

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 Jiangsu province

3rd Call for Proposals for Joint Industrial R&D projects

The government of Jiangsu province, The People's Republic of China and the government of the state of Israel have signed a bilateral agreement on 2008, to form Jiangsu – Israel program for Industrial R&D with a primary aim to support joint industrial R&D projects aimed at 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 Jiangsu Science and Technology Department in Jiangsu province and MATIMOP, Israeli Industry Centre for R&D, on behalf of the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) 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.

The specific sectors to be covered under this call are:

- ◆ Bio-technology, New Medicine & medical device
- ◆ Renewable energy
- ◆ New materials / Nano -technology
- ◆ Wireless sensor network and internet of things (WSN/IOT)
- ◆ Water treatment technologies

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 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 a LOI, 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 aforesaid criteria can apply to the present Call for Proposal in accordance with the national Laws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures in effect.

2. Eligibility

In Jiangsu

Eligible applicants will be R&D performing Jiangsu registered companies operates in Jiangsu.

In Israel

Eligible applicants will be R&D performing Israeli registered companies operates in Israel. .

3. Size of Investments and Matching Funds

1. Funding support will be given to each partner by its own Implementing Organisations (Jiangsu Science and Technology Department in Jiangsu province and MATIMOP/OCS in Israel) in accordance with the National Laws, Rules, Regulations and procedures in effect.
2. The total grant from the Government of Jiangsu under the Jiangsu-Israel R&D program financial support will not exceed 1.5 million US dollars each year. The government gives the support to subsidize the R&D expenditure of the project and will decide the amount of support for each project taking consideration of the total number of the approved projects and the available fund for the program each year.
3. The total funding from the Government of Israel via the OCS, 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

A two stage application process will be followed; first the bi-lateral cooperation 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 cooperation 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 July 15th, 2010 and invites applications in Common Application Format till September 30th, 2010. The eligibility of each application will be analysed by Jiangsu Science and Technology Department and MATIMOP. Acknowledgement and the results of project consideration will be notified to all the applicants by respective Implementing Organisations latest by October 18th, 2010 .

Partners meeting all eligibility criteria will be invited to submit the **National funding application** using the procedures and according to the national rules that apply in Jiangsu Science and Technology Department and OCS in Israel respectively **no later than November 1st, 2010.**

Applications submitted after the deadline of 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 Jiangsu Science and Technology Department in Jiangsu province and MATIMOP 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 OCS regulations, through an online system www.moital.gov.il/madan/tfasim 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 MATIMOP 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 JSTD regulations, through an online system upon further notice by JSTD.

[Bi-lateral form Common Application Format](#)

[Application Guidelines & National Format – Israel](#)

5. Evaluation and selection of the projects

Jiangsu Science and Technology Department in Jiangsu province and OCS/MATIMOP 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 Jiangsu

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. Publication of the Results

The Israeli and Chinese partners whose projects have been selected will be informed of the result and the amount of funding for the successful projects by their respective implementing organization possibly by February 2011.

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.

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