



Taiwan-Israel R&D Cooperation Program

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

2017 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:

- A) 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.
- B) The project may involve more than one company from each side.
- C) Academic/Research entities are eligible to join as sub-contractors only.
- D) 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.
- E) Companies and projects from all technology fields are eligible to apply.
- F) 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.
- G) The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both economies.
- H) The project should be balanced between participants and significant to both partners.
- I) 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.

2. 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.



3. 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/doi/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 the Office of the Chief Scientist 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 the Office of the Chief Scientist:
<http://www.economy.gov.il/RnD/research%20and%20development%20programs/Pages/MopFund.aspx>

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](#) 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.

(For the Cooperation Form & submittal instructions - [click here](#))

In Israel, The filled out BCF & LOI must be submitted online via the Israel Innovation Authority website login page** and sent in softcopy via email to the Program Manager in Israel (Talia.G@innovationisrael.org.il).

****In order to get a username and password to access the online application system, Israeli companies should create a company profile or ask the program manager for their login details.**

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 the Office of the Chief Scientist in Israel.

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:

	Israel	Taiwan
2017 – 3rd Call	03.01.17 Launch of 3rd Call for Proposals	03.01.17 Launch of 3rd Call for Proposals
	11.05.17 Deadline for submission of Bilateral Cooperation Form + Letter of Intent	08.05.17-12.05.17 Deadline for submission of Bilateral Cooperation Form + Letter of Intent and Full Project Proposal
	No later than 18.5.17 Notification to Israel Companies – BCF Approval	↓
	15.6.17 Deadline for submitting the "National Funding Application"	
	Mid July - Beginning of Sept. Evaluation Period in Israel	15.05.17-31.8.17 Evaluation Period in Taiwan
	Joint Committee Mid Sept. (TBD) **Estimated Date, subject to change	

	Israel	Taiwan
2017 – 4th Call	03.07.2017 Launch of 4th Call for Proposals	17.07.2017 Launch of 4th Call for Proposals
	16.11.17 Deadline for submission of Bilateral Cooperation Form + Letter of Intent	31.10.16-04.11.16 Deadline for submission of Bilateral Cooperation Form + Letter of Intent and Full Project Proposal
	No later than 23.11.17 Notification to Israel Companies – BCF Approval	↓
	24.12.17 Deadline for submitting the "National Funding Application"	
	Beginning January-Mid March 2018 Evaluation Period in Israel	20.11.17-09.03.18 Evaluation Period In Taiwan
	Joint Committee End March 2018 (TBD) **Estimated Date, subject to change	





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