



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION



MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON

TO : PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs)

THROUGH : REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE

SUBJECT : ENDORSEMENT OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2024 INNOVATION GRANTS

DATE : 07 OCTOBER 2024

The Commission on Higher Education informs interested parties of the Call for Proposals for the 2024 Innovation Grants which aims to promote innovation as a key driver of national development and economic growth. This echoes the mandate of the Commission to *“Guarantee and protect academic freedom for continuing intellectual growth, advancement of learning and research, development of responsible and effective leadership, education of high level professionals, and enrichment of historical and cultural heritages”*.

Entities from State Universities and Colleges, Local Government Units, National Government Agencies, and Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations are eligible to apply. Attached herewith is the **Call for Proposals for the 2024 Innovation Grants**, with direct links to the Electronic Innovation Grants Information System (EIGIS) platform where proposals are to be submitted, and Detailed information on the Call for Proposals and its Implementing Guidelines.

Eligible entities are encouraged to participate in this initiative to support advancing innovation across the country. For further details or assistance, please refer to the attached documents or contact the designated focal points.

Dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

Signed
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Chairman



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2024 INNOVATION GRANTS

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WHO CAN APPLY?



National Government Agencies



Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations



Local Government Units



State Universities and Colleges

WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND PROJECTS CAN BE PROPOSED?



Pre-commercialization, Commercialization*, or Diffusion of Innovations



Innovation Facilities and Services



Innovation Culture Promotion and Capacity-Building



Innovation Policy and Administration

**For proposals involving commercialization, implementing entities must identify a private enterprise or partner that commits to adopting, utilizing, or employing their innovative product, service, or technology to be funded.*

WHAT SECTORS CAN THE PROPOSAL FOCUS ON?



Learning and Education



Health and Well-Being



Energy



Blue Economy and Water



Public Administration



Finance



Manufacturing and Trade



Transportation and Logistics



Food and Agribusiness



Security and Defense

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL?

All proposals must be submitted through the **NEDA Electronic Innovation Grants Information System (EIGIS)**: <https://eigis-innovation.neda.gov.ph>

- 1 Proponents must designate a Project Leader, who shall be authorized by the Head of Agency (using a template available on EIGIS), to create a user account.
- 2 All required proposal application forms and supporting documents must be encoded and submitted in EIGIS, respectively, on or before the deadline.



For detailed information on the Call for Proposals and the implementing guidelines, please visit the link or scan the QR Code.

<https://neda.gov.ph/2024InnovationGrants>



NATIONAL INNOVATION COUNCIL









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 <p>Pre-commercialization, Commercialization* or Diffusion of Innovations</p>	<p>Pre-commercialization</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-fidelity prototyping of product, technology, or service • Application and/or registration of Intellectual Property • Conduct of market research and assessments
	<p>Commercialization*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production & manufacturing • Marketing & sales • Supply chain establishment • Compliance to legal and regulatory requirements
	<p>Diffusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct of evaluations within testbed environments • Participation to regulatory sandbox program • Small-scale pilot deployment of product or service • Conduct of technology transfer activities
 <p>Innovation Facilities and Services</p>	<p>Physical Facilities and Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease of commercial, co-working, or physical or virtual office space • Refurbishment and enhancement of office, co-working, or commercial space • Overhead costs
	<p>Support Services and Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared business services • Incubation support
 <p>Innovation Culture Promotion and Capacity-Building</p>	<p>Educational Programs and Capacity-Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops or trainings • Incubator or accelerator programs • Conduct of hackathons, innovation challenges, or ideation sessions
	<p>Trade Exhibits, Expositions, and Missions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation at innovation-related conferences or conventions • Participation at trade exhibits and expositions • Participation at trade missions or business matching meetings
 <p>Innovation Policy and Administration</p>	<p>Public Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct of regulatory sandbox program
	<p>Public Administration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Service Platforms and Transformation Initiatives

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Call for Proposals for the 2024 Innovation Grants

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) invites eligible government entities, including state universities and colleges (SUCs), to submit proposals for innovation programs, activities, and projects (PAPs) to be funded under the 2024 Innovation Grants.

This initiative aims to promote innovation as a key driver of national development and economic growth, particularly in supporting marginalized communities and integrating micro, small, and medium enterprises in domestic and global supply chains as provided under Republic Act No. 11293, otherwise known as the Philippine Innovation Act.

Special Provision No. 5 under the FY 2024 General Appropriations Act appropriates PHP 100 million for the issuance of grants for innovation PAPs. NEDA and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) issued Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 2024-01, as confirmed by the NIC, to serve as the implementing guidelines for the utilization of the said fund.

The Commission on Higher Education, as a member of the National Innovation Council (NIC), invites all eligible SUCs to submit innovation proposals. Proposals encouraged to be submitted include completed research and development outputs, improved prototypes of technologies, products, or services, or projects at the pre-commercialization or commercialization stage. Proposals aimed at promoting the diffusion or adoption of these outputs are also welcome for the 2024 Innovation Grants.

Key Dates:

- Opening of Proposal Submission: **October 1, 2024**
- Deadline of Submission: **October 31, 2024**
- Expected Commencement of Project: **1st Quarter of 2025**

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