



**Queensland  
Government**

**Regional University Industry Collaboration Program**

# Free R&D training: Manufacturing QLD

Applications are open for a free 8-week program for small- to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) working on innovative manufacturing technologies or solutions.

## Build your R&D idea

SMEs play a key role in growing Australia's manufacturing capability, but having the right support is critical to success.

Our free self-paced 8-week program will build your skills and networks so you can learn how to advance your idea with R&D.

## Apply today

Applications close: 20 October 2024

[csiro.au/manufacturingQLD](https://csiro.au/manufacturingQLD)



## Key program outcomes

**Personalised support to refine your idea:** We'll step you through the process of turning your idea into a viable research project.

**Confidential feedback:** All submissions through the program portal will receive prompt expert feedback.

**Mentor:** You will be paired with a researcher from CSIRO or a university to help connect you with a relevant specialist.

**Build your network:** You will build key contacts in your sector, including researchers and other SMEs.

### Key program outputs include how to:

- Create a strong research question for your idea
- Assess the value of your innovation
- Work out your collaboration options
- Compose a high impact R&D business case
- Prepare a funding application.

## Commitment and course outline

### Preparing for the program (3–4 hours)

Pre-workshop videos, onboarding, materials and questionnaires.

### Week 1

#### Workshop (4.5 hours)

Guest speakers from CSIRO, sector experts and SMEs who will provide tips and information on topics such as trends and opportunities, innovation experience and funding. You will also meet your fellow participants and mentor.

### Weeks 2–8

#### Self-paced innovation program (2–3 hours per week)

Participants explore opportunities to grow their business through innovation and research.

Fortnightly virtual webinars for participant networking and guest speakers.

A final questionnaire is required at completion.

## Who can attend

Participants based and operating in Queensland Australia who are working on manufacturing solutions.

This can be in any sub-sector including:

- Manufactured materials and processes
- Energy and batteries
- Digital manufacturing and mechatronics
- Food and beverage manufacturing
- Industrial manufacturing
- Biomedical manufacturing
- Robotics
- Other

### Selection criteria (essential):

- A business based and operating in Queensland Australia that is registered with an ABN and ACN/ICN
- A business classified as small to medium (<200 employees)
- An R&D idea to work on throughout the program related to manufacturing

*Please note: Sole traders, partnerships and Australian subsidiary companies of foreign entities are not eligible. Researchers working at universities can apply as a mentor but not a participant.*

### Other considerations:

- Any other information provided to support your application
- Have a clear need to develop your knowledge and skills in R&D

'[Innovate to Grow is] a well-structured program with defined objectives at each stage and excellent engagement and advice from the facilitator with regards to our project and ways in which we can move forward with our ideas.'

– Hristos Matheou, Electric Motor Power

CSIRO Innovate to Grow is delivered using [Practera's](#) online ed-tech platform and facilitation services.

### For further information

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