



Expression of Interest 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 by the primary contact 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 their consent for EOI submission. We recommend completing this form collaboratively.

The CSIRO supervisor must seek support from their Research Program Director, the university supervisor must seek support from their Graduate Research School (or equivalent), and the industry partner must seek support of their approved delegate. Email evidence of support from each partner must be attached to the completed EOI form and sent to iphd@csiro.au by the primary contact.

All parties should review the program rules provided 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 email evidence of approval from your Graduate Research School or equivalent to submit this EOI?	<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
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 sole 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	
Business 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 Business Unit policies and guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Have you sought and attached email evidence of approval from your Business Unit Research Program Director to submit this EOI? It is also recommended you discuss this EOI with your Business Development Manager and Contract Manager	<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
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Industry

Name of industry supervisor	
Organisation Name	
ACN/ABN	
Position	
Email address	
Phone	
Address of Head Office	
Website	
Is your organisation 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
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
Can your organisation commit to fund a top-up scholarship for the student? For projects commencing in 2025, total cost over four years is \$49,091 (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, if from 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 email evidence of approval from your organisation's appropriate delegate to submit this EOI?	<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
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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 (Plain English for Government reporting) (max 50 words) Project topic: A project that is developing/investigating [plain English overview]. Expected outcomes: The expected outcomes of this project are [product/technical advancement/gap in current process addressed]. Potential benefits: This [technology/solution] will potentially result in/lead to [value proposition/customer/industry/public/national benefits].
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Expected outcomes:
Potential benefits:

<p>2.3. Additional Project Information (For student recruitment) (max 100 words) Further details on the project topic and activities to be used for recruitment along with the Plain English description in 2.2.</p>
<p>2.4. Desired Student Skillset (max 100 words) 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 List where the student will primarily be based. A Project Expense and Development package of approximately \$13,000 per annum will be made available to the organisation at the primary location.</p>
<p>2.6. Student Industry Engagement Component location List the location(s) where the student will undertake the Industry Engagement component. The industry partner must provide a three-month (60 workday) industry engagement experience for the student, to develop business and professional skills and support practical aspects of their project. This is generally 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. Other Student Location(s) List any other student locations. For example, CSIRO office.</p>
<p>2.8. Alignment with the Government's National Reconstruction Fund Please specify which priority area, if any, 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.</p>
<p>2.9. 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)</p>

3. Project Selection Criteria

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

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. If known, this should include a description of proposed activities to be conducted with the industry partner during the student's Industry Engagement component. (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).

READ ONLY

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).

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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 200 words).

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

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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 Preferred option for Project IP If known, document the project IP preference to be used as a “start point” to draft the Collaboration Agreement between all parties. There are four different IP options (industry partner owns IP, university owns IP, CSIRO owns IP or a shared ownership). Please contact iPhD@csiro.au for further information.	

Thank you for submitting an EOI.

We will contact you with the outcome of your submission. For further information, please visit our [website](#) or contact iPhD@csiro.au.

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.aspxb> 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.