

Artificial Intelligence holds huge opportunities to drive productivity and prosperity across the UK economy and businesses who adopt AI are more likely to be successful than those that do not.

But evidence shows that a lack of AI skills in businesses is hindering AI adoption, in part due to low investment in AI upskilling in UK businesses, particularly in smaller companies.

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) recently announced a £7.4 million pilot scheme to subsidise the cost of AI skills training for small and medium-sized enterprises in the Professional Business Services sector with £6.4 million of grant funding available.

Through this pilot programme, eligible businesses can apply for funding for up to 50% of the cost of AI skills training. This is training which supports employees to develop their technical skills and/or understanding of AI to be able to develop, deploy, or use AI in their role. The application window is now open until 31 May.

To find out more, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flexible-ai-upskilling-fund>

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