

Important Information on Industrial Contributions

The operational costs of the Aerospace Technology Institute (ATI) are underwritten equally by both government and industry, as stipulated in Schedule 3 of the Framework Agreement. To ensure the fulfilment of this arrangement, the ATI will invoice the lead partner for an Industrial Contribution to secure this portion of the funding.

Lead project partners must follow the terms set out in the Framework Agreement including the key points included below:

Billing:

- Completion of the Grant Offer Letter and Forecast Grant Claim (Finance Schedule) is a prerequisite before any schedules or billing can be communicated.
- It is essential to complete the [Lead Partner Contact Form](#). Failure to do so may impede grant payments.
- Upon completion, the ATI will provide an Industrial Contributions Invoice schedule to the lead partner based on the Forecast Grant Claim and the prevailing percentage contribution.
- Invoicing will occur quarterly, specifically at the conclusion of March, June, September, and December.
- Amendments to the schedule and billing will only be sanctioned upon approval of Project Change Requests (PCR) and will not be adjusted to reflect actual expenditure.
- In the event of project termination, the ATI will invoice according to the schedule up to the termination date upon receipt of the termination letter.

Responsibilities and exemptions:

- The lead partner is accountable for settling the Industrial Contribution on behalf of the consortium members.
- Payment terms entail remittance within 60 days from the date of invoice issuance.
- Contributions are computed based on the entire grant, irrespective of whether consortium members include academia, catapults, and/or not-for-profit organisations.
- Academia, catapults, and/or not-for-profit organisations shall be absolved of any obligation to pay industrial contributions, whether directly or indirectly.
- Should you have any queries or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at revenue@ati.org.uk, and we will be delighted to provide assistance.

About Industrial Contributions

Industrial Contributions cover half of the institute's operating costs over its lifetime, with the other half being met by government. Industrial Contributions are currently set at 2.5% in line with original rates in place since the formation of the ATI.

The size of the contributions made by industry to the operating costs of the ATI is determined by calculating a percentage of the grant awarded to projects through the ATI Programme with the exception of the SME Programme. The ATI Framework Agreement sets out details of how the Industrial Contributions work but an illustrated example is provided below.

- Example: A research project with £1m total costs is awarded a £600k ATI grant. The amount the project will need to contribute to ATI operating costs is £600k multiplied by the current Industrial Contributions Percentage (ICP) rate for the relevant competition applied to. For a project awarded funding through the Strategic Programme in Batch 39, this would be $£600k \times 2.5\% = £15k$.