I+P Partnership Program

Funding recently provided to McGill by the Government of Quebec’s Ministère de l’Éducation et de l’Enseignement Supérieur to enhance the implementation and diffusion of innovation in Quebec has allowed the Office of Innovation and Partnerships (I+P) to launch the I+P Partnership Program. This new program, with a total envelope of four hundred fifty thousand dollars ($450,000), is aimed at encouraging collaborations between McGill research teams and Quebec-based companies in all disciplines.

Eligibility: Lead Applicant must be a McGill University full time faculty member. Adjunct Professors are not eligible to apply.

Projects involving other universities are permitted but all funds must remain at McGill (No funds can be transferred to other institutions, except for transfers to McGill’s research institutes based at the hospitals).

Partner Eligibility: Private for-profit companies based in Québec. Publicly traded companies are not eligible. Companies must be incorporated in either Quebec or Canada and must have a minimum of two full-time employees.

Budget: I+P will match cash and in-kind contributions provided by Company starting at $5,000 and up to $50,000. A maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the company’s contribution can be in-kind. Thus the total project budget, including contributions from I+P and the company but excluding indirect costs, ranges from $10,000 to $100,000.

Companies’ in-kind contributions shall be essential to carry out the work, and their value shall be thoroughly documented and justified (auditable if required). They must correspond to actual costs incurred to carry out the work. They can take the form of cash-equivalent goods or services that represent an incremental expense the company would not normally incur and that would have to be purchased by project funds if not provided by the company. In-kind contributions may also include the time of the partner organization’s scientific and technical or expert staff that will be providing direction and participating in the project (max. rate of $100/hr for scientific/technical contribution). The company may also provide access to special equipment or data.

Indirect costs (IDC): Additional 27% on Company cash amount. The IDC will not be matched by I+P.

Project Duration: Maximum 1 year with a project start date of March 1, 2020.
Application: The application form together with instructions are provided with this call for proposals. In addition to the form, the applicant must submit a signed letter of support from the company as well as a fully-signed OSR checklist. For any questions, please contact rina.cohen@mcgill.ca.

Deadlines: All applications must be received as a single PDF document by January 13th, 2020 at 10:00 am by email to rina.cohen@mcgill.ca, with a copy to industry@mcgill.ca.

Evaluation Criteria: All applications will be evaluated by a committee based on the following criteria:

- Are the objectives clear?
- Is the methodology appropriate to achieve the objectives?
- Are the deliverables clear?
- Is the timeline realistic?
- Is the budget realistic?
- Significance of the intended outcomes and of the economic, social and/or environmental benefits and value creation for Quebec companies.
- Likelihood of achieving the intended outcomes.
- Appropriateness of the partnership to achieve the intended outcomes.
- Degree of clarity of each partner organization’s function in the collaboration with respect to defining the problem or opportunity, co-designing and implementing the development, and utilizing the results to achieve the desired outcomes.
- Appropriateness of the identified indicators and methods for monitoring progress during the project and for assessing outcomes afterwards.

Notice of Decision: Results for this program will be released mid-February, 2020.

Agreements: A simple agreement detailing the transfer of funds from the Company(ies) to McGill, including financial reporting on in-kind contributions, as well as publication, use of results and ownership of intellectual property is required to be signed within two months of the notice of decision.