

China - Israel Cooperation Program for Industrial R&D

A bilateral framework providing financial support for collaborative industrial R&D ventures between Israeli & Chinese companies

9th Call for Proposals for Joint Industrial R&D projects

The government of The People's Republic of China (PRC) and the government of the State of Israel signed a bilateral agreement in 2010 to form the China - Israel Cooperation Program for Industrial R&D, with the primary aim of supporting joint industrial R&D projects aimed at the development of products or processes leading to commercialization in the global market.

Within the context of the bilateral framework, funding mechanisms have been created, through which industry may seek support for joint bilateral industrial research and development (R&D) projects and product adaptation projects, involving at least one Chinese company and one Israeli company.

The bi-lateral framework is jointly implemented by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) on behalf of the Chinese government and by the Israel Innovation Authority in Israel.

This call is open to joint projects in all technological sectors, based on merit that include science and technology (S&T) development leading to commercial success, social good and benefit to both countries.

This Call for Proposals is providing support for "product customization" projects focused on developing new products based on the modification / customization of existing products or technologies, which are targeted at the Chinese market.

1. Common Requirements

The criteria to be followed in order to apply to the program call are:

- a) At least two science and technology companies from the respective countries should express a desire to cooperate in the research and development of a new product or a new process, or in the adaptation of an existing product/process to the foreign market.
 - b) The project may involve more than one company from each side; academic /research entities are eligible to join as sub-contractors only.
 - c) R&D under the joint project should focus on either:
 - Developing Products that are 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;
- OR**
- Adapting / customizing existing product/process, belonging to the Israeli Company partner, to the needs and conditions of the Chinese market

d) The project partners should agree in advance on the IP rights and on the commercialisation strategy of the product or process.

Note: For the submission phase, only a Letter of Intent (LOI), a preliminary agreement or draft MoU is required, however the final agreement has to be presented to the funding authorities only after the project is jointly approved.

e) The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries

f) The project must be balanced between participants and strategically significant to both partners.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present Call for Proposal in accordance with the national Laws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures in effect.

2. Eligibility

In China

- ✓ Eligible applicants will be R&D performing Chinese registered companies operating in the People's Republic of China (PRC).
- ✓ A company cannot apply for funding simultaneously for the same project to this bi-lateral program and to other bi-lateral program Israel has with other Chinese Province/City
- ✓ Each Chinese participant shall not lead more than one project or participate in more than two projects under the national research and development programs in the same period of time.

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

3. Size of Investments and Matching Funds

1. Funding support will be given to each partner by its own Implementing Organisation; Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology Department (MOST), the People's Republic of China (PRC), and the Israel Innovation Authority in Israel) in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.
2. The total grant from the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC), via the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) under the financial support of the China-Israel R&D Program, will not exceed 2 Million RMB(around 330,000\$) per project, 50% of the eligible and approved costs of the R&D, in accordance with the national laws and regulations.
3. The total funding from the Government of Israel via the Israel Innovation Authority, under the financial support of the China-Israel R&D program, will not exceed 50% of the eligible and approved costs of the R&D, in accordance with the national laws and regulations.
4. The total number of projects supported by MOST is around 10 projects.

4. Submission of the project proposals

Applicants are required to follow the local requirements and use the provided application format and instructions to submit their proposal by June 21, 2023. Proposals that are not in the approved format will not be accepted.

In addition to the local application, an LOI/MOU and a Bilateral Application Form (BAF) must be submitted to both entities. The BAF provides a summary of the proposed project with enough detail for the reviewers to make an initial assessment of the merits of the project.

The BAF and Letter of Intent (LOI) / MOU must be filled and signed by both Chinese and Israeli partners and must include a detailing IP plan for the project.

Please note that the submission procedure is different between the entities and each side requires different document. Each partner should approach the relevant contact person for more details.

- ✓ **The present Call is launched on February 01, 2023, the deadline for applications is June, 21, 2023.**
- ✓ **The eligibility of each application will be analysed by MOST (China) and Israel Innovation Authority.**

Application Submission Procedure - relevant to the Israeli companies only.

Relevant Documents:

1. Bilateral Application Form
2. LOI/ Draft MOU

Elaboration

- The complete Bilateral Application Form should be filled out in English and submitted to Israel Innovation Authority by the Israeli partner by June 21, 2023.
- The Bilateral Application Form must be signed by both Chinese and Israeli partners.
- Additional LOI or draft MOU describing the IP rights and arrangements must be submitted as well.
- Chinese applicants will submit the application & LOI form to China Science and Technology Ministry according to the Ministry's announcement. **Please note- the Chinese form is different that the form required by IIA.**

PLESAE NOTE: Only applications submitted both in China and in Israel will be evaluated

The Israeli partner is required to submit the National Application form in accordance with the Israel Innovation Authority regulations, through an [online system](#) following the guidelines in the Israel Innovation Authority official website.

A signed copy of the Bilateral Cooperation Form is required to be uploaded as well.

Chinese Applicants:

The Chinese partner will be required to submit the National Application Form in accordance with MOST regulations upon further notice and guidelines published by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST).

Evaluation:

The Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and the Israel Innovation Authority in Israel will carry out an independent evaluation of the joint R&D application and will select the eligible projects 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.

6. Repayments

In Israel

When a project results in sales of a product, service or process, the financial support must be repaid to the Israel Innovation Authority according to its rules and regulations.

In China

Applicants shall abide by the existing rules and practices of MOST on management of research and development programs.

7. Publication of the Results

The Israeli and Chinese partners whose projects have been selected will be informed of the result and the amount of funding for the successful projects by their respective implementing organization.

	Israel	China
Application Opening Date	February 1, 2023	March 30, 2023
Application Submission Deadline	June 21 2023,	June 21 2023,
Joint Committee & Companies Notification	September-October 2023	September - October 2023

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