

**National Satellite of Excellence**  
**Design Science and Technology for Secure Critical Infrastructure**  
Translational Grant: Call for Proposals

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q1: What are the terms and conditions of this grant?**

A1: All Terms and Conditions of the grant follows the prevailing versions of the [Terms and Conditions of Research Grant](#) and [Guidelines for the Management of Research Grants](#) for NSoE DeST-SCI projects.

**Q2: Who are eligible to participate in this grant call?**

A2: PIs from publicly funded Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs), Research Institutions and Medical Institutions in Singapore are eligible to participate in the call. Private sector and other entities can participate as collaborators. Lead and Co-PIs must fulfil the requirements as stated in the [Eligibility Criteria](#).

**Q3: Is the 10% indirect cost (overheads) negotiable?**

A3: The 10% indirect cost is fixed and is included in the total grant amount.

**Q4: Are collaborators and companies entitled to any part of the project fund?**

A4: No, both contribution from collaborator and company, if any, are expected to be in-kind.

**Q5: What is required in the letter of support from the company?**

A5: The letter of support should include the endorsement from the management of the company to participate in this grant call.

**Q6: What are the information required in the 2-page CV of the Lead PI and Co-PIs?**

A6: The 2-page CVs of the Lead PI and Co-PIs should include basic information as well as current position / appointments, employment history, academic qualifications, research interests and any other achievements (e.g., awards, publications, patents) relevant to the proposed project etc.

**Q7: Can the proposed products be created from the output of other existing project and/or completed projects?**

A7: Though not mandatory, it is preferred that the proposed product in the proposal be an output from an existing and/or completed NSoE project.

**Q8: What should be the Intellectual Property (IP) arrangements with regards to the output of the proposal?**

A8: All project parties shall enter into a collaboration agreement regarding Intellectual Property (IP) arrangements prior to the commencement of the project.

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**Q9: Who to contact if there are any enquires regarding this grant call?**

A9: Interested participants are encouraged to send their enquires to NSoE DeST-SCI Secretariat via email at [nsoe\\_destsci@sutd.edu.sg](mailto:nsoe_destsci@sutd.edu.sg). If required, arrangement can be made to address the enquires via phone call or other online communication platform.

**Q10: What are the supportable technical scopes of this call? Must the products created be related to cyber security in some way?**

A10: The proposed products should be related to cybersecurity and applicable in securing critical infrastructure. Products built from the outcome of a NSoE project are generally preferred. Proposer will be required to collaborate with a commercial company to test the proposed products in an actual production environment.

**Q11: What are the expected contributions from the commercial partner? Is there any expected monetary amount?**

A11: Commercial partner may contribute either in-kind or in monetary terms. Their contribution will be considered during the evaluation of the proposal.

**Q12: Are the project Host Institution allowed to purchase any hardware/software/service that are distributed/produced by the industry partner?**

A12: The project funds may be used to purchase items required for use in the project, in line with the Institutional policy. Any hardware/software/service purchased from the industry partner must have direct contribution to the project deliverables. The assets purchased using the project fund should remain with the host institution.

**Q13: Can PI's and/or Co-PI's manpower cost be supported under the grant?**

A13: In accordance with the funding guidelines, PI & Co-PIs manpower cost are not fundable.