

## Frequently Asked Questions for DTC Research Grant

Question	Response
1. Can a company be collaborator of the grant call?	Yes.
2. Would the upcoming grant call include Trust AI research (as part of trust computing)?	Yes.
3. Are different RIs or IHLs encouraged to work together to jointly submit a proposal?	Yes, but not mandatory.
4. Can a person be involved in only one project?	<p>A research staff can be involved in more than one project and staff costs should be charged based on time commitment to the research. In terms of NRF guidelines, there are no restrictions on PI/Co-PI being in involved in more than one project. Please refer to the relevant clause below:</p> <div data-bbox="564 1240 1401 1357" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>8. All EOM related expenses shall be pro-rated taking reference from the project start date, except for lump-sum insurance claims, which shall be allowable as claimed. As a general principle, staff costs should be charged based on time commitment to the Research.</p> </div>
5. Can you provide more clarity on what are the expectations with regard to industry collaborators? Is it mandatory?	Industry collaborators may provide one of more or these: use case scenarios, test data, in-kind contributions, etc. It is not mandatory but will be an advantage.
6. What are the requirements for the letter of commitment from the company? Do you require the company to state how many people are participating the research and their	The company may specify their role/contribution to the project if awarded.

<p>time contribution to the project?</p>	
<p>7. From the Research Project Performance Assessment section, it is noted that the project will be reviewed. If the team passes the interim review, then funding support will continue. May we know if there's a certain breakdown of how much will be funded for the first 15 months, and how much after the team passes the interim review? Or is the team supposed to budget for the entire 3 years, after which the project may be terminated and funding will be stopped if the team does not pass the interim review?</p>	<p>The budget needs to be reasonably distributed over the entire project period (e.g. entire 3 years).</p>
<p>8. Is having an industry partner a must for submission?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>9. The faculty is interested in the topic - Trusted Accreditation, where there were four challenges listed (Hallucination, Fairness, Explainability and Robustness). Must the proposal cover all four challenges? Or can the team focus on just one?</p>	<p>No need to cover all. Can focus on just one.</p>

<p>10. For the KPI section, it was indicated under the category of Research Excellence that only journal papers will be counted as a KPI for this category. May we know if conference papers will fall under this category as well?</p>	<p>No, the grantee must put up a Change Request to seek approval to amend the KPI definition to include top 10% conference and provide justification why each of the new conference is a respectable/worthy venue.</p>
<p>11. What is the maximum funding amount for each proposal?</p>	<p>Up to \$2 million over three years, inclusive of 30% indirect cost.</p>
<p>12. Noted that the project commencement is from Dec 2023 onwards, can the project start date be at a later date (e.g. Apr 2024)?</p>	<p>A PI is not expected to delay project commencement, but this can be considered on a case by case basis if there is strong justification.</p>
<p>13. Under “Project Support and Facilitation” on common research-engineering capabilities that DTC may be able to support with, does it include access to cloud-based GPUs such as those hosted on Amazon, Azure etc.?</p>	<p>No. Proposal should include the cost of cloud services under the OOE category of the budget.</p>
<p>14. Under “Project Deliverables and Outcomes”, technologies under TRL 4–5 categories may not translate to industry jobs. May we understand how this will be reviewed in the proposal?</p>	<p>PI may propose whether to include industry jobs in the KPI.</p>

<p>15. Does the grant support research scholars? If yes, does the portion for research scholars incur 30% IRC? Are research students who are holding a scholarship allowed to do paid internship or student helper work?</p>	<p>This grant call does not support research scholarships. For research students who are holding a scholarship, paid internship or student helper work are not claimable under the grant since they are existing scholarship holders.</p>
<p>16. Must the industry partner be in Singapore, or can it be counted if the industry partner is outside of Singapore?</p>	<p>The industry partner can be overseas but the research and development activities must be conducted in Singapore. Please refer to the relevant clause below:</p> <div data-bbox="564 824 1358 913" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>2.4 Other than expressly allowed under this Contract, the Funds or any part thereof shall not be channelled to Collaborators or to fund research and development activities overseas.</p></div>