The Expression of Interest (EOI) template informs RC&I of the applicant’s goals, describes the applicants proposed technology solution, identified market opportunity, the project finances and the project plan.

This EoI initiates the engagement between RC&I and the applicant, and it is used to give an idea of the technology development project and the funding requirements of UCT researchers.

RC&I will follow up with the applicant where clarity is needed. Successful EoI’s will be invited to submit a full project application. The EoI’s is a pre-requisite for submitting the full funding application.

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| **Application Details** | |
| Short Project Title |  |
| Name of Applicant: |  |
| Applicant Race |  |
| Applicant Gender |  |
| Department: |  |
| Telephone Number (land line): |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| Duration of the Project |  |
| Total Funds Requested for Seed Fund Project |  |

*<Please type concise responses to the questions below>*

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| **Section 1: Project Description & Purpose** |

## Overall Commercialisation of Invention/Innovation:

1. What is the problem/need in the market are you intend addressing?
2. How do you know it is a problem?
3. How will the deliverables of this project assist to address the problem/need?
4. Who are potential users and/or clients for the technology?

## Concise description of this project:

1. What is your specific UCT technology innovation and/ or solution you would like to develop to address the problem you have identified?
2. What stage of development is it (idea, proven concept or working prototype?)
3. Briefly describe the project to be undertaken (5-10 sentences).
4. What are the intended deliverables/outputs of the project?
5. If successful at securing this funding, what would have to be done after this project to bring you closer to achieving your goals?
   1. Project history and motivation
      1. Who funded/ supported the project till now?
      2. If funded externally, what are the funder’s expectations on the project?
      3. How does this project enable your broader research goals and pipeline?

**Section 2: Project Plan & Budget**

## Project plan and Project Budget:

No GOB staff members may receive a salary payment from the project. An exception may be made where a service is being rendered by a GOB staff member, who is not part of the project team. This should be clearly highlighted and motivated.

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| **Main Project Activities** | **Timeline** | **Deliverables** | **Materials Budget**  **[R]** | **Labour**  **Budget**  **[R]** | **Total**  **[R]** |
| Development of business plan | 3 months | Fundable business plan | 2,000 | 0 | 2,000 |
| Activity 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
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The call for Expression of Interests opens on the **27th of May 2024** and will close onthe **17th of June 2024**.

For more information about the fund and to learn more about fundable activities please visit the [link](https://uct.ac.za/rci/uct-innovation-builder-fund), Or contact [Mpho Baisitse](mailto:Mpho.baisitse@uct.ac.za)