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# **Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund Application**

**State Entity or Institution of Higher Education**

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund is used to award grants to leverage Texas's expertise and capacity at its higher education institutions and maintain the state's position as the nation's leader in semiconductor manufacturing. The Texas CHIPS Act establishes the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium (TSIC) and the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund (TSIF).

To be eligible, an entity interested in applying for matching funding from the TSIF must meet all basic qualifying criteria, including but not limited to, the following:

- The applicant must be a state entity, including an institution of higher education.
- The applicant project must be in Texas.
- The funds requested must be spent by the applicant.
- The applicant project must relate to semiconductor research, development, manufacturing, and/or design, and must align with the purposes of the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium specified in Section 481.652, Texas Government Code.
- The applicant project is not designed, intended, or reasonably expected to lure a project or program that is a going concern from another state entity.
- The applicant project must meet the requirements of the applicable provisions of Chapter 481, Subchapter GG, of the Texas Government Code.
- If the application is from an institution of higher education, the individual with the authority to approve grant applications has approved the submission. The approving authority should be different from the applicant.
- If the application is from a state entity other than an institution of higher education, the application has the support of the governing board of the state entity and the presiding officer of the state entity's governing board or, if the state entity is governed solely by a chief executive officer, of that officer.

For more information, and to see if the project is potentially eligible for the **Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund**, contact the Office of Economic Development and Tourism at (512) 936-0100 or visit <https://gov.texas.gov/tsif>.

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

*Applicants must submit a complete form electronically to EDT, Texas CHIPS Office at [tsif@gov.texas.gov](mailto:tsif@gov.texas.gov).*

- **The Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, Texas CHIPS Office (EDT) will NOT process incomplete applications or applications not submitted electronically.**
- Include all requested information for all sections. EDT will develop any performance documents or grant contracts using details represented in this application. Be accurate and thorough to avoid delays in processing.
- Where no response is possible, the appropriate response is “N/A”.
- Attachments and additional pages are not required unless otherwise specified. EDT will request any necessary supplemental information; the Applicant must provide any additional information requested by EDT within the time specified in the request for supplemental information.
- The applicant may execute its completed application with original signatures or electronically.
- The application is subject to modification. Should the application be modified prior to action being taken on the application, EDT will notify the applicant and the applicant must submit any additional information required because of the modifications.
- Applicants who seek funding for a project that will take place in multiple locations may submit separate applications for each location.
- There is no deadline to submit an application.

**STATE ENTITY APPLYING FOR A TSIF AWARD**

**Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

Has the entity applied for other State grants?	Yes	No	If awarded, indicate grant program, amount, and award date.
<b>1</b> _____			<b>Amount</b> \$ _____ <b>Date</b> _____
<b>2</b> _____			<b>Amount</b> \$ _____ <b>Date</b> _____
<b>3</b> _____			<b>Amount</b> \$ _____ <b>Date</b> _____

**AUTHORIZED POINT OF CONTACT**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION – OFFICIAL ENTITY REPRESENTATIVE**

*TRUE AND CORRECT INFORMATION. The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this TSIF application is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and that the he or she has the authority to submit this application on behalf of the state entity or institution of higher education specified herein.*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT LEADS & PRINCIPAL RESEARCHERS**

*List project leads and principal researchers. Attach 1-2 page biographies/CVs of key team members.*

1	5
2	6
3	7
4	8

## PROJECT CATEGORY

*Identify the primary category of the project (select one).*

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assembly                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Metrology              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Packaging              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Design Automation Software | <input type="checkbox"/> Research & Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fabrication                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Testing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Materials                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____                 |   |

## PROJECT DETAILS

*Provide specific details about the project.*

**1. Provide a project description. (300 words or less)**

**2. Describe the project location and facilities. (100 words or less)**

**3. List your Texas State Legislative Representatives ([Who Represents Me?](#)).**

State Legislative Representatives for Project Location	
State Senator and District Number	State Representative and District Number

**4. Provide an estimated project timeline and major milestones.**

Begin Project		End Project	
Milestone 1		1	
Milestone 2		2	
Milestone 3		3	
Milestone 4		4	

**5. How would the project expand workforce development in Texas? (100 words or less)**

6. Describe the project's contribution and innovation to the Semiconductor ecosystem in Texas. (200 words or less)

7. Describe the project's contribution and innovation to the Semiconductor ecosystem as a whole. (200 words or less)

8. Describe how the project is interdisciplinary and collaborative with other institutions and private business. (100 words or less)

9. Describe the applicant's plans for resulting intellectual property (IP), including commercialization efforts. (100 words or less)

**TSIF REQUEST & MATCHING FUNDS**

*Provide specific details about the TSIF request and the matching funds. The matching funds must be at least equal to the amount of the TSIF request, and the applicant must provide documentation demonstrating the applicant has secured such matching funds.*

TSIF Request (\$)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have matching funds been awarded?      Yes      No  
If Yes, have matching funds been disbursed?      Yes      No      Disbursement Date \_\_\_\_\_

List the matching amount and source(s) and attach award verification documentation. (100 words or less)



Has the project started?    Yes            No            If yes, date the project started? \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT BUDGET**

*Provide specific details about the project budget.*

**Total Project Budget (\$)**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT SPENDING TIMELINE						
CATEGORY	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	SUBTOTAL
Land	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Construction	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equipment	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Research & Development	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Direct Operating Exp	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
				<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	\$	

**DEFINITIONS:** Unless otherwise stated by the EDT in the grant application, eligible budget categories include the following cost categories:

1. **"Construction Costs"** means construction of new buildings or renovation of existing buildings (including the installation of fixed equipment but excluding the cost of land acquisition and off-site improvements). New construction, or activities that would change the "footprint" of an existing facility (e.g., relocation of existing exterior walls, roofs, or floors, attachment of fire escapes) is considered an allowable construction cost.
  
2. **"Equipment"** means tangible, nonexpendable personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit. Applicant may use equipment paid for with EDT funds for any purpose related to semiconductor research, design, commercialization, and manufacturing for the business, as long as the primary use of such equipment remains for grant-related purposes. Applicant shall not give any security interest, lien or otherwise encumber any item of equipment purchased with grant funds. Applicant shall permanently identify all equipment purchased under the grant by appropriate tags or labels affixed to the equipment. Applicant shall maintain a current inventory of all equipment, which shall be available to the EDT at all times upon request, however, the title for equipment will remain with the applicant. Applicant will operate, maintain, repair, and protect all equipment purchased in whole or in part with grant funds to ensure the full availability and usefulness of such equipment for the purposes of the TSIF grant award. In the event the applicant is indemnified, reimbursed, or otherwise

compensated for any loss of, destruction of, or damage to the equipment purchased with grant funds, it shall use the proceeds to repair or replace said equipment.

3. **"Research"** is defined as a systematic study directed toward fuller scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied. **"Development"** is the systematic use of knowledge and understanding gained from research directed toward the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods, including design and development of prototypes and processes.
4. **"Direct operating expenses"** are defined as those costs not included in either Equipment, Construction, or R&D cost categories and which are directly related to the day-to-day operation of the grant project.

Grants funds will be awarded on a reimbursement-only basis. Applicants will be reimbursed for authorized actual expenditures substantiated by documentation submitted to EDT. If allowed, the OOG may use an alternative method of payment.

**All budget items must be reasonable and necessary and properly allocated within each budget category.**

**How will the requested TSIF funds be spent?**

CATEGORY	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
<b>Construction Costs</b>	
➤ <b>New Construction</b>	\$
➤ <b>Renovation</b>	\$
➤ <b>Total Construction Costs</b>	\$
<b>Describe the project construction and renovation costs. (100 words or less)</b>	
<b>Equipment Costs</b>	
➤ <b>Capital Equipment</b>	\$
➤ <b>Training Equipment</b>	\$
➤ <b>Total Equipment Costs</b>	\$
<b>Describe the project equipment costs. (100 words or less)</b>	

Research & Development (R&D) Costs	
➤ Research	\$
➤ Development	\$
➤ Total R&D Costs	\$

Describe the project research and development costs. (100 words or less)

Direct Operating Expenses (Opex) (specify)	
➤ 1	\$
➤ 2	\$
➤ 3	\$
➤ Total direct operating expenses	\$

Describe the project direct operating expenses. (100 words or less)

<b>TSIF Funds Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>
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**How will the remaining project funds be spent?**

CATEGORY	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
Construction Costs	
➤ New Construction	\$
➤ Renovation	\$
➤ Total Construction Costs	\$

Describe the project construction and renovation costs. (100 words or less)

Equipment Costs	
➤ Capital Equipment	\$
➤ Training Equipment	\$
➤ Total Equipment Costs	\$
Describe the project equipment costs. (100 words or less)	
Research & Development (R&D) Costs	
➤ Research	\$
➤ Development	\$
➤ Total R&D Costs	\$
Describe the project research and development costs. (100 words or less)	
Direct Operating Expenses (specify)	
➤ 1	\$
➤ 2	\$
➤ 3	\$
➤ Total direct operating expenses	\$
Describe the project direct operating expenses. (100 words or less)	
<b>Remaining Funds Subtotal</b>	\$
<b>TSIF Funds and Remaining Project Funds Total</b>	\$