UK Microgravity Demonstration Programme Clarification Questions

Q – Is it preferred to keep all partners to UK? Can we select overseas partners? Will this affect funding arrangements?

R- The project should be UK-led, but international collaboration within a consortium may be considered where it supports a UK-led project and complies with applicable legal, export control, security and contractual requirements.

Q- What evidence of payload maturity and co-funding is expected at the EOI stage, as opposed to the later mission-scoping stage?

R- At the shortlisting stage, potential to secure match funding is evaluated. Any evidence you can provide, such as letters of support, will assist in this evaluation. In the stage 2 cost validation phase, you will need to provide firm confirmation that you can cover the match funding. The payload must be mature enough to fly within approximately one year of submission of the EOI, so you will need to provide enough information to support early feasibility and mission scoping, for example details of any work done to date. Projects closer to payload readiness may be easier to progress.