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Start a conversation

Queries and Expressions of Interest

Wits Innovation Centre

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WITS INNOVATION CENTRE EoI

PARTNER PATHWAYS REPRESENTED IN THIS CALL

technology innovation AGENCY
Innovating Tomorrow Together

Khoebo Innovation Promotion Programme
a programme of **the dtic**

UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY FUND

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Purpose of this call

This is a generic pipeline call. It is designed to identify and understand promising ideas, technologies and ventures at different stages of development.

01 Identify

Surface promising ideas across all faculties — from early concepts to ventures ready for commercialisation.

02 Match

Channel each opportunity to the funder whose mandate, stage requirements and focus are the best fit.

03 Support

Walk selected teams through subsequent processes or offer internal development support if not yet funder-ready.

No specific grant amount or instrument is guaranteed at the point of submission.

The purpose of this call is to build a coordinated pipeline so that opportunities can be channelled efficiently to the partner whose mandate, stage requirements and focus best match the opportunity — TIA, IDC KIPP, UTF.

Where selected opportunities may be channelled

Selected opportunities will be matched to the most appropriate funding and support pathway available through our partners

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TIA

Technology Innovation Agency

National funding and support for the development and commercialisation of technology innovations.

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IDC · KIPP

Khoebo Innovation Promotion Programme

A programme of the dtic, administered with the IDC, supporting innovative enterprises on the path to market.

UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY FUND

UTF

University Technology Fund

Dedicated capital for university-originated technologies and spin-out ventures.

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Who may submit – What we are looking for

WHO MAY SUBMIT

Open to the Wits community

- **Academic and professional staff**
  Researchers, lecturers and professional services colleagues across all faculties.
- **Postgraduate and undergraduate students**
  Coursework and research students with an idea, prototype or venture in development.
- **Alumni of the University**
  Wits graduates taking an idea forward, including those working with current staff or students.
- **Mixed teams are encouraged**
  Cross-faculty and staff–student–alumni collaborations are welcome.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Any stage. Every faculty.

Opportunities from early concepts needing development support through to more advanced innovations ready for commercialisation pathways.

- Technology-based innovations
- Process, service and business-model innovations
- Social, clinical and creative innovations
- Health Sciences · Humanities · Social Sciences
- Business · Management · Education
- Engineering · Science · Creative Industries

What to include in your Expression of Interest

Keep the EoI to one page. Use the prompts below so the Centre can assess fit and route the opportunity correctly.

01 **Opportunity title**
A clear working name for the idea, technology, service or venture.

02 **Lead and team**
Names, roles, faculty or unit, and whether the team includes staff, students and/or alumni.

03 **Problem and solution**
The need you address, who is affected, and how your approach is different.

04 **Stage of development**
Concept, research, prototype, pilot, early revenue, or ready for commercialisation.

05 **Impact and sector**
Intended users or beneficiaries, and the domain (health, education, industry, social, and so on).

06 **Support sought**
What you need next — development funding, commercialisation support, mentoring, or a partner introduction.

07 **IP and affiliations**
Any known IP position, existing Wits TTO engagement, and other institutions or partners involved.

08 **Contact details**
Email and phone for the lead, plus a preferred time for a short follow-up conversation.

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How to submit · What happens next

HOW TO SUBMIT

Complete the one-page Expression of Interest and email it to Sarah.Sepamla@wits.ac.za. Rolling submissions are accepted. Review windows will be communicated periodically.

1. Acknowledge

Every submission receives an acknowledgement and light feedback.

2. Assess

Promising opportunities are reviewed internally, with Technology Transfer Office input where relevant.

3. Match

Suitable opportunities are introduced to the most appropriate funding pathway and supported through the next process.

4. Develop

Opportunities not yet ready for external funding may be offered internal support, mentoring or connections.

This call is part of WIC's broader effort to strengthen the lab-to-market pathway at Wits and to ensure that strong ideas find the right support at the right time.

