

## UK Digital Twin Centre Pathways FAQs

### How long do I have to apply for this programme?

Applications open on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2026 and close on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2026 23:59. Applications must be complete and submitted by this deadline in order to be considered.

### When will I find out if my application has been successful?

We aim to make a decision and notify successful applicants by the end of November 2026. Following this, there will be a short contracting period before projects can commence.

### What are the key dates for the project?

The projects are expected to start in late November or early December 2026 and must conclude by the end of March 2027. These dates are subject to change.

You may be requested to take part in a short clarification discussion where further information is required to verify your proposed project. We aim to hold these in mid-November.

### Who should apply for this programme?

The open call is open to UK-registered organisations or organisations with an established UK place of business. Applicants do not need to have an existing digital twin but must have a clearly defined challenge or proposed use case.

### What is this programme looking to address?

The UK Digital Twin Centre Pathways Programme is collaborative research and development initiative designed to help organisations investigate important questions related to digital twin opportunities, technical feasibility or ontology development. Selected organisations will work directly with Digital Catapult over an 8-to-10 week period to generate evidence and insights that inform their future business decisions.

### What Pathways are available?

Applicants can apply to one of three Pathways:

- **Opportunity Assessment**

- Investigate the strategic value, readiness, risks and requirements of a novel digital twin opportunity
- **Feasibility Study**
  - Investigate the technical feasibility, architecture, data, interoperability and implementation requirements of a novel digital twin use case
- **Ontology Discovery**
  - Explore how knowledge, data, assets, processes and relationships can be represented using an ontology-first approach

## Is there funding available?

No cash funding is provided to participants. Instead, selected organisations receive collaborative support from Digital Catapult valued at approximately £15,000. Participants are expected to contribute their staff time, expertise and other in-kind resources as part of the collaboration.

## What contribution is expected from applicants?

Applicants must be able to contribute appropriate staff time, expertise, information and access to support delivery of the project. The contribution should be broadly comparable to the value of support provided through the Pathway.

## Can I apply for more than one Pathway?

No. Applicants may submit one application for one use case and should select the Pathway that best matches the question they want to investigate. Whilst applications are restricted to one use case in this open call, please bear in mind that there may be more opportunities to apply to pathways programmes in the future.

## Do I need to already have a digital twin?

No. Organisations do not need to have an existing digital twin. However, they must have a sufficiently defined challenge, opportunity or use case that can be investigated through collaborative R&D.

## What kinds of projects are you looking for?

We are looking for reasonably novel digital twin opportunities where there is a genuine unanswered question or uncertainty. Successful projects will typically:

- Explore a new or emerging digital twin use case
- Address a challenge where important questions remain unanswered

- Benefit from collaboration between the applicant and Digital Catapult
- Generate knowledge or evidence that may have wider value beyond a single organisation
- Contribute to the growth of the UK digital twin ecosystem

## Any queries that haven't been answered here?

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