

IMPACT PROGRAM – Orbit Health

Thematic call for projects FAQ

For the SME's contribution (25%), can this contribution be in-kind?
E.g. in-kind salaries

No, the 25% of contribution must be paid expenses/salaries.

What are the expectations in terms of progress of the project considering the short timeline to execute the project and the requirements of a "short-term adoption potential"?

The goal is to accelerate the process through commercialisation. Although the path and timeline of commercialisation will be considered in the evaluation, it is not mandatory for the solution to reach market by the end of the project as long as the starting TRL is within eligibility and that there is proper justification for short term adoption.

Do the companies need to already have a collaboration with the Canadian Space Agency before applying?

No, it is not required to have a collaboration with the Canadian space agency.

What is the expected word count/length of each section?

Each section of the proposal has a suggested length of pages.

What percentage of the expenses can be out of Canada?

No expenses outside of Canada is eligible.

Are the service offers from the research centers mandatory?

No there are optional.

Can the service offer from the research centers have a proportion of the budget higher than 30%?

No, the maximum of the service offer is 30% of the overall budget

Is the maximum of 30% for the service offer applicable to a single service offer or for the total if there are multiple ones?

Regardless of the number of service offers, academic and/or private, the maximum percentage allocated for sum of the service offers is 30% of the overall budget.

Do the companies need to prove having the 25%/50% of cash contribution during the evaluation or at the beginning of the project?

The companies do not need to show to have the full 25%/50% at the beginning of the project, but they need to prove that they will be able to financial support their own contribution via the financial statement of the two last years as well as the financial projection for the next 2 years.

Will the formation of a new company be applicable for this?

The companies need to be already incorporated to submit a proposal. They also need to prove that they have full time paid employees (for the 25% contribution) and a technology at a starting TRL between 4-7.

Can we add this competition to an existing larger project? e.g. have it support a subcomponent of a larger project?"

There are no public co-funding possibilities for the projects. The objectives and expenses cannot be incorporated into a larger project already funded with public funds.

Is European Space agency funding usable for the 25% funding?

No, there is no public co-funding possibilities for the projects.

Can ongoing research projects be considered where recruitment of patients has just begun but project still needs funding?

If a project is ongoing, you need to justify and prove that the project is not funded by any other public funds, Also, the grant of this call is not retroactive for expenses occurring before April 1st 2024.

How to access the application form?

Once in contact with an account manager, after the first meeting, they will send you the application form.

Will Pilot study outcomes be considered?

In the criterias of the call, all outcomes leading to commercialisation will be considered.

How to get in contact with an account manager?

You can request to get in contact with an account manager at: projet@medteq.ca

Can we have access to the recording of the webinar?

You can access the webinar here:

If the projects are selected in May, there are only 7 months and not 9 months of window for the expenses?

The recipient will be able to retroactively recognise their expense as early as April 1st 2024 giving 9 months of duration.

What is the total budget for a project? How many projects are going to be selected?

There is no maximum total for the project. However, the maximum grant is 300K\$ (75% for SMEs and 50% for bigger companies) all expenses above that cap must be covered in full by the company. There will be 5-6 projects selected.

Are the salaries for the direction eligible if they are 100% implicated in the project?

If the members of the board implicated in the project are involved 100% in the project of R&D and are paid in cash, the salaries are eligible.