



TEXAS
EMERGING
TECHNOLOGY FUND

FIVE FUNDING CRITERIA
Research Award Matching
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Research Award Matching Funding Criteria

- 1. Matching funds must be from an eligible source**
- 2. Consortium must increase commercialization capacity of a Texas Institution(s)**
- 3. Consortia must include a private-public partnership**
- 4. Commercialization of emerging technology**
- 5. Reasonable commercialization milestones and funding tranche requests required**



1. Matching funds from an eligible source

- ✓ TETF funding must be used to leverage non-state appropriated funding
- ✓ The proposal must have received or is actively pursuing matching funds from sources other than state appropriations¹
- ✓ Research Award Matching University applicants must have “skin in the game” equal to or greater than 15% of the TETF amount awarded
- ✓ Matching funds may be in-kind services
- ✓ Applications will not be considered prior to identification of external funding
- ✓ Greater than a 1:1 match is required, 1:3 is considered competitive

1. Endowments, federal grants, other university-associated funds, and reduction of costs ARE eligible sources.



2. Increase Texas Institution commercialization capacity

- ✓ A Texas Institution is an institute of higher education¹ and the NASA Johnson Space Center
- ✓ Considered commercialization capacity building activities include:
 - Advancing innovation resulting in licensing technology
 - Expanded capacity for sponsored contracts for engineering or other services
 - Improved or expanded incubation services

1. Institute of Higher Education as determined by [Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#) (includes four year, two year, and technical colleges)



2. Increase Texas Institution commercialization capacity – con'td.

- ✓ Add new capabilities to a Texas Institution to enhance the State's competitiveness
 - Project should aim to change an entire industry or multiple industries
 - Impact on other businesses in the Texas Industry Cluster Initiative¹
 - Platform technologies that could spawn additional products and businesses

1. See more about the [Texas Industry Cluster Initiative](#).



3. Consortia must include a private-public partnership

- ✓ Consortia must include one or more Texas institutions of higher education¹
- ✓ The consortium lead or fiscal agent may NOT be a for-profit company
- ✓ Consortium should be interdisciplinary and collaborative with a combination of public and private Texas Institutions across the state
- ✓ Cross-system collaborations are encouraged
- ✓ Consortia should include one or more companies
- ✓ Consortia need more than three entities to be competitive

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4. Commercialization of emerging technology

- ✓ Emerging technologies are semiconductors, information, computer & software technology, energy, manufactured energy systems, micro-electromechanical systems, nanotechnology, biotechnology, medicine, life sciences, petroleum refining & chemical processes, aerospace, defense and other areas as determined by the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House
- ✓ TETF Subchapter E funds cannot be used for basic research
- ✓ Commercialization activities, include, but are not limited to:
 - Process refinement, scale-up and/or manufacturing
 - Development and implementation of commercialization plans
- ✓ Project should aim to change an entire industry or multiple industries



5. Reasonable commercialization milestones and funding tranche requests required

- ✓ Applicants submit an initial and at least three funding tranche amounts
- ✓ Tranches must directly link to contractual milestones
- ✓ Milestones must follow the [milestone guidance](#) provided by TETF
- ✓ Matching funds equal to or greater than the amount of TETF funds disbursed must be received by the consortium prior to each funding request
- ✓ Milestones must include commercialization building capacity outcomes. For example:
 - Advancing innovation resulting in licensing technology
 - Expanded capacity for sponsored contracts for engineering or other services
 - Improved or expanded incubation services