CSIRO Industry PhD (iPhD) Program

Approval for EOI Submission Template for Industry Partners

Evidence of support from the industry partner’s CEO or equivalent must be submitted along with the Expression of Interest form. Please use this template to obtain support.

Dear *(Company CEO or equivalent),*

I write to request your endorsement for an upcoming submission for the iPhD program. Evidence of your approval is required to be submitted with the Expression of Interest paperwork. Please see the following details about the program, industry partner requirements and the proposed project details.

**CSIRO Industry PhD Program overview**

CSIRO’s Industry PhD (iPhD) program is being delivered as part of the Government’s initiative to develop the next generation of researchers with skills to work in industry and to increase collaboration between industry and research organisations. The program brings together an Australian industry partner, a university and CSIRO to co-develop and co-supervise a four-year PhD project.

**Industry partner requirements:**

* have a registered ABN or ACN
* have a substantial presence in Australia (e.g. research, development, primary production, or manufacturing facilities)
* fund an Industry PhD top-up for a total of $50,204 over four years. For more information on the iPhD funding model, see [our website](http://www.csiro.au/iPhD).
* provide a suitable staff member to join the PhD student supervisory panel for up to four years
* be a [Research End User](https://www.tcsisupport.gov.au/glossary/glossaryterm/Research-end-user)
* guide the student to undertake a minimum 60-day Industry Engagement component over the four-year candidature, ideally in-person at the main premise of the company
* provide access to facilities and infrastructure required to undertake the project
* be a legal entity with the capacity to enter into a legally binding agreement or contract
* be registered for the purposes of GST
* have an account with an Australian financial institution.

**Project details**

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| Project title |  |
| Project description |  |
| CSIRO Research Unit partner |  |
| University partner |  |
| Availability to meet expected supervisory requirements with current workload (do you have additional commitments?) |  |
| Expected project benefits (e.g. to strengthen a Government priority area) |  |

Further assessment of submitted EOIs will be performed. If the EOI is successful, a three-way Collaboration Agreement will be developed between CSIRO, the university and industry partner. Please contact [iphd@csiro.au](mailto:iphd@csiro.au) or visit our [webpage](http://www.csiro.au/iphd) for further information.

If supportive, please email back to indicate your approval of the Expression of Interest submission.