



# NOMINET DNS FUND APPLICATION FORM

This document provides a full list of the questions included in the Nominet DNS Fund application form to help you prepare and complete your application.

For further information about the application process, [please see our website](#).

To apply for the Nominet DNS Fund, [please use this form](#).

# SECTION 1:

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

### QUESTIONS:

- Contact Person
- What is your role in this specific project?
- Email Address
- Phone Number (inc. international code)
- Are you applying as an organisation or as an individual?

If you are applying as an **organisation**, additional questions:

- What is the name of the organisation (legal entity) applying for funding?
- Address (if applicable registered company address)
- If applicable, please send a link to your company's registration e.g. Company's House or company number
- Organisation/Entity Type (e.g. Non-profit, Commercial, Academic, etc.)
- What country is this organisation (legal entity) registered in?

If you are applying as an **individual**, additional question:

- If you are applying as an individual, please tell us about the experience, portfolio or qualifications that demonstrate your ability to deliver the proposed project. You may either paste your CV into the box below or provide a link to a page that summarises your relevant experience.

## **SECTION 2:**

# **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

### **QUESTIONS:**

- Project Title – please give your project a simple title no more than 5 words
- Project Summary [50 words] Please provide a concise overview of your project and its primary goal
- Website/Project Repository including GitHub or GitLab URLs

# SECTION 3:

## PROJECT DELIVERABLES

### Proposed Activities and Impact of Funding

#### QUESTIONS:

- What would a funding award from Nominet's DNS fund enable you to achieve with this project? [max 400 words]
- List the main activities you will complete with this funding
- List up to 5 main deliverables or outputs your project would aim to deliver with this funding. These should be measurable and explain the changes that will result from the activities.
- What delivery requirements can you commit to concerning code development, publication and documentation?
- What is your proposed quality assurance approach?
- If you intend to use AI as part of your delivery (such as developing or reviewing code) please share the details of your planned approach. Include a brief statement about how internal and external AI contributions to the project will be managed in terms of risk, quality assurance and auditability. If you do not intend to use AI please write N/A.

# SECTION 4:

## PROJECT BENEFITS

These questions are structured to reflect the principles Nominet has published which guide the assessment of your application.

### QUESTIONS:

- **Public Benefit** [max 200 words]
  - Please share a real-world example of how your project's technology benefits its intended users.
  
- **Core Need** [max 200 words]
  - Please describe the specific issue your project addresses within the DNS ecosystem. Why is it important?
  
- **Upstream Dependencies** [max 200 words]
  - What technologies does your project significantly depend on? If there are any details it would be helpful for us to know about, please share here.
  
- **Downstream Dependencies** [max 200 words]
  - What technologies significantly depend on your project?
  
- **Deployment Pathway** [max 200 words]
  - How long has the project, or previous iterations of the project, been in operation?
  - Who are your users or potential users?
  - (If you can) please indicate scale of use and any pertinent history of the project.
  
- **The Right Team** [max 200 words]
  - Please identify the individuals involved in the project, outlining their roles, relevant experience, and qualifications related to DNS, open-source, or the

project's technical domain (max 50 words per individual). If you have contributors, please share details.

- **Sustainability** [max 200 words]
  - What risks or challenges are you facing with development or ongoing maintenance of the project, which support from the DNS Fund could help mitigate?
  - Do you see opportunities to future proof your project?

## SECTION 5:

### BUDGET AND TIMELINES

**For a limited number of applications, Nominet will offer multi-year funding up to 3 years. We will review your answer based on the merit and appropriateness of your proposed budget and alignment with the project scope.**

#### QUESTIONS:

- How many months will you need to implement the activities (up to 36 months)?
- What is your proposed timetable for delivery of key milestones?
- What is your budget in GBP?
- Please indicate the budget required per milestone inclusive of any taxes.
- What currency do you want to be paid in? We would calculate and agree exchange rate at point of contracting.

#### Project Resources to Date:

- **Project Resources to Date:** [max 200 words]

How has the project been made possible to date – including funding, volunteering, or other support that has enabled it? Do you rely on other sources of funding for this project? [max 200 words]

- Do you have any indirect costs that would help you achieve your aims? If so, what budget would you allocate to this? This might be participation in technical meetings or training – while these cannot comprise the substantive budget for your proposal we are open to considering complimentary activities.

- **Additional Information:** [max 200 words]

Please share any additional information you think will help us understand why your project is a good fit for the Nominet DNS Fund.

## SECTION 6:

### DECLARATION AND AGREEMENT

#### QUESTIONS:

- I/We confirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and true to the best of my/our knowledge.
- Name:
- Date

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#### FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Queries and feedback should be directed to Amy who will connect you with the most relevant person to answer your enquiry.

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