



MOSTI COMBATING COVID-19 FUND

GUIDELINE FOR APPLICANTS

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1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) welcomes all Malaysians to submit innovative proposals to combat the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 1.2 Each submitted proposals must be:
 - a) based on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI), and
 - b) can be executed and/or 'quick win'.
- 1.3 Examples of projects that can be implemented are:
 - a) development of predictive system/model to assist government in making a critical decision to fight against the pandemic,
 - b) replacement material for PPE equipment,
 - c) reverse engineering for urgent need production,
 - d) vaccine development,
 - e) pandemic modelling,
 - f) also clinical trial for the vaccine production, and
 - g) deep technology.
- 1.4 The entry level for projects under this fund is at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 2 and onwards. This means that each proposal must have evidence that it has completed at least TRL 1 (basic principle).

2. APPLICATION PERIOD

Eligible applicants may submit their proposals and relevant documentation through the online portal at <https://edana.mosti.gov.my/> starting from **1st May 2020**.

3. QUANTUM AND DURATION OF FUNDING

- 3.1 MOSTI would only fund projects based on the merit of each application. Each proposal must not exceed the quantum of RM3,000,000.00.
- 3.2 Successful application will be funded for maximum project duration of 36 months.

4. MODE OF PAYMENT

- 4.1 The mode of payment for each approved application will be based on the applicant category as shown in Table 1:

Table 1: Payment Mode

Applicant Category	Payment Mode
Small and Medium Companies (SMEs)	Reimbursement
Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)	Reimbursement
Private IHL	Reimbursement
Public IHL	Disbursement
Government Research Institute (GRI)	Disbursement
Government STI Organisation	Disbursement

4.2 Scope of funding are shown in Table 2:

Table 2: Scope of Funding

SCOPE	ITEM FUNDED	ITEM NOT FUNDED	NOTES
Pilot plant / prototype	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only equipment directly related to the pilot plan/ prototype (Equipment, modification, repairs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital asset such as land, building, vehicle and furniture • Lab apparatus • Equipment maintenance 	Not more than 40% of total fund approved
Pre-clinical testing/clinical testing/field trials/stress test/user acceptance test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening test • Payment for volunteers • Data analysis • Rental 		
Intellectual Properties (IP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For registration in Malaysia only • IP resulting from the project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Patent ii) Industrial Design • Incentive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance • Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) 	

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Market testing and evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey development • Data analysis • Sample size should follow the statistical standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentive for respondents • Facility rental and exhibition fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not more than 10% of total fund approved
Raw materials /consumables directly related to the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raw material • Consumable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product and packaging design • Brochure • Advertisement • Web design and development • Product launching 	
Regulatory and standards compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of certification • Product testing and standard compliance 		

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Special Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultancy (agreement / letter of intent must be submitted together with the project proposal, details of the consultancy to be stated) • Consultant for market testing and evaluation • Sample testing and analysis • Data processing • Consultancy Fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production outsourcing • Travelling and transportation • Organizing meeting • Stationery such as papers, books, etc. • Personal computer, laptop, printer, scanners, toner, etc. • Subscription to journals • Conference fee • Exhibition fee 	Not more than 20% of total fund approved
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowance for one (1) GRA/ Technical Personnel directly related to project • Travel and transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management fees • Bonus for management/ technical staff • Office rental • Utilities 	Maximum of RM 2,500 per month per GRA

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Technology/ IP Acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must provide acquisition agreement/ detail of technology 		

5. APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 This fund is open to all Malaysians.
- 5.2 The study must be conducted in Malaysia
- 5.3 Eligibility of each enterprise and start-up company shall be considered based on the nature of each business, cash in hand and paid-up capital.
- 5.4 Private company must have a minimum of 51 percent equity held by Malaysians
- 5.5 Applicants who are either company, company directors or project team members must not be declared bankrupt and/or convicted of any fraudulent activities
- 5.6 Only Malaysian citizens employed by private companies can apply and lead the project
- 5.7 Project team should consist of members who are qualified and competent to carry out the project
- 5.8 Private companies must/are highly encouraged to collaborate with Malaysian Institution of Higher Learning, Research Institution or Science, Technology, and Innovation Institution.
- 5.9 Each company is only allowed to execute/implement only one project under this fund throughout the duration of the contract.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

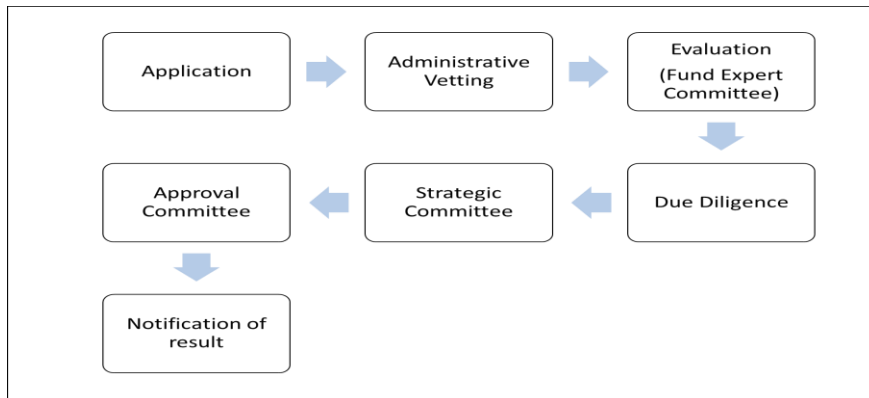
The proposals for R&D projects will be evaluated based on the following:

- 6.1 Potential to meet the objective/s;
- 6.2 Commercialization potential of project;
- 6.3 Technical/technology potential;
- 6.4 Benefit and impact to society, healthcare and socio-economy;
- 6.5 Technical competencies and experience of project team members;
- 6.6 Social, Economic & Environmental (SEE) Impact;
- 6.7 Financial; and
- 6.8 Management

7. APPLICATION PROCESS

- 7.1 All applicants must submit a full proposal to the Fund Division (Evaluation Section) at <https://edana.mosti.gov.my/>. Any request for amendment after submission of the proposal will not be entertained.
- 7.2 Applicants will be notified for assessment and evaluation.
- 7.3 The overall application and evaluation process including notification of the results can be summarized in the process workflow as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Application Process Workflow



8. OTHER INFORMATION

MOSTI has the right to reject any application or claims. All decisions made by MOSTI in relation to this fund is final.

For further information, please contact Fund Division, MOSTI at <https://edana.mosti.gov.my/> or phone no: 03-8885 8316/ 8324/8704