



Small Company Innovation Program

Guidelines

Eligibility:

- To be eligible for the SCIP-Small Company Innovation Program, you must be an existing Michigan company (LARA registered), with significant business operations in the state and plans to remain and grow in Michigan. SCIP assists small Michigan-based tech companies via university collaboration, tapping into faculty expertise, facilities, lab equipment, testing capabilities, and business resources to take company technology to market.
- Companies are encouraged to apply to the program, even before a project scope of work or academic expert has been identified. The SCIP team can help with resource identification at MCRN public universities and can assist companies through the easy application process, with market size research, and project prioritization.
- Acceptance of a company's application into the SCIP 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 and the program goals.
- Part of the SCIP mission is to promote the creation of new relationships between industry and academia. Previous relationships will require 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 (up to \$40,000) matching funds, via a dollar of match for a dollar of company investment in sponsored research. SCIP pays the partner university following the company's payment to the partner university (no in-kind or trades).
- Universities waive indirect cost for every dollar applied to the associated project, as their contribution.
- When an award from SCIP exists, the company must first pay the designated university its share as a condition for SCIP to pay the matching share.
- University PIs are responsible for managing budgets and expenses as well as project timing, and will be responsible for any expense overruns.

In order to verify funding availability and to fast track your company's application through the process, please contact Mary McCardwell at memccard@umich.edu or project related questions can be address directly to the appropriate contact in the table below.

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