

PROTEIN INDUSTRIES CANADA PROJECT ELIGIBILITY FORM

The Project Eligibility Form must be completed and submitted prior to starting the EOI process. It outlines eligibility requirements, as well as what is expected and necessary from project applicants.

If you have questions, or require assistance please phone **306-949-0049** or email **info@proteinsupercluster.ca**. All fields must be completed, and all questions answered in full.

LEAD ORGANIZATION _____

PRIMARY CONTACT

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____ Date: _____

PROJECT TITLE _____

ELIGIBILITY

For a project to be considered eligible for investment, it must:

1. Be submitted by a consortium of at minimum two PIC members, at least one of which is a Small or Medium Enterprise (SME) as defined by Statistics Canada as a business with 499 or fewer employees and less than \$50 million in gross revenues;
2. A consortium may include one academic or research institution. This is not mandatory, but is encouraged;
3. Two industry members are minimum for a consortium, but more are encouraged;
4. Each member of the consortium must contribute to the project in a meaningful way;
5. At least two members of the consortium must contribute financially to the project, investing in total together, at least 50 per cent of the total cost of the project. PIC generally will not fund projects at more than 50 per cent of eligible costs;
 - It will be up to the consortium members to determine the amount and nature of their respective contributions. The contribution of each consortium member does not need to be equal, but in total must make up at least 50 per cent of eligible project costs;
 - In-kind contributions from industry partners can account for up to 25 per cent of industry matching funds. In-kind contributions will be valued at fair market value;
6. All partners must be Canadian companies, or multi-national corporations who are legally entitled to do business in Canada with a significant Canadian business operation;
7. The project is aligned with the objectives of PIC and the Innovation Supercluster Initiative;
8. All Projects are required to pay a project management fee to PIC. This fee will be four per cent of the total project cost; and
9. The initiative is incremental to the regular business of the participating organizations; meaning that the project:
 - Is not approved nor in progress and that financial commitments to it are distinct from investments that would have otherwise occurred;
 - Would not be possible without the participation of consortium partners; and
 - Is new or would not be undertaken at the same scope or scale without the co-investment provided by the Supercluster.

CONSORTIUM MEMBERS (IN ADDITION TO LEAD APPLICANT)

Partner organization: _____ Contact name: _____

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OTHER PARTNERS (ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL)

Are you open to adding other partners? Yes No

If yes, do you need help to find partners? Yes No

PROJECT FINANCIALS

Estimated total project cost: _____

Amount of PIC investment requested: _____

Total industry cash contribution: _____

Total industry in-kind contribution (cannot exceed 25% of industry contributions): _____

Other public funding aligned to this project? Yes No

If yes, provide amount and source: _____

Would the consortium undertake this project without PIC investment? Yes No

If yes, would you undertake this project: In the same timeframe? Yes No

At the same scale? Yes No

With as many partners? Yes No

SHARING OF INFORMATION

All approved projects must agree to make public a top-level outline of their project, including total value and expected outcomes. All approved projects must agree to be part of PIC's promotional activities/media events. All announcements regarding PIC investment must be coordinated and approved by PIC prior to being released.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Foreground Intellectual Property that results from a PIC invested project, could be shared with PIC members via an IP registry.

PROJECT TYPE

For a project to be eligible, it must be aligned with the goals of PIC and the Innovation Supercluster Initiative. Select the option that best describes your project:

- Create:** Projects focus on improvements to protein content, quality and functionality with an aim to improve processing efficiency and the development of novel food ingredients.
- Grow:** These efforts reduce cost, improve sustainability and increase understanding of the effects of production practices on protein quality and quantity.
- Make:** Centred on improving processing by enhancing current processes or developing new technologies to increase efficiency, decrease energy consumption or to develop entirely new products from existing commodities.
- Sell:** Focuses on the development of new markets, in the human, livestock, aquaculture and pet food markets and serving those markets more effectively with improved logistics and traceability.

If the project reaches the Project Proposal phase, PIC will undertake a financial assessment of each participating member to ensure they can support their commitment. PIC will require each participating member to provide their total contribution value financial and in-kind, legal business name, business number, last two years of external accountant prepared financial statements, published credit rating, and consent to Equifax credit check. Additional information may be required.

I agree to all requirements as outlined above.

I verify all participating members agree to PIC's financial due diligence.

x _____ Primary Contact/Project Lead