

The Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership (CCSIP)

Targeted Funding Opportunity

For Development and Delivery of R & D Business Plans

The Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership (CCSIP), co-sponsored by the University of California Office of the President and participating Canadian universities, is pleased to announce a targeted funding opportunity for bilateral teams to apply for one-year awards to support the development and delivery of Research and Development (R&D) Business Plans. Eligible applicants are UC and Canadian investigators who received awards for 2009-2010 CCSIP-sponsored Collaborative Events. The awards are intended to provide successful bilateral teams an opportunity to extend their partnership for a second year to realize the full potential of their initial collaboration, and propel their concept forward. Proposals may request up to \$100,000 in total bilateral funding. Recipients of prior CCSIP R&D Business Plan awards are not eligible to apply for an extension of funding.

Consistent with the CCSIP program priorities, proposals should: 1) demonstrate the value of pursuing bilateral collaboration, including benefits to both Canada and California; 2) articulate the downstream potential for technology transfer or delivery to market; 3) demonstrate the capacity of the bilateral team to realize the development of a R&D business plan (this should include reference to the accomplishments resulting from initial CCSIP collaborative event funding); and 4) provide a plan outlining key milestones and financial and human resources.

Each proposal must include a Principal Investigator (PI) from a participating Canadian university and a PI from the University of California. The lead Co-Investigators must be the same as those who received the prior CCSIP Collaborative Event Award. Other Key personnel in the existing bilateral partnerships may be modified from the prior CCSIP award in order to meet the expertise required for developing a successful R & D business plan.

Letters of Intent in response to this announcement are not required. Complete proposals may not exceed seven (7) pages in length. Applications will be submitted online via proposalCENTRAL <https://proposalCENTRAL.altum.com/>. The Application deadline is Thursday September 30th, 2010 at 12:00 Noon Pacific time (3:00 PM Eastern Time). Applications will not be accepted by mail or email. Detailed Application Instructions are provided separately, and available at <http://www.ccsip.org/programs.html>.



Review Process and Selection Criteria

Proposal solicitation for this funding opportunity is limited to those bilateral teams previously awarded 2009-10 CCSIP collaborative event awards. Proposals to extend the collaboration to develop and deliver a R&D Business Plan will be evaluated based on overall merit and must demonstrate excellence in the following criteria:

- 1) Value of the bilateral collaboration over a unilateral approach, including specifically the anticipated benefits to both Canada and California
- 2) Novelty of the proposed initiative; this may include new insights or approaches resulting from the activities funded by the initial CCSIP collaborative event award
- 3) Potential for technology transfer or delivery to market
- 4) Capacity and expertise of the project team to accomplish the proposal objectives, including evidence that they achieved the objectives of their initial collaboration.

Proposals will be reviewed by the CCSIP Steering Committee, composed of representatives from university, government and the private sector. Final selection is contingent on availability of funding from the participating universities.

Key Dates and Timelines

Release Funding Opportunity Announcement	Monday, August 16, 2010
ProposalCENTRAL open to begin application process	Monday, August 16, 2010
Complete Proposals due in proposalCentral (no paper or email submissions accepted)	Thursday, September 30, 2010 12:00 Noon PT / 3:00 PM ET
Announcement of Awards	Monday, December 6, 2010
New Award Start Date	Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Additional Information and Contacts:

Additional information about this opportunity and downloadable Application Instructions are available at <http://www.ccsip.org/programs.html>.

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