**Taiwan-Israel R&D Cooperation Program**

 **A bilateral framework providing financial support for collaborative industrial R&D Projects between Taiwan and Israeli companies**

***2020 Calls for Proposal***

1. **Common Requirements & Criteria**

These guidelines and information are specific to the Taiwan-Israel R&D Cooperation Program, for projects submitted under the current Call for Proposals (CFP).

In order to apply, companies and projects must meet the following criteria:

1. At least one science and technology company from the respective economies, fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned below, should express a desire to cooperate in the research and development of a new product or a new process.
2. The project may involve more than one company from each side.
3. Academic/Research entities are eligible to join as sub-contractors only.
4. The product should be highly innovative with significant commercial potential. The joint industrial R&D project should aim at the development of products/processes leading to commercialization in the global market.
5. Companies and projects from all technology fields are eligible to apply.
6. The project partners should agree in advance on the IP rights and on the commercialization strategy of the product or process. The companies also have to observe the relevant IPR requirements under the respective government funding schemes.
7. Distribution of work and checkpoints of each milestone for both sides need to be clearly stated in the proposal.
8. The project should demonstrate the commercialization application and implementation strategy-including market potential, marketing strategy, targeted customers, competition analysis and a business model.
9. Verification & validation plan needs to be clearly stated, if any.
10. The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both economies.
11. The project should be balanced between participants and significant to both partners.
12. The maximum project period is three years subject to the rules of the respective government funding schemes.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project meets the aforementioned criteria can apply for funding in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures of respective participating funding schemes in effect.

1. **Eligibility**

**Taiwan Applicants:**

Eligible applicants will be registered Taiwan companies which have R&D activities in Taiwan.

**Israeli Applicants:**

Eligible applicants will be R&D performing Israeli registered companies operating in Israel.

1. **Funding Support**

Funding support will be provided to each partner through its own implementing & funding organisation (either DoIT in Taiwan or Israel Innovation Authority in Israel) in accordance with the respective laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

**In Taiwan**

1. Funding will be provided in the form of a grant to the projects selected under the Call for Proposal.
2. The total funding from the Government of Taiwan via the DoIT will not exceed 50% of the eligible and approved costs of the R&D, in accordance with the national laws and regulations.
3. Such project would be vetted and funded in accordance with the National Mechanism of Taiwan and Israel separately; however, final approval of the projects submitted in Taiwan under this joint program would be subject to the approval of the partner project in Israel (the Israeli Partner's application would also be independently vetted and funded in accordance with the Israel Innovation Authority established mechanism (see below for details)).
4. For more information about funding conditions, applicants should visit following websites:

<http://www.moea.gov.tw/MNS/doit/content/Content.aspx?menu_id=13391>

<http://aiip.tdp.org.tw/>

**In Israel**

* 1. Funding will be provided in the form of a *conditional grant* to the projects selected under the Call for Proposals.
	2. The total funding from the Government of Israel via the Israel Innovation Authority will not exceed 50% of the eligible and approved costs of the R&D, in accordance with the national laws and regulations.
	3. When a project results in sales of a product, service or process, the financial support must be repaid to Israel Innovation Authority according to its regulations (in general, royalties are paid at rates beginning at 3% of sales, depending on various criteria. Royalties are payable until 100% of the amount of the grant has been repaid with interest as provided in the applicable regulations). If the project does not result in sales, no repayment is required.
	4. For more information on funding conditions, applicants should visit the website of Israel Innovation Authority: <https://innovationisrael.org.il/program/2851>

**5. The Application Process**

**In Taiwan**

The Taiwan partner should prepare the following document and submit them to the Program Office of the A+ Industrial Innovation R&D Program during the timeframe for submission:

* + - 1. Application form and the basic information form of the applicant company in duplicate
			2. Full Proposal in duplicate
			3. The MOU or LOI signed between the Israel and Taiwan partners in duplicate
			4. The Bilateral Cooperation Form signed by Taiwan and Israeli partners in duplicate
			5. The audited financial statements of the applicant(s) for the last three years

**In Israel**

**Phase 1: Bilateral Cooperation Form + Letter of Intent (LOI)**

The first phase Bilateral Cooperation Form (BCF) provides a summary of the proposed joint project with enough detail for the reviewers to make an initial assessment of the merits of the project.

The form should be filled out by both applicants together, and identical copies should be submitted to the program managers in Taiwan and Israel by the mutually agreed [deadline](#Deadlines) to be eligible for further consideration.

The BCF must be signed by both Taiwan and Israeli partners, and must be submitted together with a Letter of Intent (LOI) or MOU detailing IP plans for the project.

**Incomplete BCF template or BCF submitted in any other format will not be accepted.**

In Israel, the filled out BCF & LOI must be submitted in softcopy via email to the Program Manager in Israel (nofar.hamrany@innovationisrael.org.il).

**Submission of the BCF is mandatory and is the first required document that companies must submit.**

The BCF would then be referred for basic technical review to confirm that all the documents required are provided and that companies are considered eligible by both sides. Upon approval, the companies will receive notification as to whether or not they can continue to Step 2 in the application process. If approved, companies will be requested to submit a full project proposal (national format) to Israel Innovation Authority.

**Phase 2: Full Project Proposal (FPP) – National Format**

Partners meeting all eligibility criteria and whose BCFs are approved will be invited to submit the Full Project Proposal (FPP), according to the procedures and rules that apply, based on the rules and regulations of each funding agency respectively.

**6. Evaluation and Selection**

DoIT/ITRI in Taiwan and Israel Innovation Authority in Israel will carry out an independent evaluation of the joint R&D application and will select the eligible project to be financially supported in accordance with their respective Laws and Regulations.

The successful projects will be jointly selected by the two funding organizations at a “Joint Committee Meeting” based on the project criteria and requirements.

Companies who receive joint approval will be notified by their local implementing or funding agency.

**7.** **Timeframe & Deadlines for the Submission Process**

Applications under the Taiwan-Israel R&D Program can be submitted in one of **two** "Calls for Proposal" listed below:

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| **2020 – 9th Call** | **Israel** |
| 01.01.2020Launch of 9th Call for Proposals |
| 30.03.2020Deadline for 1st phase submission - Bilateral Cooperation Form + Letter of Intent  |
| 06.04.2020Notification to Israel Companies – BCF Approval  |
| 19.05.2020Deadline for 2nd phase submission - the "National Funding Application" |
| 19.05-05.08.2020Evaluation Period in Israel |
| **Joint Committee**August 2020 (TBD) \*\*Estimated Date, subject to change  |

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| **2020 – 10th Call** | **Israel** |
| 14.05.2020Launch of 10th Call for Proposals |
| 09.08.2020Deadline for 1st phase submission - Bilateral Cooperation Form + Letter of Intent |
| 16.08.2020Notification to Israel Companies – BCF Approval  |
| 13.09.2020Deadline for 2nd phase submission - the "National Funding Application" |
| 13.09-09.12.2020Evaluation Period in Israel |
| **Joint Committee**December 2020 (TBD) \*\*Estimated Date, subject to change  |

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