



Expression of Interest (EOI) Industry PhD Program

The purpose of this Expression of Interest (EOI) form is to collect the information required to assess a project for inclusion in the [CSIRO Industry PhD Program](#), and if successful, to draft a Collaboration Agreement to allow the project to be undertaken. It does not commit any of the signatories or their organisation to progress with the project as this will be done through the Collaboration Agreement.

This form must be submitted on behalf of all involved parties to iphd@csiro.au. It is important that all parties agree on every section of the form and have provided consent for EOI submission.

We recommend completing this form collaboratively. All parties are responsible for ensuring that the Expression of Interest is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the [Criminal Code Act 1995 \(Cth\)](#).

The CSIRO supervisor must seek support from their Research Director, the university supervisor must seek support from their Graduate Research School (or equivalent university delegate responsible for approving PhD projects), and the industry partner must seek support of their approved delegate. We strongly recommend the use of letter templates provided on www.csiro.au/iphd. Alternatively attach email evidence of approval. Evidence of support from each partner must be attached with the completed EOI form and sent to iphd@csiro.au.

All parties should review the Program Rules on www.csiro.au/iphd before completing this form. For further assistance, contact the [iPhD Program Office](#).

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1. Supervisor Contact Details, Approvals and Consent

University

Name of university supervisor	
Name of university	
Email address	
Phone	
Faculty/College	
School/Centre	
University ABN/ACN	
Campus name	
University address	
Are you eligible and available to be the primary supervisor for up to four years under your university's policies and guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Have you sought and attached evidence of approval from your Graduate Research School or equivalent to submit this EOI? We strongly advise using the university letter template available here to obtain approval.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Privacy	I agree to the collection, use and disclosure of personal information in the ways described in the EOI Privacy Statement in Appendix 1 . <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Conflict of interest	I confirm that no actual, apparent or perceived conflict of interest has been identified in relation to this submission as per the Program Rules on www.csiro.au/iphd <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
iPhD mailing list (optional)	I give consent to receive general updates and news about the CSIRO Industry PhD Program in the future. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
iPhD promotional activities (optional)	I give consent to be invited to participate in promotional activities. <i>You may decline any requests at your discretion or opt out of future requests at any time by emailing iphd@csiro.au.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

CSIRO

Name of CSIRO supervisor	
Research Unit	
Research Program	
Email address	
Phone	
CSIRO site	
Are you eligible and available to be a co-supervisor for up to four years under your CSIRO Research Unit policies and guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Have you sought and attached evidence of approval from your Research Unit Program Director to submit this EOI? We strongly advise using the CSIRO letter template available here to obtain approval It is also recommended you discuss this EOI with your Business Development Manager and Contract Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Industry

Where there are two or more industry partners, please contact iphd@csiro.au to verify eligibility.

Name of industry supervisor	
Organisation Name	
ACN/ABN	
Position	
Email address	
Phone	
Address of Head Office	
Website	
Does your organisation have a substantial presence in Australia? (e.g. office headquarters, manufacturing facilities or research and development sites)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Type of organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> Privately owned and for-profit <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit
If you are a privately owned, for-profit organisation, are you defined as a small-to-medium enterprise (up to 200 employees) as per the Australian Bureau of Statistics?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Can your organisation commit to fund a top-up scholarship for the student? For projects commencing in 2026, total cost over four years is \$50204 (excludes GST)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is your organisation providing direct funding?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO There is a preference for funding directly from the industry partner, however, if from an alternative source (such as a Cooperative Research Centre) please provide further details below.
Are you available to be a co-supervisor for up to four years?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Have you sought and attached evidence of approval from your organisation's appropriate delegate to submit this EOI?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
We strongly advise using the industry letter template available here to obtain approval.	

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2. Project Details for Advertising

The information below will be used to advertise the project to potential students and for reporting to Government if the EOI is successful and a Collaboration Agreement for the project is finalised.

Do not include confidential or commercially sensitive information.

2.1. Project title (max 15 words)
2.2. Project description for advertising to students (max 150 words)

<p>2.3. Project description in plain English for Government reporting (max 50 words)</p> <p>Project topic: A project that is developing/investigating an innovation/problem/gap in knowledge (one sentence)</p> <p>Expected outcomes: The expected outcome is a product/service/technical advancement (one sentence)</p> <p>Potential benefits: This technology/solution will potentially result in/lead to value and/or customer/industry/public/national benefits (one sentence)</p>
<p>2.4. Desired student skillset (max 100 words)</p> <p>List essential and desirable student skillsets. For example, qualifications, subject matter knowledge, research abilities, other relevant technical and professional skills, and experience.</p>
<p>2.5. Primary location of the student</p> <p>List where the student will primarily be based. A Project Expense and Development package starting at \$13,000 per annum will be made available to the organisation at the primary location.</p> <p>If the student will be primarily based at a CSIRO location, please specify the CSIRO site and Research Unit.</p>
<p>2.6. Student Industry Engagement component location</p> <p>List the location(s) where the student will undertake the Industry Engagement component.</p> <p>The industry partner must provide a three-month (60 workday equivalent) industry engagement experience for the student, to develop business and professional skills and support practical aspects of their project. It is strongly preferred that this is undertaken on the industry partner's main premises. However, within reason, some activities may be undertaken remotely, for example at CSIRO or the host university.</p>
<p>2.7. Student Industry Engagement component activities (max 150 words)</p> <p>If known, please provide a brief description of the proposed activities to be conducted during the student's Industry Engagement component.</p>

2.8. Other student location(s)

List any other student locations. For example, CSIRO office.

2.9. Alignment with the Government's National Reconstruction Fund

Please specify which **priority area** the project is aligned to. Government priority areas include agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors, resources, transport, medical science, renewables and low emission technologies, defence capability, and enabling capabilities.

3.0. Project Field of Research

Please annotate the project's Field of Research (FOR) Code as classified by Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC).

For example, Division 09 Engineering > Group 0901 Aerospace Engineering > Field 090101 Aerodynamics (excl. Hypersonic Aerodynamics)

3. Project Selection Criteria

The below information will be not displayed publicly. EOIs must address all assessment criteria, and they are evenly weighted. Further information on the assessment criterion is provided in the Program Rules on www.csiro.au/iPhD.

3.1. Assessment Criterion 1 – Industry experience provided to the student (20%)

Provide a short description of how the project will provide a student with a research experience that is industry-relevant, develops commercialisation and research innovation skills, and provides networking and employment opportunities in industry.

Max 200 words

3.2. Assessment Criterion 2 – Project impact (20%)

Provide a short description of the problem the project aims to address, significance and expected outcomes

Max 200 words

3.3. Assessment Criterion 3 – Alignment to Government and CSIRO strategic priorities (20%)

Provide a short description of how the project aligns to Government initiatives, CSIRO initiatives and/or is seen as a national priority

Max 200 words

3.4. Assessment Criterion 4 – Research industry collaboration (20%)

Provide a short description of how the project builds research industry collaboration by strengthening or creating new working relationships between industry and the research sector (CSIRO and/or the university)

Max 200 words

3.5. Assessment Criterion 5 – Project feasibility and resources (20%)

3.5. a) Outline the main activities and outputs of the student and their expected timelines

Max 100 words

3.5 b) List project resources (e.g. infrastructure) required to deliver the activities and outputs listed above.

Max 100 words

3.5 c) List any additional resources (cash or in-kind) committed to the project and/or student scholarship. Please note, approximately \$13,000 per annum will be provided to all successful projects to cover project operating expenses.

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3.5. d) Document the supervisor roles below.

University supervisor (Primary supervisor)	
Role	
CSIRO supervisor	
Role	
Industry supervisor	
Role	

4. Intellectual Property (IP)

The below information will be not displayed publicly.

4.1. Background IP considerations	
If known, outline any relevant background IP or existing contractual arrangements to be included as part of the development of the Collaboration Agreement between all parties.	
University	
CSIRO	
Industry	

4.2 Project IP requirements and considerations

Please include any specific IP requirements or considerations that have been or should be discussed between the parties.

We will review your Expression of Interest against the eligibility criteria. If eligible, it is then assessed against the assessment criteria and against other applications. We may seek additional information about you, your EOI, project partners, related entities and associated entities and related personnel from third party sources.

We will then provide recommendations to the relevant CSIRO delegate on preferred projects. The CSIRO delegate decides which grants to approve considering the recommendations and the availability of grant funds for the purposes of the Program.

We will advise you of the outcome of your Expression of Interest via email within three weeks after the application close date. Any questions about grant decisions should be sent to iphd@csiro.au.

If successful, a three-way Collaboration Agreement will be developed between CSIRO, the university and industry partner.

For further information, please refer to our Program Rules on our [website](#) or contact iphd@csiro.au.

Thank you for submitting an EOI.

Appendix 1: Privacy Statement for Expression of Interest Application

Your personal information is protected by the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and CSIRO will handle your personal information in accordance with this Act.

Your personal information including your name, contact details (e.g., work phone number, work email address), and employment details (e.g., university/organisation, role, disciplinary area, expertise, qualifications) is being collected for the purposes of:

- assessing the application for the CSIRO Industry PhD Program (iPhD).
- administering and managing the iPhD program
- conducting reporting and analysis (internally to CSIRO and externally to Federal Government)
- evaluating the iPhD Program.

CSIRO may disclose your personal information to the parties that you list on the EOI (CSIRO, University Industry), for the above purpose.

CSIRO uses the third-party platform Microsoft Office 365 to facilitate the iPhD Program. Microsoft Office 365 data servers are based in Australia. For further information about how Microsoft Office 365 handles personal information, please refer to Microsoft's privacy policy available at [Microsoft's privacy policy](#).

For further information on how CSIRO handles your personal information and our access, correction and complaints process please read our privacy policy available on our website at <https://www.csiro.au/en/Privacy> or contact us at privacy@csiro.au.

If you do not provide your personal information, your application may not be able to be assessed.

By completing the CSIRO Industry PhD Program Expression of Interest application, you agree to the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information in the ways described above.