# Argentina – Israel R&D Cooperation Program

## 2022/3 Call for Proposals

## September 19th, 2022 – February 20th, 2023

The Argentina-Israel program for Industrial Research and Development is a Bilateral Framework operated by both governments to provide active support, matchmaking and funding for collaborative R&D ventures carried out between Argentinean and Israeli companies.

The Bilateral Framework Program is jointly implemented by **MINCyT**, the Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation, in Argentina and the **Israel Innovation Authority.**

This Call aims to invite Israeli and Argentinean companies **in all industry sectors** to submit a joint proposal for cooperation in R&D that results in the development of **new and technologically innovative** products, processes or services of industrial application leading to commercialization in the domestic and/or global markets.

**Common Requirements**

In order to apply for the Program Call the following requirements must be met:

1. At least one R&D performing company from each country should cooperate in the joint R&D project.
2. The project may involve more than one company from each side; academic/research entities are eligible to join in as sub-contractors.
3. The solution being developed should be highly innovative with clear commercial potential. The joint industrial R&D project should aim at the development of products/processes leading to commercialization in the global market.
4. The project should be mutually beneficial and demonstrate contribution of the participants from both countries.
5. The project partners should agree in advance on the IP rights and on the commercialization strategy of the product or process.

**Note:** For the submission phase, only a LOI, a preliminary agreement or draft MoU is required, however the final agreement must be submitted to the funding authorities prior to receiving grants.

**Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria may apply under the present Call for Proposals in accordance with the national Laws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures in force.**

**Eligibility**

In Israel

Eligible applicants will be Israeli registered companies with R&D operations in Israel.

In Argentina

The beneficiary companies must be incorporated as such at the time of the submission and must be established in the Argentine national territory. These companies must at all times operate consistently with the Argentine laws that govern the requirements for each type of company and with the regulations issued by applicable regulatory authorities. Additionally, these companies must have SME status.

**Size of Investments and Matching Funds**

1. Funding support will be given to each partner by its own Implementing Organizations (Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation in Argentina and Israel Innovation Authority in Israel) in accordance with the National Laws, Rules, Regulations and procedures in effect.
2. The total funding from the Government of Israel via the Israel Innovation Authority, under the Argentina-Israel R&D program is up to 50% of the eligible costs plus regional incentives, in accordance with national laws and regulations.
3. Argentina, via the National Agency for the Promotion of Research, Technological Development and Innovation, will fund up to 80% of the costs for a total amount of up to ARS 30 million[[1]](#footnote-1).
4. Projects are eligible even if one of the partners choses to conduct its part on a self-funding basis. Applying bilaterally will allow the other partner in an approved project to receive the grant from its respective government.

**Submission of the project proposals**

These Call is launched on **September 19th, 2022.**

The call will be open until **February 20th, 2023.**

By the end of this call, partnering organizations will submit:

1. A bilateral cooperation form demonstrating the technological contribution of the participants from both countries, signed by both partners.
2. A funding application to the respective agency in their country

**Note:** the call does allow bilateral applications that are based on self-funding of either participant

**Important:**

1. The bilateral application form must be signed by the partners from Argentina and from Israel and submitted to MINCYT and the Israel Innovation Authority within the deadline of the call period.
2. Unless approved by both sides' authorities, applications submitted after the deadline period will not be considered and may be resubmitted by the interested parties in the subsequent deadline or call.
3. A Letter of Intent, Preliminary Agreement, or draft MoU between the participants from both countries is required. If the proposal is approved the final agreement must be submitted to the funding authorities.
4. Documents should be submitted to Israel in English. For Argentina, all documents must be submitted in Spanish and English.
5. Israel Innovation Authority and MINCYT will screen the forms and further evaluate the funding applications only for eligible applicants.

**Funding application**

In Israel

* The Israeli partner is required to submit the National Application Form in accordance with the Israel Innovation Authority regulations, through an online system: <https://my.innovationisrael.org.il/messages>
* A signed copy of the [bilateral application form](http://www.matimop.org.il/uploads/attachments/1671/bilateral_cooperation_form_argentina_general_word.doc) is required to be scanned and uploaded as well. The application in the prescribed format should be submitted to the Israel Innovation Authority as well as sent by email to alan.hofman@innovationisrael.org.il
* A copy of the application and funding form must be sent by email to alan.hofman@innovationisrael.org.il

In Argentina

* Argentine companies must submit their R&D project application via the project management system (SGP) <http://sgp.mincyt.gob.ar/SGP/Seguridad/Login.aspx>.

Once the application has been created in the above platform, the legal representative must confirm it by sending the resulting application through the Trámites a Distancia (TAD) platform with AFIP access password level 3, consistently with the applicable procedure.

* The templates for these documents may be downloaded from http://www.agencia.mincyt.gob.ar/frontend/agencia/convocatoria/458.

**Evaluation and selection of the projects**

MINCyT, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation, in Argentina 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 national laws and regulations. The successful projects will be jointly selected by the two implementing organizations based on the project criteria and requirements specified in the application form.

**Repayments**

In Israel

According to IIA regulations.

In Argentina

The procedure selected will be the one set out in the operational manual (reimbursement and direct payment to providers) in the link for the Call: [www.agencia.mincyt.gob.ar/frontend/agencia/instrumento/5](http://www.agencia.mincyt.gob.ar/frontend/agencia/instrumento/5)

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1. As of July 2022. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)