

Future Industries Accelerator Infrastructure Access Scheme

GUIDELINES

The Future Industries Accelerator (FIA) Infrastructure Access Scheme will allow companies to access research infrastructure for projects focused on solving a pressing industry problem or issue.

To access research infrastructure it is important to note:

- **The intent of this Scheme is to facilitate companies accessing world class research support to address an industry problem/issue.**
- **Applications to this Scheme must identify the problem/issue that the project will address, and the anticipated outcomes from the project.**
- **To access support and advice regarding eligibility and the overall application process, all applicants must contact the Infrastructure Access Scheme Manager, or the FIA Program Manager, prior to applications being submitted.**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Small to medium size companies are eligible to apply to this Scheme.
- Eligible companies must have at least current, or proposed, operations in South Australia, along with a demonstrated intention to benefit the State's economy.
- There is no direct cost of the project to industry. Project funding will be released internally within UniSA, for the benefit of the industry partner through the project. Project funding will not be distributed to industry partners. Funds will be released only when the Application has been approved by the FII Director.
- There is no limit on the frequency with which companies or researchers can be part of applications, provided that explanation is provided as to how the scope of each project differs from previous applications.

- The Terms and Conditions associated with the Infrastructure Scheme Application Form must be agreed to prior to the application being submitted. The FIA operates on the general principle that industry partners will have free commercial access to any arising project IP.
- Funding cannot be spent on activities outside of the defined project, including:
 - activities conducted directly by the industry partner;
 - business development or strategic planning;
 - software or hardware purchases, except for prototype development purposes;
 - design and production of marketing or promotional material or events;
 - non-technical professional services, including accounting or legal services;
 - maintenance or upkeep of facilities;
 - any administrative fee or surcharge for administering such expenditures; or
 - any other activities, as determined by the FII Director, that are the usual requirement of business.
- Where required, the Infrastructure Scheme Manager is responsible for ensuring the appropriate ethics approvals, or other compliance requirements, are obtained prior project commencement.
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- At the conclusion of the Infrastructure Access period, you will be provided with a report detailing the agreed deliverables and including any data collected.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis, and will generally be assessed within two weeks from submission.
- All applicants must engage with the Infrastructure Scheme Manager, or the FIA Program Manager, prior to the final application proceeding through to the FII Director for approval.
- Successful applicants may be required to contribute to the promotion of the FIA, which may include disclosure of the company name and a non-confidential project description for use by the University of South Australia, the South Australian Government, media organisations, and for public announcements.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A final report will be required at the end of the Infrastructure Access period. This report must summarise (i) project deliverables, and (ii) the benefits from these outcomes for the industry.

MORE INFORMATION

Further information, including the Infrastructure Scheme Application Form and the Terms and Conditions, are available at <http://fi.unisa.edu.au/engage-with-us/fia>.

For further information and confidential enquiries, please contact the the Infrastructure Scheme Manager on (08) 8302 5042, or the FIA Program Manager directly on (08) 8302 7195, or via fia@unisa.edu.au



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The Future Industries Accelerator is a \$7.5 million investment from the **South Australian State Government**, which focuses on creating high-value jobs in South Australia and assists local industries to build their R&D capacity and accelerate growth.