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CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR STARTUPS

The Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) is announcing its new program for startups and we would like to extend the invitation to the **1st Call for Proposals for the Startup Research Grant**. The proposals should be geared towards translating early stage technologies into market ready products. More importantly, the fund assistance being requested should aim to:

1. Overcome R&D roadblocks
2. Strengthen Intellectual Property
3. Establish initial market traction
4. Refine business model

This call for proposal is open to qualified startups. However, [priority will be given to startups located in any of DOST- supported Technology Business Incubators](#). Interested startups may avail of any of the following funding tracks:

- **Idea-2-Technology Assistance (12Tech)** – this is a pre-incubation grant for startups with early stage prototypes or those that require assistance in product improvement, market testing, data gathering and business modelling. The startup is qualified if:
 - ⇒ Legally registered startup (DTI registration at the minimum) or non-incorporated startups should convert to corporation within the grant period
 - ⇒ At least 1 year in developing the prototype/business model
 - ⇒ Early stage prototype or proof of concept (concepts not allowed)
- **Innovate and Scale Assistance (iScale)** – for startups in need of matching funds and requires assistance in scaling up operations, testing of products for certifications and rolling out of services. Fund assistance is repayable in the form of royalties. The qualifications are:
 - ⇒ Legally registered startup (SEC registration at the minimum)
 - ⇒ Established business model
 - ⇒ At least 1 year in operation
 - ⇒ Minimum viable product, at least 1 confirmed client

To avail of the funding, the following requirements should be submitted together with the proposal:

- A letter describing past R&D effort or proof of:
 1. Capacity to conduct R&D
 2. Capacity to do the marketing of research outputs or can identify a partner-company, if the said private sector proponent is not capable of doing this function
 3. Able to differentiate research from their regular business operations.
- Provide a counterpart of at least 20% of the total research budget.

- Submit a Letter of Commitment to cultivate revenues from commercialization back to research in the Philippines or remit to PCIEERD as agreed in the Research Funding Agreement (RFA).
- Submit an Authenticated copy of the latest Articles of Incorporation or Business permits and Licenses in the case of single proprietorship or partnership;

All interested startups may submit their Capsule Proposal to the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) thru the Research Information and Technology Transfer Division (RITTD). For more information, you may contact Ms. Russell M. Pili or Engr. Edward Paul H. Apigo via landline at (02) 837-2071 local 2102 or via email at russellpili@gmail.com or edwardpaul.dost@gmail.com.

Application submission will be closed on **August 31, 2017**.