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

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

***21th Call for Proposal: 2024-2025***

**This Call for Proposals is open to joint projects from all technology sectors** based on merit that include science and technology (S&T) development leading to commercial success, social good and benefits to both countries.

1. **Common Requirements & Criteria**

These guidelines and information are specific to the Taiwan-Israel R&D and Pilot 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 subject to the rules of the respective government funding schemes.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D or Pilot project meets the 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.

* A self-funding project isn’t eligible to apply for this joint program.

**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:

<https://aiip.tdp.org.tw/Page?mid=87&itemid=11>

**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/international/rnd/bilateral>

**4. 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**

The Israeli partneris required to submit the full application to the Israel Innovation Authority, in accordance with its regulations, through **Signed copies of the Bilateral Application Form + LOI/Draft MOU by both Taiwanese and Israeli partners are required to be uploaded as well**. an [online system](https://my.innovationisrael.org.il/company) following the instructions on the relevant Track on the [website](https://innovationisrael.org.il/international/rnd).

**5. 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.

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Taiwan**  | **Israel**  |
| **Launch** |  |  **December 2nd, 2024** |
| **Full Submission Deadline** |  **February 18th, 2024**  |
| **Joint Committee** |  **May/June 2024**  |

**7. Contacts**

**ISRAEL**

**For Israeli Companies:**

Growth Division

Israel Innovation Authority

Email: growth@innovationisrael.org.il

**For Foreign Companies:**

International Collaboration Division

Israel Innovation Authority

Email: apac@innovationisrael.org.il

**TAIWAN**

**Veronica Hu**

Industry, Science and Technology International Strategy Center
ITRI – Industrial Technology Research Institute

Tel: +886-3-591-3425

Email: XiaoHu@itri.org.tw