



Frequently Asked Questions

Space Infrastructure Fund – Robotics, Automation and Artificial Intelligence Command and Control Centre grant

1. How do I apply for funding?

The grant opportunity application can only be submitted through the online portal. Go to business.gov.au for information on how to apply.

2. Program timing?

Applications will open at 12pm AEDT Tuesday 10 December 2019, and close at 5pm AEDT Tuesday 18 February 2020.

The successful applicant are expected to be able to commence their project from May 2020.

Projects must be completed by 30 June 2022.

3. Where will the Centre be located?

The centre will be located in Western Australia. It is the responsibility of the grantee to determine the exact location in Western Australia and establish the centre at that location.

You may locate the centre at a location of your choice, so long as the location is in Western Australia and meets the objectives of the grant opportunity and the assessment criteria.

4. What are the technical requirements of the Centre?

The Australian Space Agency is seeking proposals from applicants to establish a viable, ongoing, common access Centre. To this end, applicants will need to consider what business case, hardware, software and other aspects are most appropriate to deliver a commercially viable facility to the intended users. We would expect applicants to consider a range of models and propose the most appropriate to access antennas and other infrastructure, including by lease, purchase or other arrangements. The technical specifications for antennas, and the ability to scale up to future

needs, would be part of this consideration. Further, it is expected that the applicants will consider interaction with other infrastructure projects supported by the Space Infrastructure Fund, for example the Tracking Facilities Upgrade by the University of Tasmania. Applicants would also need to consider the objectives and outcomes of the grant opportunity, which sets out the intended users of the Centre and therefore what technical capabilities are most suitable to deliver the intended outcomes. The applicant's proposal will be considered against the assessment criteria during the assessment of applications, leading to a decision about which application to fund.

5. It has been announced that the Western Australian Government will contribute funding to the Australian Space Agency. Can I access this funding to help establish the centre?

The Western Australian Government has committed \$2.0 million towards a partnership with the Australian Space Agency in association with a Memorandum of Understanding. The Western Australian Government commitment will be allocated to activities to be agreed in consultation with the Australian Space Agency, and is separate to the Robotics, Automation and AI Command and Control Centre grant opportunity.

6. Can I apply for funding under the Robotics, Automation and AI Command and Control Centre grant opportunity and the Mission Control Centre grant opportunity?

Yes, you will need to submit a separate application under each grant opportunity. Each

application will be considered under the relevant grant opportunity.

7. Need more information?

For more information, visit business.gov.au or call 13 28 46.

We may update this document from time to time to add further information, where required.