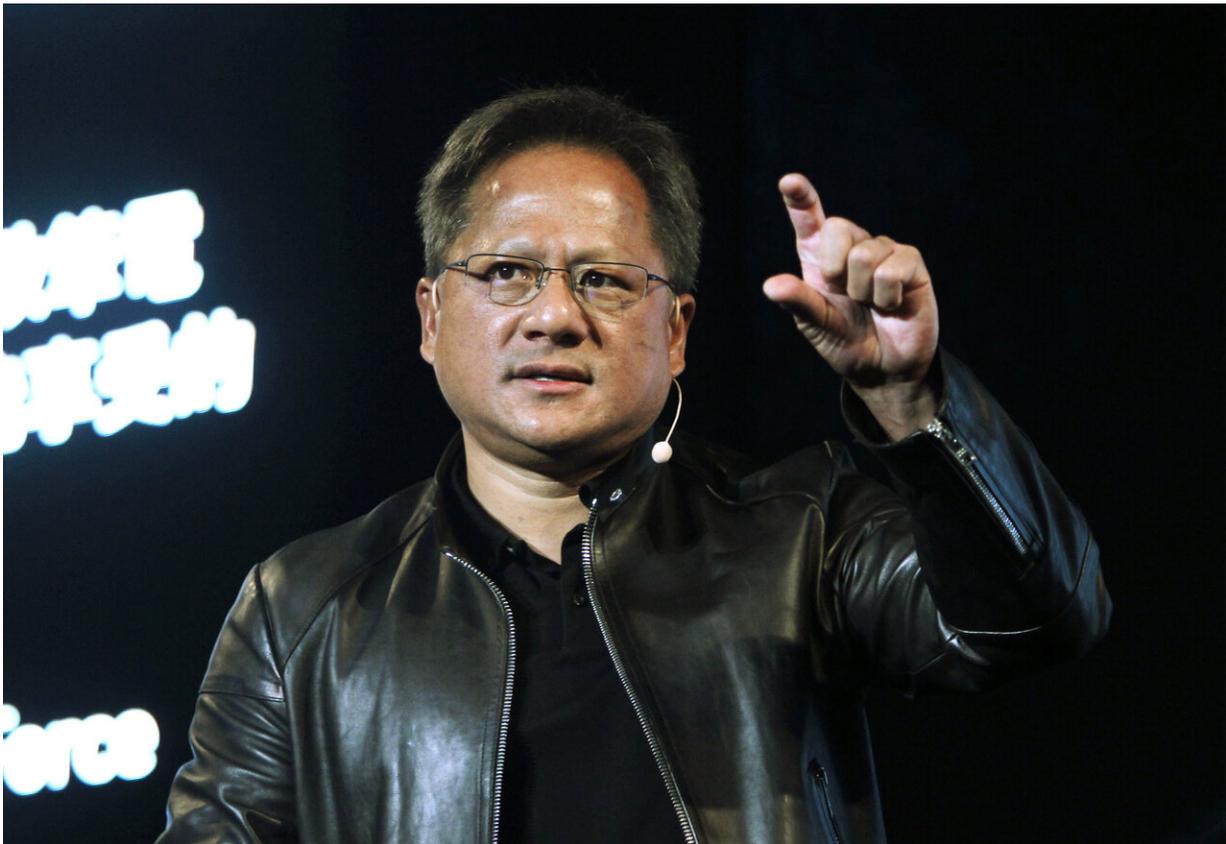


Nvidia says it will build UK's most powerful supercomputer

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In this Tuesday, May 30, 2017 file photo, Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang delivers a speech about AI and gaming during the Computex Taipei exhibition at the world trade center in Taipei, Taiwan. Graphics chip maker Nvidia said Monday, Oct. 5, 2020 it plans to build Britain's fastest supercomputer that healthcare researchers can use to work on medical problems including COVID-19. Santa Clara, California-based Nvidia said it will spend 40 million pounds (\$52 million) on the supercomputer, dubbed Cambridge-1, which will consist of 80 Nvidia systems

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Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang said Cambridge-1 will be available to healthcare researchers using [artificial intelligence](#) to working on urgent medical challenges.

"Tackling the world's most pressing challenges in healthcare requires massively powerful computing resources to harness the capabilities of AI," Huang said.

Cambridge-1 would be ranked the world's 29th most powerful supercomputer and the most powerful in the U.K., [the company said](#).

Pharmaceutical companies GlaxoSmithKline and AstraZeneca are among the groups that have already signed up to use the supercomputer.

The announcement comes after the [company](#) said [last month](#) it agreed to buy U.K.-based chip designer Arm Holdings for up to \$40 billion, and would set up an artificial intelligence research center in Cambridge, England, where Arm is headquartered.

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