

# LIF Global 2026 Application

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# Overview

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# Who we are

# The Academy

## Fellowship

- 1600+ accomplished fellows in various engineering fields
- access to networks, ecosystems

## National Academy

- Think tank, influencing policy
- Part of a bigger innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem

## Charity

- Public benefits
- No equity, no fee, no IP, lifetime support

# LIF Global Programme

## Training

focused on  
**commercialisation**  
and maximising  
their technology's  
**impact** on society

## Mentoring

Aimed at providing  
**individualised**  
**support** and  
expertise on  
navigating  
entrepreneurial  
hurdles

## Networking

Strengthening **in-**  
**country, UK-**  
**based and global**  
**networks**

LIF Global empowers cohorts of engineering innovators- who have a technology prototype, from emerging economies, who are making a positive impact on their communities- to develop entrepreneurial skills

# Why founders choose LIF Global

# Global Impacts since 2014- what we do, works

**1500+  
alumni  
globally**

**388+  
partnerships**

**\$192 million+  
funding  
obtained by  
LIF  
innovations**

**Over 6800+  
new jobs  
created**

**Over 1083  
patents  
registered**

# Support Package

**In-country  
& UK  
ecosystem**

**The  
opportunity  
of  
expanding  
to the UK  
market**

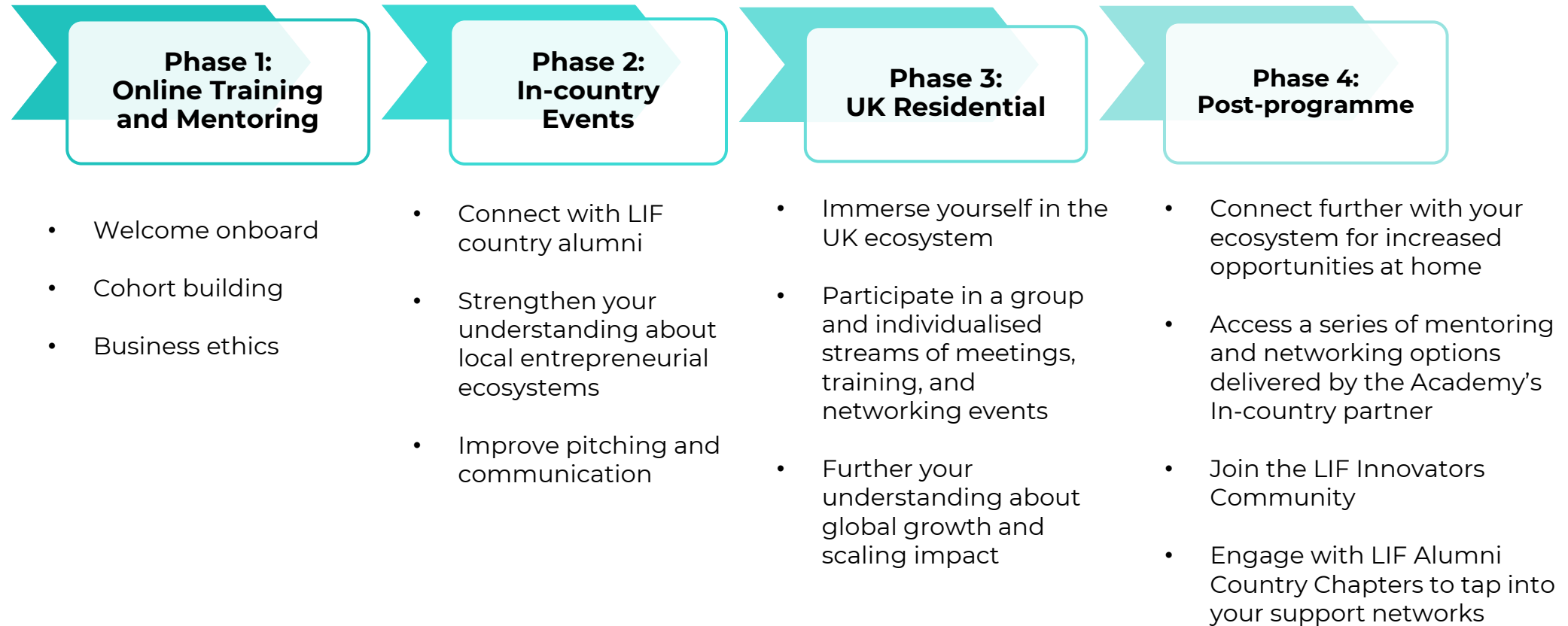
**8 months of  
founder-  
centric  
support**

**Lifetime  
alumni  
Community**

**Global  
networks  
and  
connections**



# LIF Global 2026 Activities Overview



# Who we are looking for

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## Countries

Brazil, India, Jordan,  
Philippines, Vietnam

## English

Must demonstrate  
English proficiency

## Entrepreneurial Drive

Must have a strong  
commitment to  
commercialising the  
innovation

**No Past LIF  
Alumni,  
No Past LIF  
Innovation**

**Only one  
person from  
per  
research  
team**

**Full eligibility requirements  
can be found in the Application  
Guidance Notes p7-8.**

# WHAT we are looking for

## Technological readiness level (TRL) 4 minimum

Prototype, validated in a lab environment

## Impact

Your innovation will improve social welfare, economic development in your community and/or LMIC

## Potential of the business

Credible proposition, viable market, scalable products

## Commitment

4 hours in December 2025 for onboarding;  
4 days of In-country event;  
2-week UK Residential;  
a series of online training and mentoring from January to June 2026

## Ambition

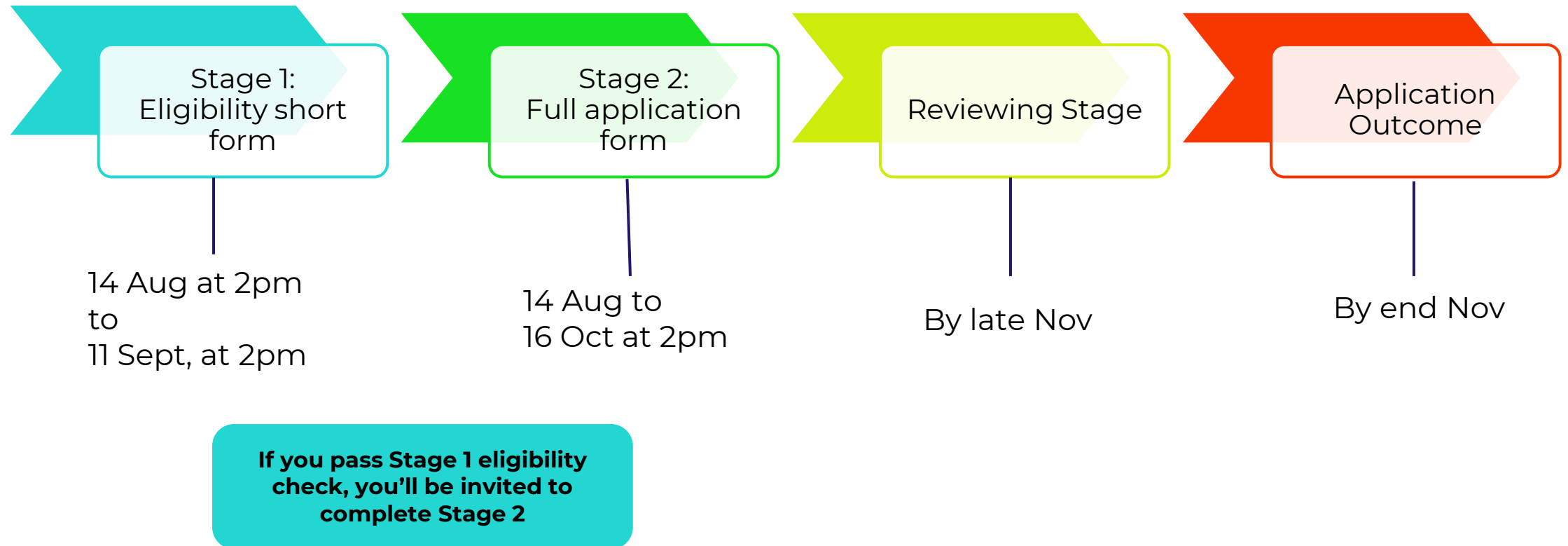
To lead the company if you have one;  
to implement learnings in the business;  
to become an entrepreneur.

## Programme -fit

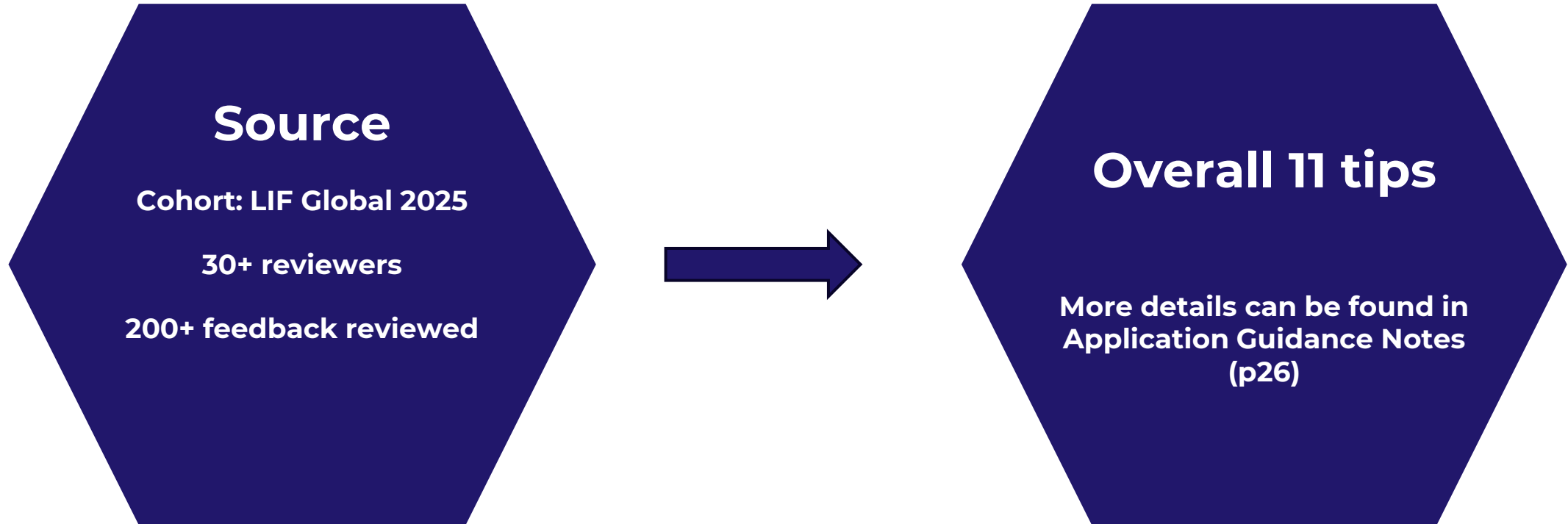
The programme will add value to you

# Application and Selection Process

# Application Process



# General tips for applicants



# How to pass Eligibility Check?

**Answer  
questions  
directly**

**Innovation  
should be in  
the fields of  
engineering**

**Provide  
sufficient  
details about  
your  
technology  
and impacts**

**Align with  
the  
programme  
goals**

**Complete  
the  
application  
in English**

**Your  
technology  
should  
address an  
SDG goal**

**Primary  
application of  
your  
technology  
should not be  
military**



# Tips to ace the shortlisting process

## Make sure the English video meet requirements

- Applicant must speak English
- Make video accessible to assessors
- Video must be more than 1 minute long to provide sufficient information

## Provide evidence about your technology level

- Outline key aspects of your technology, including
  - technical details, status of testing,
  - development,
  - compliance with existing quality standards,
  - any regulatory approval and clearance, etc.

## Clarify your unique value proposition

- Specify your competitive advantage that distinguish your innovation from your competitors:
  - cost effectiveness,
  - Improved performance,
  - environment benefits, etc.

## Improve market analysis and business

- Demonstrate your understanding of commercial potential:
  - market segment,
  - distributional model,
  - business model, etc
- Conduct market research:
  - market size,
  - potential demand,
  - target demographics,
  - consumer pain points behaviours, etc
- Provide feedback of users/customers if you already have

## Potential Partnership

- Your collaboration with relevant stakeholder, such as experts, technology providers, industry, etc to enhance the credibility of your innovation and market readiness

## Entrepreneurial Drive

- Articulate your motivation for commercialisation
- Demonstrate your readiness to entrepreneurship

# Tips to ace the reviewing process

## Identify the novelty of your technology

- Current stage of tech
- Identify what makes your innovation unique
- Avoid technical jargon

## Use a business perspective

- Product market fit
- Understand market at all levels (local, national, regional, intl)
- Outline complimentary skills of the team

## Demonstrate commercial potential

- Customer research and strategies
- Customer feedback
- Show your traction

## Show commercial credibility

- Provide evidence about partnership strategy or stakeholder engagement

## Have a strategy to protect your technology

- IP is essential for research-based/ deep-tech innovations
- Provide info about existing/pending patents, etc

## Programme fit

- LIF Global is for early-stage entrepreneurs
- Articulate specific goals for participating
- LIF doesn't offer funding

# How best to use these insights



**Self-reflection**



**External feedback**



**Writing guide**

## • **Don't use them as**

- An official marking scheme
- Self-criticism

# Thank you

# Good luck!

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