# Israel Innovation Authority (Office of the Chief Scientist)

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## Mission, roles and goals

#### Achieving economic prosperity through tech innovation

- Maintaining a globally competitive edge
- Improving the productivity of the entire private industry
- Strengthening the partnerships with the ecosystem
- Improving the effectivity and quality of public services
- Coordination of the entire government innovation policy



## Israeli Innovation Authority role in achieving these goals

innovation in Strengthening Industrynon Hi-Tech sectors Academia cooperation Harnessing innovation Supporting growth of firms to societal challenges Supporting the human, Strategic cooperation with financial research and International markets infrastructure



#### **The Commission**

- Monitor the operation of the Authority
- Approve the annual working plan
- Approve support programs



#### Innovation divisions



Early Stage

Growth

SocietalChallenges

Advanced

Manufacturing

International Collaborations

### Customer and Mission Oriented Organizational Structure

Research infrastructure, disruptive technologies

Maintaining a s sufficient deal flow of tech startups and helping them reach fundable milestone

Helping tech firms grow in Israel

Supporting tech solutions for societal and public goals

Pushing the manufacturing industries to a sustainable competitive path

Enabling Israeli technology industry to find its path in the global arena



## Policy

Bottom-up approach

Criteria based

Risk sharing

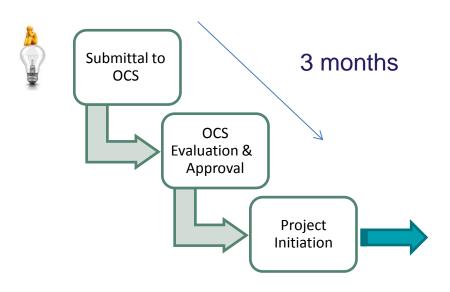
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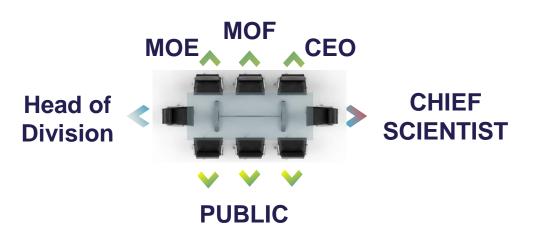
## > Landscape – Constant Support





## Project Application Process





#### Criteria







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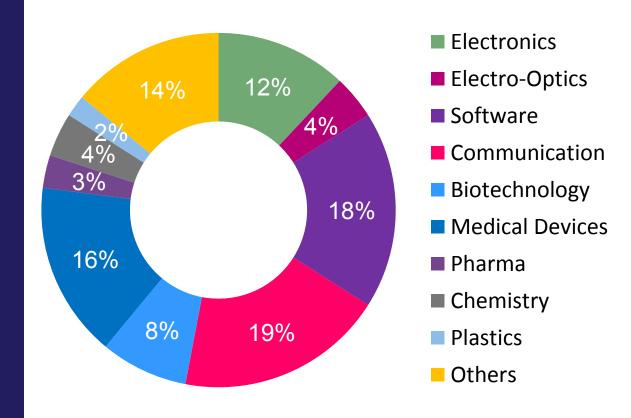
Applications Received

~1800

Projects Supported Annually

## **Grants by Sector**

Based on Data from 2015



#### **Programs**

## **Early Stage Division**

**TNUFA** 



Supporting entrepreneurs in product validation

Technological Incubators



Supporting entrepreneurs establishing startups

Startup Fund



Supporting startups in market penetration



## **Inufa Program**

Supporting individual entrepreneurs in order to prove initial feasibility for innovative technological ideas

Project Period: Up to 2 years

Project Budget: up to \$ US 60K

**Government grant:** 85% of budget

Private funds: 15% of budget

**Expenses:** Prototyping, IP protection and initial business development





### Incubators Program

Public-Private Partnership transforming innovative technological ideas into viable startup companies and leading them towards a fundable milestone

Incubation Period: up to 3 years

Project Budget: Up to \$ US 2M (Sector Dependent)

**Government Grant:** 85% of budget

**Incubator Investment:** 15% of budget

**Expenses:** Proving technological feasibility, IP protection and business development



## > The Incubator





## License Application Process

License Tender Publication

Up to:

• Q & A

2 months

Application Submittal

4 months

• Applications Pre-requisite Review

4 months

Applications Assessment

6 months

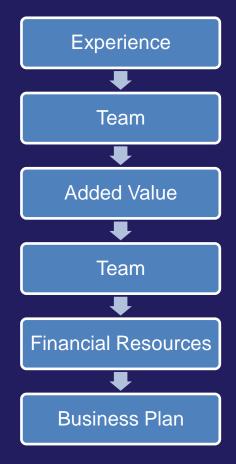
• Committee Decision

6 months

Initiation

12 months

#### Criteria





#### **Incubators**

- 18 Incubators
- 1 Bio-Incubator

#### **Shareholders**























































## > Added Value

**Financing** 

Network Connections

Professional Technological & Business guidance

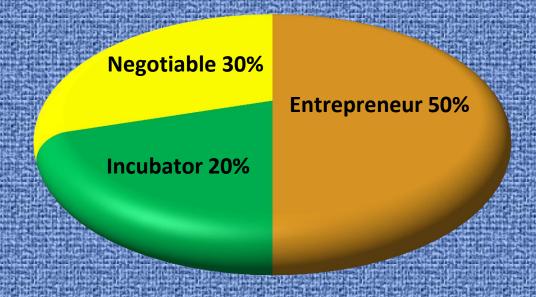
**Management & Central** administrative services

**Inter-tenant synergism** 

Appropriate facilities and R&D infra-structure



## The Incubated Company







### **Startup Fund**

Supporting innovative technological startups and leading them towards product completion and commercialization

Project Period: up to 2 years

Company Budget: Up to \$ US 2.5M

**Government Grant:** 50% of budget

**Private Investment:** 50% of budget

(within 6 months of approval)

**Expenses:** Mainly for Research & Development, up to 15% for Business Development & Marketing





## **Minority & Ultra-Orthodox Entrepreneurs**

Stimulating technological innovation in minority sectors

**Project Period**: 1 year

Company Budget: Up to \$ US 600K

**Government Grant:** 85% of budget

**Private Investment:** 15% of budget

(within 6 months of approval)

Expenses: Mainly for Research & Development, up to 15% for Business Development & Marketing



## Conclusion

- Crucial role in developing an entrepreneurship culture in Israel and translating academic research into applied research
- Opportunity for early-stage, high-risk innovative technological projects that are not yet ready for private investments
- Leverage private investments that support rapid growth of Israeli companies and creates knowhow spillover throughout Israel
- Lower barriers and stimulate activity in peripheral regions and challenging sectors
- Strengthen partnerships and collaborations Academia<>Industry; Public<>Private; Local<>International

