

# **CALL 4 STARTUP iNEST INTERCONNECTED NORD-EST INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM**

## **BANDO INTERNO PER LA CREAZIONE DI NUOVE STARTUP**

### **FAQ**

#### **Who can participate in the Call 4 Startup?**

The following are eligible to apply:

- all students enrolled at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
- PhD students
- Tenured associate and full professors
- Researchers with a fixed-term contract and tenured researchers
- Research assistants and research fellows
- Scientific collaborators
- Tecnologi with fixed-term contract
- Teaching assistants
- Admin staff
- All people holding an employment relationship with the University.

For all applicants, the contract or - in the case of PhD students - the relationship with the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano must be active at the time of the call deadline.

Start up companies that have been founded for no more than 2 years can be applicants as well.

#### **Can people outside the University also participate?**

Business ideas and ventures with at least one founding member from the University are eligible.

Any person inside and outside unibz can be part of the project as team member.

### **Can I apply if I do not possess the requirements, but expect to possess them later?**

No, the requirements must necessarily be possessed at the time of application, before the closing of the call.

### **Are all business proposals eligible?**

All business ideas related to the macro themes of the iNEST - INTERCONNECTED NORTH-EAST INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM project are eligible:

- Smart Industries
- Smart agri-food and nutrition
- Health technologies and services
- Smart and sustainable living
- Creative industries
- Tourism Technologies
- Technologies and services for natural ecosystems

At least one proposing member must be part of unibz as a researcher or student.

The activities and/or the headquarters of the future company must be located in the Autonomous Province of Bozen-Bolzano.

### **What level of development does my business proposal have to be at to be eligible to apply?**

The business proposal can be at any stage of development: from a simple idea to a project that has been started with other people and/or where a prototype has been created.

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### **I have a patent and would like to commercialize it. Can I participate?**

Yes, all business ideas are eligible for the call based on the above prerequisites.

### **How can I best propose my business idea?**

Use the Business Proposal Template found here and answer where applicable the questions indicated.

Attach a motivational letter explaining why you want to participate in the call and what your business idea/business needs most.

Attach the CVs of all the members on your team.

### **What can I get from this call for proposals?**

For your business idea you can get targeted coaching on entrepreneurship issues, support in writing a quantitative business plan; legal advice (e.g., creation of Articles of Incorporation, Intellectual Property Rights), support in the proof-of-concept process and TRL/IRL development, contact and networking with Business Angels and fundraising initiatives.

The call for proposals does not provide monetary funds.

### **How can I apply with my business proposal?**

All applications must be sent to [quality@unibz.it](mailto:quality@unibz.it) no later than **June 3, 2024, 12 am**.

The application must be signed by all proposing members and can be signed through:

- (a) digital signature on the application and all attachments
- (b) manual signature on the application and attachments, sent together with a scan of a valid ID of all team members.

### **How do I know if my business proposal has been selected?**

Winners will be posted on the relevant website.

### **Can someone copy my idea?**

The information contained in the applications will be used by the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano exclusively for the purposes of this call for proposals and will not be disclosed or made accessible to third parties, except with the express permission of the proposer(s), without prejudice to any third parties who need access to the information for the purposes of this call for proposals.

### **Intellectual Property**

In terms of intellectual property rights, please refer to the regulation on Intellectual property of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano.