

Pilot to Pathway:

Alberta Post Secondary Commercialization Pathway Ecosystem Development Program Call

Application Guide

Access, complete and submit the Full Proposal form within the Funding Opportunities tab on the [SmartSimple](#) Application Portal dashboard.

IMPORTANT

When drafting and submitting the Full Proposal form, complete all sections and for Applications addressing the Pilot to Pathway Call, ensure the following Call-specific information is included in these sections:

On the Ecosystem Opportunity Tab, under **Ecosystem Offering**:

Include why this proposal requires an intentional provincial-scale pathway rather than a project delivered by a single institution. State clearly whether the proposed approach is a genuinely new idea, or intentionally connects existing pieces of the ecosystem that have not previously been aligned, and why this is the right way to close the gap identified. *This Call is intended to fund pathways, not projects. Applicants should be explicit about intentionality rather than describing work already underway.*

On the Ecosystem Integration Tab, under **Partnerships & Integration**:

Describe Alignment with Existing Pathways explaining how this proposal connects to, and avoids duplicating, Alberta Innovates' and other existing commercialization talent investments and pathways (e.g., Graduate Student Scholarship program, Advance, CASBE, MITACS, Lab2Market, Labs4, etc).

On the Ecosystem Integration Tab, under **Governance**:

Multi-Institution Governance – if this proposal involves more than one post-secondary institution include description of how governance and decision-making will work across institutions, including how disagreements between partner institutions will be resolved

On the Project Workplan, Budget, Team Tab, under **Budget Justification**:

Infrastructure Justification –Include if this proposal requests funding for infrastructure (e.g., dedicated labs, shared space, core equipment), explaining why that infrastructure is required to establish a durable, provincial-scale pathway, rather than a one-off buildout for a single institution.

On the **Impacts Tab**:

Include Evidence for Future Investment to be generated Describe what evidence or data this pilot will generate to inform Alberta Innovates' future provincial investment decisions, beyond the Project's own performance metrics