

Shandong Province (China) - Israel Program for Industrial R&D

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

4th Call for Proposals for Joint Industrial R&D projects

The government of the Shandong province of The People's Republic of China, and the government of the State of Israel signed a bilateral agreement in 2013 to form the Shandong-Israel 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 research and development (R&D) projects, involving at least one Shandong and one Israeli company.

The bi-lateral framework is jointly implemented by the Department of Science and Technology of Shandong Province in the Shandong province and the Israeli Innovation Authority in Israel.

This call is open to joint projects 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.
- b) The project may involve more than one company from each side; academic/research entities are eligible to join as sub-contractors only.
- c) 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 commercialisation in the global 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 an LOI (Letter of Intent), a preliminary agreement or draft MoU is required, however the final agreement has to be presented to the funding authorities.

- e) The project should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries
- f) The project must be balanced between participants and significant to both partners.

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

2. Eligibility

In Shandong

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

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 (Department of Science and Technology of Shandong Province in Shandong province and the 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 Shandong under the Shandong-Israel R&D program financial support will be given to subsidize the R&D expenditure of the projects and will not exceed 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 Shandong-Israel R&D program financial support, will not exceed 50% of the eligible and approved costs of the R&D, in accordance with the national laws and regulations.

4. Submission of the project proposals

A two stage application process will be followed; **first the bi-lateral application form**. Only those applications meeting all basic criteria of the Call for Proposals will be invited to submit full project proposals in the National Format. The Common bi-lateral application form must be submitted to both the Implementing Organisation simultaneously within the deadline of the particular call period. For approved applications, full project proposal in the program National Format should be submitted to the respective Implementing Organisations.

The present Call is launched on February 15, 2019, and invites applications in Common Application Format till May 15, 2019. The eligibility of each application will be analysed by Department of Science and Technology of Shandong Province and Israel Innovation Authority. Acknowledgement and the results of project consideration will be notified to all the applicants by respective Implementing Organisations latest by May 20, 2019.

Partners meeting all eligibility criteria of will be invited to submit the **National funding application using the procedures and according to the national rules that apply in Department of Science and Technology of Shandong Province and OCS in Israel respectively no later than June 10, 2019.**

Applications submitted after the deadline of the call period would be considered eligible for the next call period.

The complete joint project application (bi-lateral application form) must be sent in softcopy simultaneously to Department of Science and Technology of Shandong Province in Shandong province and by email to Israel Innovation Authority in Israel in an appropriate official language (preferably in English) before the deadline of each call.

The proposal (bi-lateral application form) must be signed by both Chinese and Israeli partners.

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

A signed copy of the Common Application Format is required to be uploaded as well. The application in the prescribed format should be submitted to Israel Innovation Authority as well at the coordinates provided at the end of the document.

The Chinese partner will be required to submit the National Application Form in accordance with Department of Science and Technology of Shandong Province regulations, upon further notice by Department of Science and Technology of Shandong Province.

5. Evaluation and selection of the projects

The Department of Science and Technology of Shandong Province and the 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.

6. Repayments

In Israel

When a project results in sales of a product, service or process, the financial support must be repaid to the respective organisations/agencies from where funding has been availed as per their individual regulations.

In Shandong

According to the existing rules and practices of Shandong province in supporting R&D activities of companies, currently the support for Shandong-Israel projects is in the form of grant without repayment.

7. Publication of the Results

The Israeli and Chinese partners whose projects have been selected will be informed of the results and the amount of funding for the successful projects by their respective implementing organizations possibly by **the end of September 2019.**

8. Pre-Implementation Requirements

After the award of the project, project leaders on both the sides would be advised by their respective Implementation Organizations to complete necessary administrative and legal instruments before the fund release.

9. Timeline & Deadlines (Plan)

15.02.2019	Launch of new Call for Proposals
15.5.2019	Deadline for submission of Bilateral Cooperation Form + Letter of Intent
20.5.2019	Notification to Companies – BCF Approval
10.6.2019	Deadline for submitting the "Local Funding Application" Done in parallel but separately in Israel and Sichuan
Mid-June- Mid September	Evaluation Period in Israel & Sichuan in parallel
End of September / Early October 2019	Joint Committee and announcements to applicants

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