

Jiangsu 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 Jiangsu province

20th Call for Proposals for Joint Industrial R&D projects

The government of the Jiangsu province of The People's Republic of China, and the government of the State of Israel signed a bilateral agreement in 2008 to form the Jiangsu-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 Jiangsu and one Israeli company.

The bi-lateral framework is jointly implemented by the Jiangsu Science and Technology Department (JSTD) **in the Jiangsu province and The Israel Innovation Authority (IIA)**.

This call 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

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 must be presented to the funding authorities before the fund release.

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.

g) The project timeframe is limited to 3 (three) years.

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

In Jiangsu - Eligible applicants will be R&D performing companies registered in Jiangsu before 31st December, 2023 and operating in Jiangsu.

3. Size of Investments and Matching Funds

- 1. Funding support will be given to each partner by its own Implementing Organisation (Jiangsu Science and Technology Department in Jiangsu province and the Israel Innovation Authority in Israel) in accordance with the National Laws, Rules, Regulations and procedures in effect.
- 2. The funding from the Government of Jiangsu under the Jiangsu-Israel R&D Program financial support will generally not exceed a certain amount set by the government for each project and will not exceed 50% of the eligible and approved budget of the R&D costs, in accordance with national laws and regulations
- 3. The total funding from the Government of Israel via the Israel Innovation Authority, under the Jiangsu-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

The 20th Call will be launched on February 18th, 2025. Applicants are required to follow the local requirements and use the provided application format with instructions and submit their proposal by July 3rd, 2025 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 IIA and JSTD.

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 plans for the project.

The complete joint project application (Bilateral Application Form) must be sent in softcopy simultaneously to Jiangsu Science and Technology Department in Jiangsu province and to the Israel Innovation Authority in Israel in an appropriate language (preferably in English) before the deadline of each call.

The Israeli partner is required to submit the full IIA application, in accordance with Israel Innovation Authority regulations, through an <u>online system</u> following the instructions on the relevant Track on the <u>IIA's website</u>.

The Chinese partner will be required to submit the Jiangsu application form in accordance with JSTD regulations, through an online system upon further notice by JSTD.

5. Evaluation and selection of the projects

The Jiangsu Science and Technology Department in Jiangsu 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.

6. Repayments

<u>In Israel</u> – 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 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.

<u>In Jiangsu</u> - According to the existing rules and practices of Jiangsu province in supporting **R&D** activities of companies, currently the support for Jiangsu-Israel projects is in the form of grant without repayment.

7. 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.

Call for proposals Timeline:

	Jiangsu	Israel
Launch	February 2025	
Application Submission Deadline	July 3 rd 2025	
Joint Committee & Companies Notification	possibly End of October 2025	

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