



# Powering Australia Industry Growth Centre Program

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What funding is available from the Powering Australia Industry Growth Centre (PAIGC) program?

As per section 3.1 of the [grant opportunity guidelines](#), the maximum grant amount of funding that can be requested is \$14 million. The funding requested can be up to 60 per cent of project eligible expenditure.

### What are the requirements for the expenditure of grant funding?

As stated in the guidelines, at section 3.1:

You are required to contribute towards the project. The grant amount will be up to 60 per cent of eligible expenditure up to a maximum of \$14 million. You are responsible for the remaining eligible and ineligible project costs.

The PAIGC guidelines list 'eligible activities' and 'eligible expenditure' for the project in section 5 and Appendix A.

The project activities should be aligned with the objectives and intended outcomes of the PAIGC and eligible expenditure for the project needs to comply with section 5 and Appendix A of the guidelines. The guidelines do not state any further limitations.

Applicants are asked to provide details on how their project will address the requirements of the program and a summary of their eligible project expenditure. Applications will be reviewed against the assessment criteria and consider its merits based on:

- how well it meets the criteria
- how it compares to other applications
- whether it provides value with relevant money.

### Who can apply to the PAIGC program?

To be eligible to apply you must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be non-income-tax-exempt
- be registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST); and

- be one of the following entities:
  - an entity, incorporated in Australia
  - a company limited by guarantee
  - an incorporated association
  - an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the [Corporations \(Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander\) Act 2006](#) (Cth)
  - a co-operative
  - a partnership
  - a joint (consortia) application with a lead organisation.

Joint applications are acceptable and encouraged where this increases applicants' capability to deliver the program objectives, provided you have a lead organisation that is the main driver of the project and is eligible to apply.

Entities that are eligible to participate as project partners, but not as lead organisations, include, but are not limited to:

- publicly funded research organisations (PFROs) as defined in section 14 of the guidelines.
- corporate Commonwealth entities.
- state, territory, or local government bodies.

For more information, please refer to the [PAIGC Grant opportunity guidelines](#).

### Is there an application limit for the Expression of Interest (EOI) stage?

An applicant can submit multiple application in the EOI stage. The EOI process is a competitive process and as such, all applications, including multiple applications from the same applicant, will be assessed against each other, on their merits.

### When does a First Nations Adviser need to be engaged?

As stated in section 5.1 of the guidelines, your project must engage a Supply Nation registered or certified First Nations Business Advisor to be eligible.

Information about the arrangement is not required for the Expression of Interest stage. If your application is successful, the details should be included in the Stage 2 application as it part of the eligibility criteria.