Applications have now closed

Australian Tropical Medicine Commercialisation grants programme

The Australian Tropical Medicine Commercialisation programme guidelines were amended on 9 February 2016 to allow a wider range of entities to apply for funding. This includes removing the previous requirement for applicants to be incorporated and non tax-exempt. At the same time the closing date for this round was extended to 5.00pm AEDT 4 March 2016.

If you have any questions please contact the AusIndustry Contact Centre on 13 28 46.

Programme closed for applications

This programme helps Australian businesses and researchers to develop pathways to commercialise Australian tropical medical research in partnership with international organisations. It will help build connections between Australian research institutes and the global health sector, including international pharmaceutical companies and philanthropic organisations.

1. What does it offer?

Grants to help Australian businesses and researchers undertake projects that will link Australian tropical medicine research to international commercialisation opportunities.

Projects must involve Commercialisation Activities, Proof of Concept or Business Planning and leverage international collaboration and deliver foreign direct investment.

The minimum grant funding is $15,000.

There is no maximum grant amount for Commercialisation Activities, but the maximum grant funding available under the programme is $7.1 million.

The maximum grant amounts for Proof of Concept activities and Business Planning activities are $250,000 and $50,000 respectively.

Grants are for up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

Matched funding must meet at least 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

Matched funding for Commercialisation Activities must be sourced from foreign direct investment (FDI).

2. How does it work?

Grant funding will be awarded through an open competitive process.

Eligible applicants must apply during a funding round and are assessed against merit criteria.

3. What projects are eligible?

Your project must:

- Include eligible activities and expenditure.
- Be completed within 3 years of starting the project and cannot extend past 30 June 2019.
4. What activities are eligible?

Eligible activities are:

- Commercialisation Activities for product development which will:
  - build connections with multinational organisations who can register and manufacture tropical medicine.
  - work toward global scale production and distribution of products throughout developing countries.
  - leverage funding for future collaboration partnerships.
- Proof of Concept activities that will generate data to demonstrate the technical or commercial application of the research or technology, such as:
  - in vivo animal experiments to demonstrate efficacy of a drug or vaccine.
  - production of a prototype diagnostic test or assay.
  - optimisation of a potential drug candidate through medicinal chemistry.
- Business Planning aimed at attracting FDI to fund commercialisation of tropical medicine research and development in Australia.

5. Who can apply?

You must be an Australian entity engaging or intending to engage in international or interstate trade and commerce that is:

- compliant with the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012 (Cth); and
- registered for GST.

If your application is successful you will be asked to enter into an Australian Tropical Medicine Commercialisation grant agreement with the Australian Government. At that time you will need to demonstrate that your entity is able to enter into and meet the obligations of the agreement.

6. What must you have?

For projects with Commercialisation Activities you must:

- provide proof that you have or are in the process of reaching an intellectual property (IP) and investment agreement relating to the project with any project partner.

For projects with Proof of Concept or Commercialisation Activities you must provide:

- proof that you have ownership, access to or beneficial use of any IP that is the subject of or necessary to undertake the project.
- a project funding strategy, including evidence of how the matched funding will be provided.

7. Who is not eligible to apply?

You are not eligible if you are:

- a government agency or body (including government business enterprises) other than publicly funded research organisations.

8. How will my application be assessed?

If eligible, your application will be assessed against the merit criteria:

- amount of foreign direct investment and other benefits to be generated by your project (40 points)
- how your project increases access to, and/or understanding of, global medicine supply chains (20 points)
- your ability to carry out the project (20 points)
- value for money of your project (20 points).

9. How do I apply?

You can apply during a funding round using the application form on business.gov.au.

Round 1 opened on 25 November 2015 and closed at 5pm AEDT 4 March 2016.

10. If successful, what will I need to do?

You will need to sign a grant agreement with the Australian Government. A sample grant agreement is available at business.gov.au. The Programme Delegate may amend the terms of the agreement depending on the risk profile of a project.

You will also be required to prepare and submit progress and financial reports that demonstrate milestone achievement and eligible expenditure.

11. Where can I find more information?

For more information, visit business.gov.au or call 13 28 46. More in depth face-to-face assistance is also available from AusIndustry’s national network.