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Higher Education Institution Readiness for Innovation and Technopreneurship



# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## For the Next PCIEERD HEIRIT TBIs

Higher Education Institution Readiness for  
Innovation and Technopreneurship

For Participation in the HEIRIT  
Preparatory Program

Submission Deadline:

**14 February 2022**



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## QUALIFICATIONS

### HEIRIT TBI Applicants (HEIRIT Trainees)

For the HEIs and SUCs to be onboarded and prepared for the establishment and operation of TBIs, the following are the requirements and documents to be submitted from the interested HEIRIT university applicants:

- Has **active research and development** conducted in the university.
- Has **existing R&D Centers and Laboratories** that can be accessed by future incubates/ startup teams. A FabLab or innovation center is a plus.
- Has a **MOA/MOU and partnership with industry associations or private organizations and potential collaborations** stating its engagement with the university.
- Has existing or partnership with Business Schools.
- **Offers entrepreneurship or technopreneurship program or has plan of institutionalizing** the entrepreneurship/ technopreneurship program to be offered within the university.
- Has **initial linkage or currently a member of a Consortia** (ReSEED/RIICS)



### **Projected output and deliverables for Year 1**

(as participant to the HEIRIT Preparatory Program) are the ff:

- Conducted the regional internal and external needs analysis and regional and university ecosystem mapping. A document as a proof that these activities were already organized should be presented.
- Provide at least 2 validated prototype/technology
- At least 1 benchmarking report and analysis
- List of at least 7 startups or teams organized
- A confirmed list of partners and mentors for the TBI
- A TBI business model and sustainability plan
- A signed clear plan discussing how the university administration will be involved in the TBI
- Proposal approved and endorsed by the University Admin



### **We are looking for the Universities with:**

- Active R&D conducted in their university
- Plans for institutionalizing an Entrepreneurship or Technopreneurship Program in the university
- Partnerships with industry associations or private organizations and potential collaborators
- Existing Business Schools
- Existing R&D centers, laboratories, or FabLabs

### **During the HEIRIT Preparatory Program**

The HEIRIT TBIs trainees should actively participate in all the activities, trainings, and events conducted under the HEIRIT Preparatory Program for a period of 2 years.



## **Projected Expected Output and Deliverables Year 2** (with funding support):

- At least 7 startup teams mentored and ready for incubation
- MOA with private associations
- Design of technopreneurship program for approval or approved by the board
- TBI team approved by the University Admin
- Prepared sustainability plan
- List of mentors
- Approved space for the TBI facility
- Incubation program design launched
- Draft TBI Operations manual
- At least 3 Regional Partners and 5 mentor contracts signed
- At least 5 TBI provincial and regional events organized





## HOW TO APPLY?

### Step 1:

Interested HEIRIT applicant trainees should prepare a Letter of Application signed by the University President and should contain the following details:

- TBI team should be composed of six (6) members which composed of the following:
  - At least two (2) members with Plantilla position (one of which is the lead TBI Manager), preferably with Certificate of Commitment from the Department Heads
  - ITSO Officer/Manager, preferably with Certificate of Commitment from the Department Heads
  - One (1) entrepreneur in residence; preferably an existing mentor or private sector partner in an R&D program
- Has allotted at least a counterpart funding of five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) to be utilized by the designated participants in the HEIRIT preparatory events and activities.
- A dedicated space is provided for the future establishment of the TBI.



- Description/Plans to sustain the TBI after the funding
- Commitment to attend the TBI Primer Course prior to the selection of the universities who will be onboarded to the HEIRIT Preparatory Program.
- Chancellor or President should present and discuss the TBI application or tandem with the TBI Manager
- Team should actively participate in the HEIRIT Preparatory Program for two (2) years. And the University administration will participate in the required sessions in the HEIRIT Prep Program (e.g., kick-off, sessions with the university admin, etc.).

Complete the following attachments as part of the requirements/documents in applying for the program:

- List of active research and development preferably with Technology Readiness Level (TRL) and Investment Readiness Level (IRL).
- List of existing R&D Centers, Laboratories, or Fabrication Lab that can be accessed by future incubates/startup teams
- Scanned copy of the MOA/MOU and partnership with industry associations or private organizations stating its engagement with the university.



- Proof of existing partnership with Business Schools.
- Copy of the curriculum showing that the university is offering entrepreneurship or technopreneurship program or letter stating that the school has plans of institutionalizing the entrepreneurship/technopreneurship program to be offered within the university.
- Proof of initial linkage or membership in a Consortia (ReSEED/RIICS)
- Endorsement Letter signed by the DOST Regional Office
- Names of the TBI team (6 members including the entrepreneur in residence)
- Description of the Organizational Structure
- Letter stating the details of how the university plan to run the TBI and how the TBI team will actively operate and implement the TBI Program. The following are the suggested options:
  - 9-12 units de-loading of teaching units, or
  - Provide alternate or assistant TBI Manager (plantilla position), or
  - Hire new personnel to be the TBI Manager (plantilla position) which can also teach other entrepreneur related programs in the university.



- Documents providing the reasons of applying which highlights the following:
  - Why TBI is important in your university?
  - What will be the role of the TBI in the development of your school and community?
  - What is the school's focus, expertise or banner program?

### **Step 2:**

Submit the Letter of Application together with the needed documents to DOST-PCIEERD 4th Flr., Science Heritage Bldg., DOST Compound, Bicutan, Taguig City or you may email the following:

Letter of Application should be addressed to:

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**Note: Incomplete submission should not be entertained and evaluated**





## CONTACT

DOST-PCIEERD Project Managers are available to provide appropriate assistance to potential applicants interested in competing for this Call for Applications. This may include assistance to potential applicants in determining eligibility of the applicant, questions about administrative issues relating to the submission the application, and clarifications on the announcement.

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