



Funding Support to University-Industry Projects

Guideline for Companies

Materials and Manufacturing Research Institute (MMRI), with support from the National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC IRAP), is offering financial assistance to UBC researchers to undertake short-term joint R&D projects with small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in British Columbia (BC). The projects are expected to aim at diagnosing technical challenges of SMEs and identifying potential solutions, along with fostering the translation of academic research and innovation into industry practice.

We are inviting SME companies in BC to submit a short description of their R&D interests and projects for which they are willing to obtain technical support through this program. Upon receiving the application, MMRI will connect the company to the pertinent UBC researcher for further discussion toward developing a detailed project plan.

Expression of interest (EOI) submission:

- Deadline: Monday, November 4, 2019 (round 1).
- Due to limited funding, we highly encourage early EOI submissions.
- The [EOI form](#) must be filled out and emailed to Mahdi Takaffoli, MMRI Research Engineer, at mahdi.takaffoli@ubc.ca.

Funding:

- Maximum \$5,000 per project.
- Funding will be given to academic research labs to work on the approved industry-based projects.

Requirements:

For partnering companies:

- Must be a Canadian or provincially incorporated business.
- Must have less than 500 employees.
- Must be for-profit.
- Must be located in BC.

For academic researchers:

- Must be from UBC, either Point Grey or Okanagan Campus.

For projects:

- Must have relevance to materials and manufacturing.
- Must finish within two months.
- Only one project is allowed per faculty member and one project per SME.



- To maximize the interaction, the research assistants (students) from university are highly encouraged to spend at least a few hours a week at the company location while executing the project.

Eligible costs:

- Salary of research assistants in the academic labs.
- Operating costs (materials purchase, lab service fees, machine shop fees, etc.) for project use only.

Please direct any inquiries to:

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