

Call

- Typically around March & September
- Announced on DTI THRIP website
- UCT “Research” mailing group used for UCT notification

Industry Engagement

- UCT & Industry Partner to engage – application is made by the Industry Partner
- Decide on the IP ownership of new potential IP (see IP Terms download for more information). RC&I can assist in this discussion
- Define the project (proposal submitted to the partner)
- UCT Pi to cost the project using UCT template, noting IP ownership as to whether costing needs to be Full Cost or not. Contact your Faculty Finance Office for assistance
- Contact RC&I THRIP contact point to obtain an MoU that can be provided to the partner for submission to the DTI

Complete Application

- Download the Application Checklist, Project Proposal, and Application Template from the right-hand panel on the RC&I THRIP info page
- Download the Budget Template from the right-hand panel on this page. The Industry Partner will have their own costs to include in this budget, along with the budget information supplied by UCT
- Industry partner obtains the supporting documents needed by their company – refer to checklist
- MoU between UCT and the Industry partner for the project is needed before submission. The MoU will be finalised and signed by RC&I and Industry Partner

Submit Application

- Industry Partner submits final application pack to DTI
- Completed Application Form
- MoU
- Budget Form
- Company supporting documents (see THRIP Guidelines – download on right hand pane)

Evaluation by DTI

- Application Rejected, or
- Application Accepted – Proceed to Due Diligence Phase

Accepted

Due
Diligence

- A consultant can be appointed by the DTI to review the project and visit both the company and UCT
- Any questions or concerns are clarified. The budget may be revised.
- The DD team submits a report to the DTI, either recommending or rejecting the project

Approved

- An approval letter is sent to the Industry Partner if the project has been accepted.
- The total amount of funding awarded is indicated in the letter.
- The contracting with the Industry Partner and UCT needs to be concluded as soon as possible after receiving the approval letter from DTI.
- The contracting with the Industry Partner and DTI needs to be concluded **within 30 days** of the date of the approval letter. The agreement between UCT and the Industry Partner is required before this can happen.

Contracting

- RC&I puts a Research Contract in place between UCT and the Industry Partner to formalise the project targets (proposal will be included as an annexure), IP arrangements, funding, and the schedule of payments.
- Industry Partner needs to open a new bank account to be used for the project and UCT will open a new Research Fund.
- Industry Partner will conclude the formal funding agreement with the DTI.

First
Milestone

- Industry Partner sends the DTI proof that their contribution has been paid into the bank account.
- The DTI pays their contribution into the bank account as per the approved drawdown schedule
- The project commences
- Milestone reports and tranche payments as per the approved project plan

General THRIP FAQ

1. Entity Eligibility

- Only registered entities in RSA are eligible to apply for THRIP funding. See section 4 in the THRIP Guidelines for the exact entities.

2. Bursary Arrangement

- In the event of an ongoing THRIP project being abandoned for whatever reason, the bursary component of the THRIP project will survive the abandoned project. The DTI will continue to provide funding for the bursaries for the duration of the original bursary award.

3. Distinction between Graduate and Student

- There is a distinct difference between enrolled students and recent graduates. Please ensure that the appropriate approach and funding request is submitted for the specific human resources that will be used in the project.

4. Co-Funding Availability to release THRIP Tranche

- When a project reaches a funding milestone, and/or when a payment drawdown is due from THRIP as specified in the original approved project plan, an invoice must be submitted to THRIP to release the funds
- At this time, the industry partner must be able to demonstrate the matching funding (50% or 25% or etc.) availability in the industry partner's bank account.
- The partner contribution need only be the portion that matches the component of the specific tranche to be released and NOT for the amount of the entire project.