

## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) Can more than one proposal be sent by a single startup/company to I-HUB QTF?**  
Yes, a startup or an entrepreneur can submit multiple proposals. Each proposal has to be sent separately with all the required details & documents asked in the advertisement. startups/proposals only related to the field of Quantum Technologies can apply.
- 2) I/we have not yet registered my/our company, can I/we still apply?**  
Yes, you can apply; however, if you are selected by I-HUB QTF for incubation and funding; three (3) months' time will be given to register your company.
- 3) Is there an option for Virtual incubation?**  
Yes, companies are free to choose between Physical incubation or Virtual incubation at I-HUB QTF.
- 4) Will I/we get complete funding for our proposal/project? Is there an upper limit on the funding provided?**  
There is no upper limit on the funding provided. Each proposal will be evaluated by a panel of experts and the proportion of funding to be given will be decided based on the technical and financial strength of the proposal. No proposal will get 100% funding. The aim of I-HUB QTF is to provide a platform to quantum startups and give them a firm footing, after which they are expected to grow their business like any other 'for profit' entity.
- 5) For how long can I/we be incubated at I-HUB QTF**  
Once selected, Incubation will last for a maximum of 3 years.
- 6) My company is already physically incubated with another government funded incubator; are we still eligible to apply?**  
Yes, you can apply and if selected, be physically or virtually incubated with us, provided the funding from both the government funded incubators are not for the same proposal/project. Government guidelines stipulate that public money from two or more government sources cannot be given to the same proposal/project. You are free to take any amount of private funding or be incubated at multiple non-government incubators.
- 7) Is signing the non-disclosure agreement (NDA) a must?**  
Signing of the NDA given in the advertisement is a must.

**8) Will I-HUB QTF be taking equity in the startup/company selected for incubation & funding?**

Yes, I-HUB QTF will take a certain percentage of equity, if a startup/company is selected for incubation and funding. Government guidelines stipulate that the equity taken cannot be more than 10%. The percentage of equity to be taken will be decided after conducting an independent valuation of the startup/company. This decision on equity would be taken within 3 months from the signing of the incubation agreement.

**9) Will I/we be able to access Lab facilities of IISER Pune?**

The startups are allowed to use IISER Pune Labs as per standard rates of IISER Pune. However prior permission of the respective lab incharge/Professor has to be taken.

**10) Who will own the IP of the technologies developed by my startup/company?**

The IP ownership will fully rest with the startup/company, unless a significant portion of the IP is developed with active collaboration from the I-HUB QTF Scientific Staff/IISER Pune faculty, wherein the IP will be jointly owned between both the parties.

**11) Are the support services from I-HUB QTF to be compulsorily taken, or is the startup/company free to choose its own?**

The startup/company is free to choose either way.

**12) Will we be eligible for further funding in future?**

Based on the performance of the startup/company and based on the millstones achieved, I-HUB QTF may consider further funding.

**13) I/We have further queries?**

For any further queries regarding the 'Call for Proposals' for Startups, kindly e-mail us on [startup@quantech.org.in](mailto:startup@quantech.org.in).

\*The startup/company shall strictly engage in work/activity for which the funding is given. The premises given cannot be used for any other business activity.