Technology Access Programme FAQs

How long do I have to apply for this programme?

Applications open on 08 October 2026 and close on 19 November 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 early December 2026.

What are the key dates for the programme?

The programme is expected to start 11 January 2027 and conclude on 19 March 2027. These dates are subject to change.

Who should apply for this programme?

UK registered businesses who would like to experiment with industry standard tools relevant to Digital Twin solutions, to understand how they can be applied to their industry and their use cases. Organisations must be based in the UK.

What is this programme looking to address?

UK DTC TAP is designed for organisations that want to move from curiosity to capability. Successful applications gain hands-on access to their selected UK DTC technology vendor, through training, ongoing support, and licenses. In some cases, there will also be the opportunity to gain hands-on access to the state-of-the-art UK DTC in Belfast and work alongside Digital Catapult's technology specialists across the full range of Digital Twin technologies.

Participants benefit from real-world insight into how Digital Twins are being applied at the leading edge and a clear view of how to apply these concepts within their own organisation.

Who are the technology vendors on the programme?

Applications must choose one of these Digital Twin technology vendors to work with:

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1. CADFEM / Ansys

Participants will receive six-month trial licences for Ansys software products selected to suit their use case. Online training and individual technical support from Ansys experts, tailored to their chosen technology, will help them apply the tools effectively.

2. MathWorks

Participants will receive two days of remote training on MathWorks products relevant to Digital Twins and their use case, plus weekly one-to-one technical support over eight weeks. Licences and learning resources are provided for the eight weeks.

3. Cadence Design Systems

Participants will attend a two-day, in-person technical workshop at a Cadence training location (to be confirmed). Access to Cadence technology, technical expertise and learning resources will be provided during the workshop, tailored to each participant's use case.

Can I apply to more than one vendor?

No. Applicants must select a single technology pathway that best matches their challenge.

Is there funding available?

No cash funding is provided to participants. Instead, selected organisations receive state assistance from Digital Catapult valued at approximately £3,500.

What commitment is required?

Participants should be prepared to attend training sessions, workshops and technical support meetings, and allocate sufficient staff time throughout the programme.

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