

ITF – OGIC Joint Call for Proposals March 2017

Aim

ITF and OGIC are collaborating to support technology developers to execute innovative projects that will deliver value to the oil & gas industry. The Joint Call is intended to identify and support projects which meet OGIC's criteria and are able to attract the interest of ITF funders.



Who Should Respond

Applications to the Joint Call are open to any company, of any size, from any country. Companies with technology innovations relevant to the oil & gas industry are invited to submit proposals.

Qualifying Technologies

Supported technologies or innovations must:

- Be of benefit to the oil & gas industry,
- Be innovative, and,
- Require research and/or development work to be done in a Scottish University (OGIC will seek out suitable university capability as part of the Joint Call process).

Benefits of Participation

The Joint Call offers the following project funding package:

- A combination of OGIC, one or more ITF Members and/or introduced companies ("ITF funders") and applicant funding.
- OGIC will contribute up to 70% grant funding depending on company size.
- The applicant and/or the ITF funder(s) will be required to provide cash funding to cover the balance of the non-OGIC funded university costs.
- Once all of the university costs have been funded, the balance of the project funding by either applicant or ITF Funder may be in cash, in-kind or a combination of both.

In all cases:

- At least 75% of the overall project value must be delivered by a Scottish university.
- All of OGIC's funding must go to a Scottish university.
- Any in-kind contribution must satisfy OGIC's guidelines, available on request.
- The minimum level of OGIC's funding per project is £20,000 and the maximum level per project is £250,000.

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How to Participate

Your point of contact for this Call for Proposals is Ben Foreman, ITF Technology Manager.

In the first instance, please complete the Project Application form which is available [here](#).

On receipt of each application, it will be passed to OGIC who will take the submission through its standard project process, which includes:

- OGIC staff meeting the applicant to better understand their requirements.
- OGIC staff identifying one or more Scottish universities able to meet the needs of the applicant and the project.
- The applicant and the selected university developing a detailed project proposal.
- The independent OGIC Project Review Panel (PRP) reviewing the project proposal.
- For projects which are approved by the PRP, OGIC financial approval.

Where an applicant has already identified the Scottish university it wishes to work with, the university (and where relevant, the researcher's/academic's) name is to be clearly stated in the application.

Once approved by OGIC, projects will be circulated to the ITF funders to solicit interest.

Applications which succeed in attracting ITF funder interest will proceed to agreeing commercial terms. A draft template contract will be used as a starting point for negotiation and agreement by the interested parties (applicant, university, ITF funder(s) and OGIC).

An OGIC approved applicant who elects to proceed without ITF funding, or who fails to secure ITF funding, will still be eligible for OGIC support through an OGIC only project.

Benefits of current approach

For successful applicants, end users' funding and/or engagement will be available to support the development of their innovation.

Intellectual Property Arrangements

The following principles are included in the template contract but are subject to case-by-case consideration by the interested parties:

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- Intellectual property generated during the project (foreground IP) will belong to the applicant.
- Participating universities will receive a licence to utilise the foreground IP for teaching and research purposes.
- There will be an explicit “non-compete” clause which prevents the university from using the developed foreground IP on any project involving a competitor of the applicant.
- In the event that the applicant wishes to exploit the developed foreground IP, and this IP builds on background IP owned by the university, then the applicant and the university are responsible for reaching a mutually acceptable licencing arrangement for the background IP.

Confidentiality

- The initial information to be submitted on the Joint Call website must not contain any confidential information.
- After receipt of the application, OGIC and ITF will enter into their standard Confidentiality Agreements (CAs) with each applicant in advance of any confidential information being disclosed by the applicant.
- CAs will also be signed with the Scottish universities as required.

Timeline Requirements

The Joint Call will open on 20th March 2017 and close on 30th April 2017. Applications can be submitted at any time during this period and will be dealt with on receipt.

ITF Contact Information

If you would like to discuss any matters related to this call please use the following contact details:

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