



# Small Company Innovation Program Technology and Commercialization Assistance

## Guidelines

### Eligibility:

- To be eligible for the SCIP/TCA program, you must be an existing Michigan company, with significant business operations in the state and have a desire to grow via university collaboration tapping into faculty expertise, facilities, lab equipment, testing capabilities or business resources.
- Companies are encouraged to apply to the program even if a project is not yet identified. The SCIP/TCA team helps with resource identification at public universities in Michigan.
- Acceptance of a company’s application into the program does not guarantee an award/co-funded project. Due diligence is performed in order to evaluate how the company’s technology, team, business model, commercialization plan and strategy align with the outcomes of a proposed project.
- Part of the SCIP/TCA mission is to promote the creation of new relationships between industry and academia. Previous relationships will have a more rigorous due diligence process.
- Companies need to demonstrate that there is a clear separation between university staff and company owners or employees involved in the project before acceptance.
- Approved projects can receive matching grants up to \$40,000. Match is dollar for dollar between the SCIP/TCA and the participating company (no in-kind).
- Universities will waive the indirect costs for every dollar to be applied to the associated project as their contribution.
- When an award is granted, the company is expected to pay upfront its share to the designated university as a condition for SCIP/TCA to pay its share.

**In order to verify funding availability and to Fast-Track your company’s application process please contact Mike Forbis at [mjforbis@umich.edu](mailto:mjforbis@umich.edu).** Project related questions can be address directly to the contact in the table below.

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