

FAQ on SNBC seed grant applications

- 1. Q: What is the scope of the grant call?**
 - a. SNBC's current industry seed grant call has no defined thematic areas however the subject matter needs to be related to biofilms and microbiomes applications.
- 2. Q: What is the objective of the seed fund?**
 - a. It is to link academic PIs with industry, build working relations and a better understanding of industry requirements to bring technologies to market.
- 3. Q: Can research fellows apply for the seed fund?**
 - a. Yes, any academic (equivalent to Research Fellows, Principal Investigator or Faculty members) from local IHLs (e.g. universities and polytechnics) and Research Institutes (e.g. A*STAR) are eligible to apply for the grant as lead Principal Investigator (PI) of the project upon registering as an [SNBC Academic Member](#).
- 4. Q: Does the application have to involve an industry partner?**
 - a. Yes, an industry partner needs to be involved as one of the eligibility requirements. If you require assistance looking for an industry partner, please email us (nbc-enquiries@ntu.edu.sg) with a short description on your proposed technology and the domains applicable. The program office will try to assist in finding the best suitable industry collaborator.
- 5. Q: I want to be an industry partner. How do I apply for SNBC membership?**
 - a. Please visit <https://www.snbc.sg/membership-sign-up/> and or email nbc-enquiries@ntu.edu.sg to arrange for an introductory meeting with us.
- 6. Q: Would an overseas-based company be considered as industry partner?**
 - a. The company can be considered as industry partner for seed fund application as long as they have a legal presence in Singapore.
- 7. Q: Where will the SNBC fund be directed to?**
 - a. The funds will be directed to the academic PI's host institute. The funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis after receipt of the reimbursement submission forms by the IHL PI and upon review and acceptance of the final report.
- 8. Q: What are considered in-kind contributions from the industry?**
 - a. Examples of in-kind contributions from the industry include consultation and tech staff hours (manpower), utilizing the industry's facility and equipment (OOE) and provision of consumables (OOE).
- 9. Q: Who will be issuing the invoice for cash contribution from the industry?**

- a. The academic PI's host institute will be responsible for issuing invoice to their industry partner for any cash contributions.

10. Q: Besides administration of this grant, how else does SNBC help?

- a. Upon completion of the awarded seed funds, the SNBC Program Office will evaluate the technology translation potential based on the results generated and will facilitate with the Research Translation process with the PIs and industry partner as required.