aim to help companies to develop new products, processes and services, and to expand their existing internal and external supply chain capabilities.

The project involves three world-class centres within the University of Nottingham: **Precision Manufacturing Centre, Chemistry Innovation Laboratory, and Food Innovation Centre**. Each centre has world-class knowledge and expertise, as well as some of the most advanced technology and equipment in the world.



Who is it for?

The ERDF Driving Research and Innovation project is open to businesses that:

- employ fewer than 250 people
- are not an organisation which is more than 25% owned by an enterprise that in itself is not an SME
- have an annual turnover not exceeding €50m or Annual Balance Sheet not exceeding €43m
- are based in the D2N2 (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) area

If you are unsure whether or not you qualify for support, please contact us.

What is on offer?

We provide world class expertise and cutting-edge technologies to help companies create, develop and produce high-value, high-quality pioneering products/processes/services, and solve challenges their businesses are facing. We can assist in a large variety of industries and projects, using our expertise in areas such as:

- Ultra precision complex engineering
- Prototyping
- Design for manufacture
- Measurement reporting
- Analytical testing
- Product formulation
- Regulatory and QC support
- Literature reviews and market analysis
- New product development in food and drink
- Flavour/Sensory science and healthy ingredients
- Packaging/shelf life
- Sustainable manufacturing

What next?

This wide-reaching project has the potential to enable local businesses to make a change in the way they work, giving them a competitive advantage in the marketplace, and helping to grow and create new jobs.

The project team are available now to support SMEs across the D2N2 area with technical assistance projects, consultancy services and workshop opportunities.

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